



## Imam Al Hādi [AS]

### امام الهادي (ع)

#### Objectives >>>

#### Students should:

- Be introduced to Imam al-Hādi (as) our 10<sup>th</sup> Imam
- Briefly learn the meaning of the title al-Hādi
- Understand that in order to be guided, one must be able to accept advice
- Discuss everyday examples of advice that we receive and how we should respond
- Discuss what happens when a person does not accept advice

### Imam al-Hādi (AS)

- Do you remember who brought us the message of Islam? That's right! Prophet Muḥammad did.
- After the Prophet, who was our next leader? Yes, it was Imam 'Ali (as)
- How many Imams do we have altogether? Correct, 12!
- Each one of these 12 Imams, struggled very hard to help people remain good Muslims.

In this lesson, we will learn about our 10<sup>th</sup> Imam, whose name is also 'Ali.

He was given a special title: al-Hādi, which means 'the Guide'.

#### FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

#### LEVEL 1

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| Name                          | 'Ali  |
| Title                         | al-Hādi (The Guide) & Al-Naqi (The Pure)      |
| Name of Father                | Imam Muāammad al-Jawād (as)                   |
| Name of Mother                | Sammānah                                      |
| Birthdate                     | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dhil Ḥijjah 212 AH in Medina |
| Martyrdom (date of his death) | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rajab 254 AH                  |
| Buried                        | Samarra', Iraq                                |

### THE GUIDE

Imam al-Hādi (as) was very young when his father died. At the age of 7 or 8, the Imam started teaching from the Prophet's mosque in Medina– he taught Muslims rules about prayer and fasting. He was very knowledgeable and the people asked his help in everyday life. Thus, he was popular. The people of Medina were loyal to the Imam (as), who was their guide.

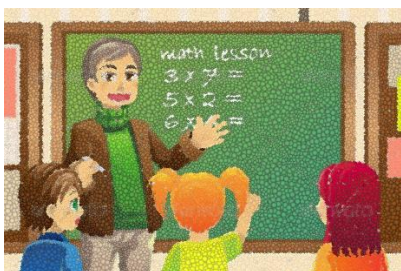
### ACCEPTING ADVICE

When your Mother tells you how to dress up for school, what do you do?

You dress up in your school uniform appropriately. Why do you listen to her? Because she knows a lot more about what is best for you.

When the teacher at school shows you how to do a sum on the board, what do you do?

You keep looking at the board and listen to her/him. You want to write the numbers equally well. You wish to get all the sums correct!



A mother or a teacher know better and will show us the right way of doing something. When you listen to your Mum, or an elder you **can be guided**. Similarly, you should listen to your older siblings and other adults to improve yourself.

Your mother loves you and wants for you what is the best. That is why, when you return from school, she asks you to wash, change into clean clothes and do school homework first. If you follow her advice, then you have plenty of time later – maybe to help her with chores, play out in the open or even watch your Favourite programme.

Mother reminds you to offer your prayer on time, and recite Qur'an. When you please her, Allah (SWT) is also happy with you. Your Mum will have more time later to read to you books, or even play games with you!



When we listen to advice, we improve. If we listen to Mum's instructions, then we will learn to do something correctly next time. When we listen to our teacher, we gain more knowledge and advance in whatever subject it is we are learning.

### REJECTING ADVICE

When it's time to go home after school, a teacher or adult may help you cross the road. He will say: "Stop at the zebra crossing, look to the left, and then to the right.

When the traffic stops, then you cross fast." You will be safe.

But when a boy without looking for on-coming traffic just rushes to cross, he may get knocked down by a car!

Follow the safety rules!



Mustafa's Mum made a rule. Always start a meal in the name of Allah. Also, she insisted that at home, you must go and wash your hands after the meal. One day, Mustafa just wiped his hand in the tissue and ran to the TV.

He then scratched his eyes, and lo! He screamed out! The bits of spices in his fingers burnt his eye! "Did you wash your hands after eating?" asked Mum.



### THE IMAM'S ADVICE

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At the time of Imam al-Hādi (as), there was an evil ruler by the name of al-Mutawakkil. He forced the Imam (as) to leave his home city Medina and to come to Samarra', so the king's soldiers and spies could keep an eye on the Imam (as).

One day, the ruler of Rome wrote to al-Muttawakil.

"We have read in the Bible that there is one heavenly chapter in your holy book. If anyone reads and practises

on it, God will not send that person to hell; he will live in paradise. What is it?"

Neither the caliph nor his wise men could answer this question. When they were stuck, they all remembered the most knowledgeable person of their time, Imam al-Hādi (as). When they asked the Imam (as), he immediately answered that it was Surat al-Fātiḥa.

The Imam gave further details in his answer. The king of Rome was very impressed by the answer of the Imam (as), and he was somehow guided by the Imam.

## **CONCLUSION**

Today's lesson on Imam al-Hādi (as) has taught us to take advice and guidance from parents, teachers and adults to improve ourselves.

## **Class Activity: Role Play**

**Characters:** mother, Ahmed and Samir, Abdul + boys. The mother advises the teams to play ball in the backyard. Not to go in the front where cars pass by.

Ahmed and his friends run straight out in the front; start dribbling. The ball rolls out on the road. Soon, a cyclist almost knocks down Abdul who followed the ball. Abdul cries; is he hurt? Red blood seen on his knee. All boys scream. Mother comes running out. Helps Abdul, cleans his graze, bandages it and calms them on the veranda and gives them water.

What do you think mother tells them all again? What was her advise? Which boys followed it?

Samir and his friends are happy playing different games – passing the ball and so on at the back.. They too join the others.

## **Review Questions:**

**Q1. Imam Ali al-Hādi (as) is our:**

- a. First imam
- b. Tenth Imam
- c. Fourth Imam

**Q2. 'al-Hādi' means:**

- a. The guide
- b. The kind one
- c. The leader

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