

## Imam al-MAHDI [as]

## امام المهدي (ع)

### Objectives >>>

#### Students should:

- Be introduced to Imam al-Mahdi (atfs) as the 12<sup>th</sup> holy Imam
- Know that the Imam is living, on Earth and that he is in hiding
- Know that the Imam can see us, but we cannot see or recognise him
- Understand the story of the secret of the birth of the Imam
- Understand the fact that Imam Mahdi is the saviour for whom we are awaiting to bring justice to the world
- Understand that the best way of waiting for our Imam is to do good deeds and to avoid sins

## FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

## LEVEL 1

### Lesson 1: Imam al-Mahdi (atfs)

In this lesson we will be learning about our 12<sup>th</sup> and last Imam.

Name: Muḥammad al Mahdi

Father: Imam Ḥasan al-‘Askari

Mother: Narjis

Birthday: 15<sup>th</sup> Sha‘bān

### IMAM MAHDI IS ALIVE

There is something special about Imam al-Mahdi (as). As we now know, all of our other Imams were born and after their death another imam became the leader. However because Imam al-Mahdi (as) is the last Imam, Allah (SWT) allowed him to stay living to be watching out for all the people. To keep him safe Allah (SWT) made him hide so that no one can harm him.

Although we cannot see him, Allah (SWT) has given Imam al-Mahdi (as) special powers to be able to see all of us. This is like the sun when it hides behind a cloud, we can not see the sun however we know that it is still there and it is still helping the Earth with its light and warmth.

We will be able to see him when he reappears to teach the people doing the wrong thing how they should be behaving and help all the people in need.

## Activity

Colour in the picture of the sun behind the cloud and draw 2 things under the picture that may benefit from the sun even though it is behind a cloud.



## THE SECRET OF THE IMAM'S BIRTH

At the time of the Imams birth, there was a bad king who was worried about the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam being born as he knew all the Imams were very good people. So that the ruler wouldn't harm Imam al-Mahdi (as), his father Imam Ḥasan al-'Askari kept his son's birth a secret from everyone except a few very close friends.

## Class Activity

Now that we know the names of all of our Imams, it is important that we know their order. Fill in the boxes next to the Imams names with the correct number.

**IMAM ḤASAN (AS)**

**IMAM 'ALI AL HĀDĪ**

**IMAM MUḤAMMAD AL BĀQIR**

**IMAM ḤUSAYN (AS)**

**IMAM MUḤAMMAD AL MAHDI**

**IMAM 'ALI ZAINUL 'ABIDĪN**

**IMAM ḤASAN AL 'ASKARI**

**IMAM MUḤAMMAD AL JAWĀD**

**IMAM MUSA AL KĀḌIM**

**IMAM 'ALI (AS)**

**IMAM 'ALI AL REDĀ**

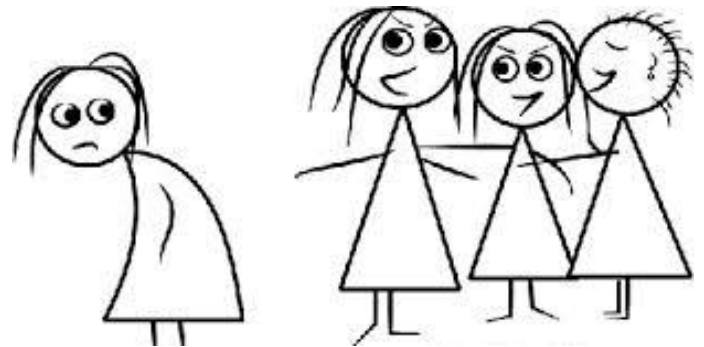
**IMAM JA'FAR AL ṢĀDIQ**

## Lesson 2: Awaiting the Imam (atfs)

We learnt in our previous lesson that Imam al-Mahdi (as) is still alive and living amongst us although we are not able to see him. Allah (SWT) has given him permission to see all of us and know what is happening in the world. This means that whenever someone does something wrong our Imam can see it.

When people treat others unfairly or when people are made to leave their towns or homes because of war or other reasons, it makes the Imam's heart very sad. However when Allah (SWT) gives permission to the Imam to return to us he will help all the people in need and teach people how to live together peacefully.

Imam al-Mahdi (as) will teach people correctly about Allah (SWT) and why they shouldn't do anything wrong. All the good people will help him to make the world a lovely place to live where everyone is happy and in peace.



Sharing

### WAITING FOR OUR IMAM (ATFS)?

While our Imam cannot be seen it is important that we try our best to be good Muslims and make his heart happy by doing many good deeds.

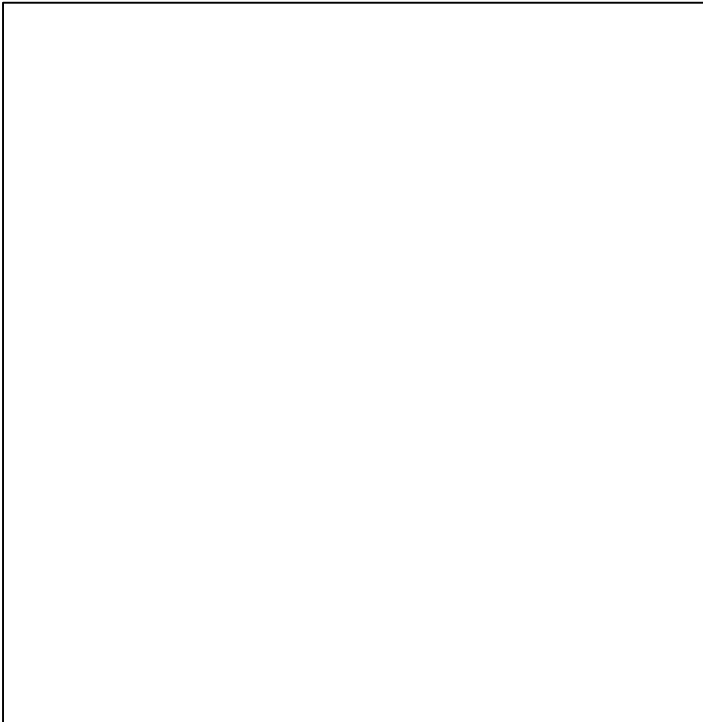
When we help people our Imam's heart becomes happy and when we behave rudely or meanly our Imam's heart becomes sad. Therefore it is important that while we are waiting for him to return we try our best to do as many good deeds as possible and stay away from doing anything bad.

### Class Activity

**Circle and colour in the pictures that you think will make the Imams heart happy. Cross out the pictures that will make him sad.**

## Class Activity

**Draw one picture of a good deed that will make the Imams heart happy.**



We must make sure that we have more good deeds on our list than bad deeds at all times. Some of the good things that will make the Imam's heart happy could be:

- Respecting our parents
- Learning Qur'an
- Listening in class
- Trying our best with our school work
- Being friendly
- Telling the truth
- Sharing

This way when the Imam returns he will already know we are good Muslims and would want us to help him make the world a better place.

## OUR IMAM CHECKS OUR DEEDS

When Imam al-Mahdi (as) returns he will need some very good supporters that he knows are good people and always tried to do the right thing. The best way for him to know is to check our actions. We know that every Friday night Imam al-Mahdi can see all the actions of our week and therefore knows if we are being good Muslims or not.

This means it is very important to also think about our actions and try our best to stay away from doing the wrong things like:

- Disrespecting our parents
- Not sharing
- Bullying
- Being rude
- Lying

## Lesson 3

There is no lesson for this level.

This lesson should be used to review the names of the 12 Imams in order.