

السلام عليك يا حسن المجتبي

IMAM AL-HASSAN [AS]

امام الحسن (ع)

Objectives >>>

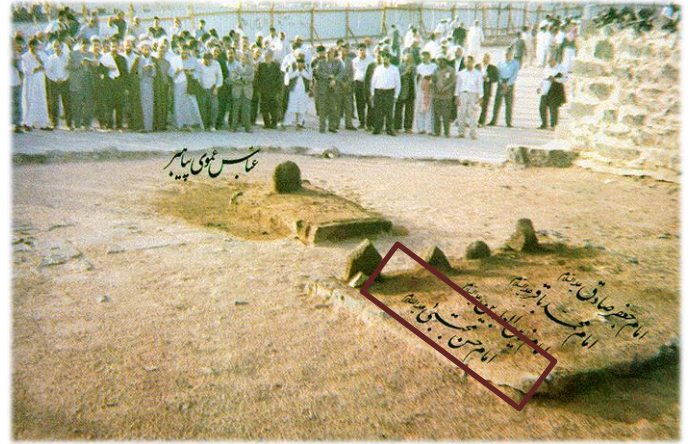
Students should:

- Learn Imam Ḥasan's position among the Ahlul Bayt (as)
- Discuss the noble traits of Imam Ḥasan (as)

FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

LEVEL 2

Lesson 1: Imam Ḥasan



Janat-ul-Baqee' – Medina

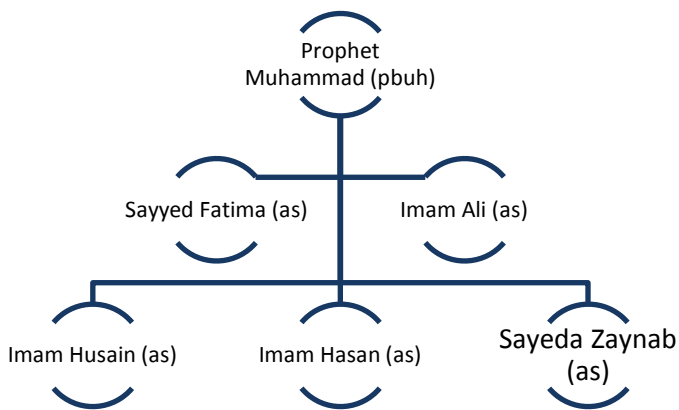
In this lesson, we will learn about the life of Imam Ḥasan (as) and hear some great stories from the life of this generous and kind Imam (as). Before that though, let us remind ourselves of the Ahlul Bayt family tree.

THE AHLUL BAYT (AS)

Imam Ḥasan (as) was the oldest child of Imam 'Ali (as) and Sayyedah Fāṭimah (as). He was also the Prophet's first grandson.

Like the rest of the Ahlul Bayt, Imam Ḥasan (as) was a great person who always did good to others.

He was the leader of the Muslim community and he was a great example of how to treat the people around us well.



IMAM HĀSAN WAS A VERY HELPFUL PERSON

Imam Ḥasan (as) always looked out for other people and tried to help as much as he could. One day, he was praying in the mosque, and while he was praying, he saw an old man in front of him trying to get up. Unfortunately, the old man had dropped his walking stick and it was too far for him to reach. Therefore, he was finding it very hard to stand up. The Imam (as), without breaking his prayer, walked over to the man, picked up the walking stick and gave it to him before finishing off his prayer. The old man was very grateful for this.

This shows that even when we are doing something as important as a *mustaḥab* prayer, we should look out for other people and see whether they need help. In fact, we should not wait for people to ask us for help. If we think someone might need help, we should go to them and politely offer to help them.

IMAM HĀSAN CARED FOR ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES

One day, Imam Ḥasan (as) was eating some bread when a dog came and stood near him. The Imam (as) began to eat one piece of bread then cut off the next piece and give it to the dog. In this way, he shared his food with the dog. Soon, one of the Imam's companions came and said to the Imam: 'should I get

rid of this dog for you?' The Imam (as) said: 'no, I don't want to get rid of him. I am too shy to eat alone while another living creature is looking at me'.

This shows the amazing mercy of the Imam (as), as well as his generosity. He could not even bear to eat if there was a hungry animal nearby.

This also shows us that we must care for animals and never harm or hurt them for no good reason.



Class Activity 1: Role Play

Get into groups of three and pick one of the above two stories to act out. The group with the best act will get a very good prize!

Class Activity 2: Colouring Activity

Colour in the following picture! What do you think is happening in this picture. Your teacher will fill you in on the story after you've finished colouring in!



Teachers Note: Any of the following stories can fit the picture above. Teachers to please tell these stories once students have finished colouring in!

1. A person came to Imam Ḥasan (as) and said "poverty and bad luck is torturing me. You are a family of chastity, purity and infallibility. Get me saved from this cruel enemy?" Imam Ḥasan (as) called his servant and said, "How much money do we have available?" He replied "five thousand Dinār" He said, "Give all of this money to this man so that it may become the capital of his business and life and he may relieve himself off and get rid of poverty and neediness."

2. One day, Imam Ḥasan (as) went to the Holy Ka'bah. While he was busy praying he heard a man addressing his God and saying, "Oh God, I need ten thousand, and I ask You, O Merciful, to give me this blessing". The moment Imam Ḥasan (as) returned home, he sent his servant to give the man that

amount of money"

3. A poor and distressed man came to Imam Ḥasan (as) and recited a rhyme meaning thereby, "I am left over with nothing, not even a single dirham. You can perceive my condition fully well and know it. I have nothing left with me to sell except my honour. I know you are the purchaser and buyer of it." The Imam Hassan (as) at once called his servant and said, "Whatever money you have got with you, give it to this man."

The servant gave ten thousand Dirhams to him. Imam Ḥasan (as) asked the servant to make excuse as

well, because, he did not possess more than that amount to be given out to him. He advised him to take that money and use it for his livelihood.

Review Questions

Q1. Imam Ḥasan (as) was kind:

- To his followers only
- To all people
- To all people and even other living creatures