



PLACE OF PRAYER

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Understand the importance of getting permission before using others' property
- Understand that the first condition of the place of prayer is that one has permission to pray there
- Understand that we should pray in a quiet place where we will not be distracted

Lesson 1: The Place of Prayer

Zaynab and Āminah are school friends. They sit next to each other in class.

When Zaynab needs a rubber, and can't find one in her pencil case, she asks Āminah if she can borrow hers. Then she says "Thank you" to Āminah for letting her use it.



JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 1

When school is over, Aminah is going to spend the afternoon at Zaynab's house today. They walk on the path together, and look at the flowers in all their neighbours' houses.

"Isn't that a beautiful rose, Āminah?" says Zaynab.



"I wish I could smell it!"

"Yes, that would be good," agreed Āminah. "But we can't just walk on someone's garden and smell their flowers. We aren't allowed to walk on other people's property without their permission. "

When they reach Zaynab's house, they knock on the door, and Zaynab's mum comes to open it.

"Alsalamu 'Alaykum girls, how are you?"

"Alhamdulillah, Mum we are fine. What have you made for snack today?" asks Zaynab hungrily.

Mum replies, "I have some banana muffins baking in the oven for you. They will be ready when you finish your Ṣalāt."

"That sounds yummy Aunty," Āminah says. She asks Zaynab if she can use the bathroom to perform Wudhu.

Zaynab then gives Āminah a prayer-mat and shows her the Qiblah. "You can come and pray in my room," Zaynab says.



“Thank you, Zaynab,” says Āminah.

When they finish their Ṣalāt, they race into the kitchen to eat the tasty banana muffins.



Question Time

What important lessons do we learn from this story?

Good Muslims respect other people, and their property. Allah wants us to remember this rule especially when we pray Ṣalāt.

The first rule of the place we offer our Ṣalāt in is that we must have permission from the owner to pray there. When we finish our Ṣalāt, we should thank them for allowing us to pray there.

Can you think about what the girls did in this story, and answer these questions with a **YES** or a **NO**.

1. Can we walk on someone’s front yard or go into their house without their permission?
2. If you visit a friend, do you need to ask their permission to pray?
3. Do you need to ask anyone permission to pray in your own room at home?
4. Can you pray in a mosque without asking for permission?

Activity

Look at the places in the pictures below. Put a circle around the places where you are allowed to pray.

Put a cross on the picture of the places where you can’t pray.



PRAYING IN A QUIET PLACE

The other important thing to remember is that we should always try to pray in a quiet place where we will not be disturbed. We should not pray in a room where the TV is on, or where our brothers and sisters are playing. Praying in a quiet place helps us concentrate on our prayer.