



PRAYER CLOTHES

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Understand the basic etiquette of dressing for prayers
- Understand that the clothes worn during prayer should not be Najis
- Understand that women need to wear Hijāb during prayers

JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 1

Lesson 1: Dress of Prayer

It's Saturday morning and Kumayl and Sakina have just come home from their matches. Kumayl plays soccer for his local team and Sakina plays netball for her school.



"Our game was tough today," groaned Kumayl, who is the goalie. "I had to keep diving to catch the ball and stop the others from scoring a goal!"



"Yes, I can see from your clothes that you've been busy today," commented Mum. "Look at all that mud on your

shorts and socks. We'll have to soak those clothes before I put them in the machine."

"Well look at me Kumayl," exclaimed Sakina. I slipped on the court today and grazed my elbow. So I have blood on my white sleeves."

"Are you feeling okay now, Sakina? I'll put on a new band-aid after you've showered," said Mum. "Go on, both of you. Have a shower, then offer your prayer and we can have lunch."

Sakina and Kumayl looked at each other.

"Mummm. I'm hungry. I don't want to shower now," groaned Sakina.

"Yeah, me too," agreed Kumayl. "What if we pray first, then can we have lunch? We promise to shower straight after lunch, right Sakina?"

"I'm sorry kids, but you can't pray in those dirty clothes!"

"Imagine if your class was doing a Presentation at Assembly," said Mum. "What would the Principal say if you went on stage in a dirty uniform?"

"He would NOT be impressed! He always expects the students to be well-dressed," said Sakina.

"But what's that got to do with prayer anyway Mum?" asked Kumayl impatiently.

"Well when you pray, whom are you praying to, Kumayl?" asked Mum.

"Allah of course!" replied Kumayl.

"That's right!" said Mum. "So it's like your Presentation to Allah. You are standing before Him, and shouldn't you respect Allah and wear clean clothes too?"

"Hmmm I guess so," agreed Kumayl.

"Well his shorts are muddy, but mine aren't," said Sakina. "Can I pray with my netball clothes?"

"But you have blood on your sleeve, don't you? So even though your clothes are not dirty, they are najis because they have blood on them," explained Mum.

"So you mean when we pray, we must make sure our clothes are clean, and also not najis?" asked Sakina.

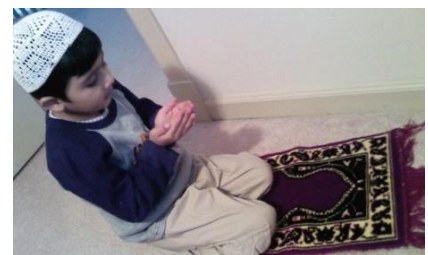
"Correct! Just like you have rules about uniform at school, we have rules about the right dress for our prayer."

"Now I know you are both hungry, so run off and have a quick shower. I'll have your lunch ready in no time!"

Question Time

What lessons do we learn from this story, children?

- **Firstly, it is important to make sure we wear clean clothes before we pray**
- **Secondly, the clothes must be ṭāhir (not najis)**
- **When we pray, we are standing before Allah, who is our Creator. So we must wear good clothes, and may be even use some perfume to smell good.**
- **Also, boys have to wear clothes that cover their legs below the knees, and girls must cover their hair and bodies. Only hands, feet and the face can show during prayer.**



Activity

Colour this picture of a boy offering prayer.



Class Activity

Tick the pictures of the children who can pray and cross the ones who have to change clothes before they can pray.

