



Special Prayers

JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 2

‘Īd Prayers

In this lesson, we will learn about ‘Īd and the ‘Īd prayer.

‘ĪD IN ISLAM

‘Īd is the Islamic name for a day of celebration. There are a few days in the year that we celebrate because they are special occasions. The three ‘Īd that we celebrate are:

- ‘Īdul Fiṭr
- ‘Īdul Aḍḥā
- ‘Īdul Ghadīr

‘Īdul Fiṭr is the first day after the month of Ramaḍān. On this day, we celebrate the fact that we have fasted for a month and have come closer to Allah (SWT) through our fasting.

‘Īdul Aḍḥā is a day of celebration for all Muslims, but especially for the Muslims who have gone to Ḥajj that year. The people at Ḥajj have to do certain acts of worship and when they have done them, they celebrate this on the day of ‘Īd. Again, it is a day to celebrate coming closer to Allah (SWT) by obeying Him.



Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Be introduced to the ‘Īds of Islam
- Discuss the etiquette of ‘Īd
- Discuss the importance of ‘Īd prayer in congregation
- Explain that these prayers are done differently to the daily prayers

‘Īdul Ghadīr is the day when the Prophet (saw) announced to all of the Muslims that Imam ‘Ali (as) would be the leader of the Muslims after him. We celebrate this day because on this day Allah (SWT) gave us the biggest blessing, which was the blessing of being the followers of Imam ‘Ali (as).



PREPARING FOR ‘ĪD

It is good to wear nice, new clean clothes for ‘Īd and to make our families and friends happy. It is also nice to wear perfume on the day of ‘Īd and make ourselves neat and tidy and look our best.

Just always remember that it is not good to waste, we have to try to always keep in mind the poor people during this time and make sure we also put some money or gifts aside for the poor and needy who cannot afford nice clothes or gifts in this time.

Class Activity- ‘Īd Cards

Your teacher will give you drawing pencils, crayons and paper. Your job is to make an ‘Īd card for your mum and dad. Try to make it as beautiful as you can, and save them for ‘Īd day when you can give them to your parents to make them happy.



WHAT DO WE DO ON THE DAYS OF ‘ĪD?

So what do we do to celebrate the days of ‘Īd?

Who can tell me what they do with their families on ‘Īd?

- Wake up early

- Have a shower for the day of ‘Īd
- Go to the ‘Īd prayer
- Visit family and friends
- Go out for a picnic or a barbeque and have fun

The day of ‘Īd is supposed to be a day where Muslims come closer to each other by meeting at the mosque and visiting each other. Remember though that the day of ‘Īd is not an excuse to do anything ḥarām. We can have fun without doing things that are ḥarām, and so we should be careful that even though we want to have fun during ‘Īd we should not commit any sins.

THE ‘ĪD PRAYER



This is a special prayer that we pray on the days of Īdul Fiṭr and ‘Īdul Aḍḥā. It is done differently to the usual daily prayers we have learnt about, and you will learn how to pray this prayer when you get a little older.

It is really important to come to the mosque to pray this prayer with your Muslim friends. It is a great chance to see everyone on the day of ‘Īd, congratulate them, give them gifts and spend time with them. So the next time ‘Īd comes, make sure you are up bright and early, perform your Ghusl or shower for ‘Īd and come to the Eid prayer with a smile.

SALĀTUL AYĀT

This is another special type of prayer.

Ṣalātul ayāt is a prayers which is obligatory to perform under following four situations:



- Solar eclipse
- Lunar eclipse
- Earthquake
- Heavy thunder or lightning, cyclone, or similar natural incidents if they cause fear

We will learn more about the rules of this prayer in future years.

Review Questions

Q1. On 'Īd day, we are supposed to:

- Not do anything ḥarām
- Visit family and friends and have fun
- Both of the above

Q2. Which of the following is true?

- There is a special prayer for the day of 'Īd
- There is no special prayer for the day of 'Īd
- We do not pray on 'Īd day