



# KEEPING PROMISES

SOCIAL ISLAM

LEVEL 1

## Objectives >>>

### Students should:

- Understand what it means to keep a promise
- Understand that people came to Islam because they trusted Prophet Muḥammad (saw)
- Understand that to keep a promise is a sign of a believer
- Understand that whenever we make a promise to anyone, then we must fulfil it

## Keeping Promises

Allah (SWT) has said in the Holy Qur'an that he loves the one who keeps his promises and hates those who do not take 'keeping promises' seriously.

“O you who believe, why do you say that which you do not do? It is most hateful to Allah that you should say that which you do not do.” (61:2-3)

### THE HOLY PROPHET (SAW) KEPT HIS PROMISES

Prophet Muḥammad (saw) and his friend Ammar bin Yāsir used to take their flock of sheep to graze together. Grazing is what you call sheep eating grass. One day when they were in the fields they came across a land that was lush and green. They both agreed that they would meet the next day and together have their sheep graze on this spot. The Prophet came earlier the next day but waited for 'Ammar to come before allowing his sheep to graze. When 'Ammar arrived with his flock he asked the Prophet why he had not let his sheep start grazing. He told 'Ammar that he did not want his sheep to get more of the land than 'Ammar's sheep as they had agreed to bring them together. This shows us how the Prophet kept his promises even if they seemed not important to the one he is keeping the promise to. This also shows that the Prophet was a very trustworthy person and this made people listen to his call to Islam later in his life.

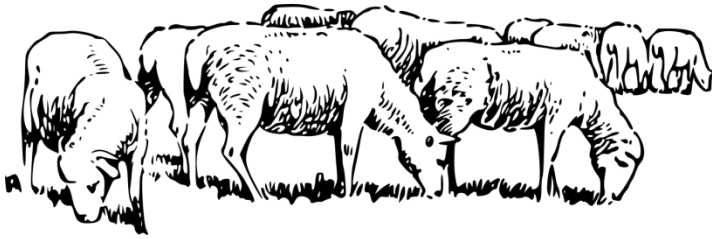
## **PUNCTUALITY**

The above story of the Prophet (saw) and 'Ammar, also tells us that it is very important to be on time. The Prophet (saw) was early for his meeting with 'Ammar. When you are punctual (on time) or early for your school, madrasah or any other gathering, it shows that you have kept your promise of being on time.

### **Discussion and Classwork**

One at a time please stand up and give one example of a promise you have kept starting with the teacher.

Colour the sheep and take it home. Tell one person the story of the Prophet and 'Ammār and have them sign beside the sheep.



### **Homework**

Sit down with your mum or dad and create a picture of you fulfilling (keeping a promise). The picture can be a print out, drawn by yourself or just coloured by you. Be creative! This is due at the beginning of next class and is a promise that must be kept!