

## Objectives >>>

#### Students should:

- Learn the position of Imam Ḥasan in the family tree of the **Ahlul Bayt**
- Discuss stories from his life demonstrating his virtues

# Lesson 1: Imam al-Ḥasan (as)



Janat-ul-Bagee' - Medina

#### THE FAMILY OF AHLUL BAYT (AS):

We know the names of the Ahlul Bayt or Ahlul Kisā'. Let's remind ourselves:

- Prophet Muhammad
- Imam 'Ali
- Sayyidah Fatimah
- Imam Hasan
- Imam Husayn

Imam Hasan was born in the month of Ramadan and in the city of Medina. He was the first of Imam 'Ali and Sayyidah Fātimah. He was also the first grandson of Prophet Muhammad (saw). He was a very pious, kind, generous and extremely well -mannered person. His name Hasan means exactly that - good and beautiful.

#### **HIS TITLE: AL-MUJTABA**

Imam Ḥasan (as) has a famous title: al-Mujtaba. In Arabic, this means 'the Chosen one'. He is given this name because he was chosen by Allah (SWT) as an Imam and a leader for all Muslims.



# **IMAM HASAN WAS HUMBLE**

One day, the Imam was passing by some needy people who were sitting on the ground and eating pieces of bread. Seeing the Imam, they called out: "O son of Allah's Messenger! Come and share the food with us!"

Imam Ḥasan (as) got off his horse and joined in eating with them. A few days later, he invited them to his house and gave them not only food but also clothes.

The Imam was not too proud to sit on the ground and eat with poor people. Some might that it is not appropriate for an honourable person like the Imam to sit on the ground and eat with people who were poor or even homeless. However, the Imam did not have this kind of pride at all.

He taught us that: "Allah does not like the arrogant (proud) people."

# IMAM ḤASAN WAS KIND AND GENEROUS:

One day, Imam Ḥasan (as) was eating when a dog came and sat next to him. The Imam (as) started eating one bite, and then giving the next bite to the dog. Soon one of the Imam's friends came. He saw the dog and offered to the Imam to chase the dog away. The Imam (as) asked him not to do this. He explained that he was too ashamed to eat when

another creature of God was watching him. This shows the Imam's kindness even to animals.

The Imam's kindness to people was of course even greater. He would whatever he can to help anyone in need.

### **Class Activity**

Divide yourselves into groups of two. Your teacher will give each group a poster. On the poster, draw a tree, and then write around it the names of the 5 members of the Ahlul Bayt.