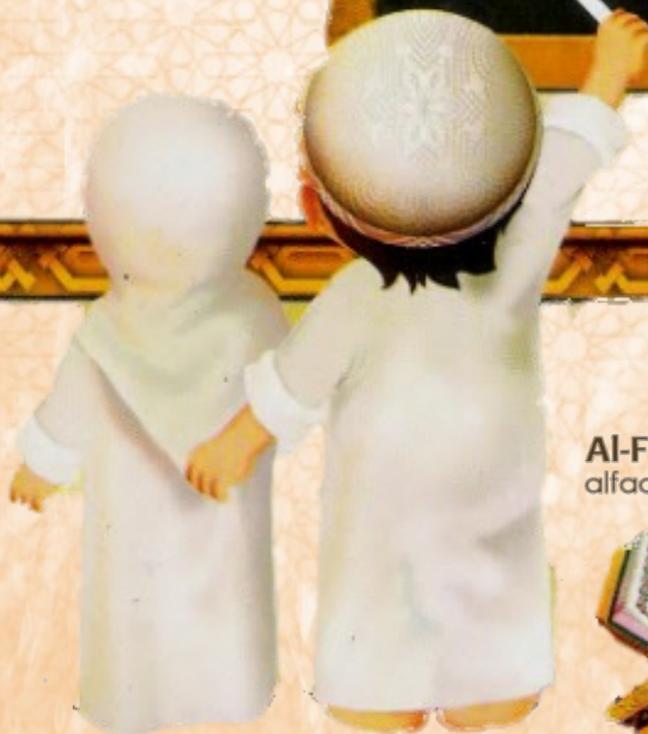


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If you feel distressed or are facing any kind of difficulty, then send salutations (Durûd) upon the chosen one of the Family of Hāshim, Muhammad ﷺ, in abundance. Through this Allāh will relieve you of your troubles. The Messenger ﷺ told us about the virtue of adhering to such an action:

Ubayy ibn Ka`b رضي الله عنه relates, “I said, ‘O Messenger of Allāh, I send much blessings on you. What proportion of my prayer should I devote to you?’ He said, ‘As much as you like.’ I said, ‘A quarter?’ He said, ‘As much as you like, and if you increased it would only be better for you.’ I said, ‘Then a half?’ He said, ‘As much as you like and if you increased then it would only be better for you.’ I said, ‘Then two thirds?’ He said, ‘As much as you like and if you increased it would only be better for you.’ I said, ‘I’ll devote all of my prayers to sending blessings on you.’ The Prophet ﷺ said, ‘In that case it will suffice you from your worries and your sins will be forgiven.’” [Tirmidhi]

O our Lord! Save us from every distress through the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ, the best of mankind, and grant me residence and sustenance in his city of Madīnah, and permit me to be buried in Jannat-ul-Baqī”.  
Āmîn.

Dear readers, the title of this book is, “How to Teach Our Children the Memorisation of the Qur’an”. The Qur’an is a book which provides immense happiness to the one who holds fast to it, and prevents troubles from afflicting the person who commits to reading it.

This book is addressed to parents, teachers and those special brothers and sisters for whom Allāh has destined the memorisation of, and the teaching of, the Qur'an. You will all benefit from this book with the Will of Allāh, so seek help from Him alone.

We address you fortunate parents whom Allāh has blessed with children, and you work day and night towards making them huffādh of the Qur'an.

We address that blessed mother who is concerned and takes an interest in her children, and urges them to memorise and study the Qur'an.

We address all Muslims, and advise them to listen to these words and ponder over the advices and suggestions within it. Work hard, for Allāh, His Messenger and the believers will see the results of your work.

O the one whom Allāh has blessed with sons and daughters, continue working, for you will one day reap the results and see the outcome of these efforts on a Day in which neither wealth nor children will benefit anyone. On that Day my beloved brother and sister, your scales will be filled with good deeds all of which will be, by the favour of Allāh, recompense for the way you raised your children.



So you should say “All praise is to Allāh” if you have been blessed with children, for they are a great blessing from Allāh whom has referred to them in the Qur'an as ‘glad tidings’.

قَالُوا لَا تَخَفْ وَبَشِّرُوهُ بِغُلَامٍ عَلِيمٍ

“They said, ‘Fear not,’ and gave him glad tidings of a learned boy.”  
(51: 28)

قَالُوا لَا تَوْجَلْ إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ عَلِيمٍ

“[The angels] said, ‘Fear not. Indeed, we give you glad tidings of a learned boy.’” (15: 53)

Children are a huge blessing for which you need to be grateful, yet you should always remember that gratitude is not merely by thanking with the tongue, rather, gratitude is also to work in the obedience of Allāh.

اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُودَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّاكِرِينَ

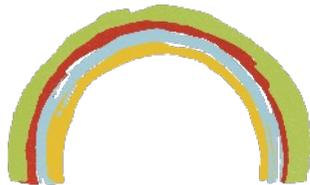
“[We said], ‘Work, O family of Dāwûd, in gratitude.’ And few of My servants are grateful.” (34: 13)

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُشْكُرُونَ

“Then fear Allāh; perhaps you will be grateful.” (3: 123)

If you want to be among those virtuous folk who fear Allāh then you should be thankful, and whoever wants to be thankful should first fear

Allāh, the Lord of the worlds. Piety (taqwa) is a blessing from Allāh which He bestows upon whomever He wills without reckon. You should also remember that if you are blessed with children and have a firm intention to be grateful to Him, then Allāh Himself will be kind to you and open many doors for you.



Contemplate on this verse:

وَكَذَلِكَ فَتَنَّا بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لِيَقُولُوا أَهَؤُلَاءِ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ  
مِنْ بَيْنِنَا أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَعْلَمَ بِالشَّاكِرِينَ

“And thus We have tried some of them through others that the disbelievers might say, ‘Is it these whom Allāh has favored among us?’

Is not Allāh most knowing of those who are grateful?” (6: 53)

Surely the one who is grateful to Allāh for the blessing of children, Allāh will him grant success in raising them and make looking after them easy. Allāh will instil in the parents concern for the children, and will enable them to work towards making their children virtuous. Such grateful people will find themselves reflecting on their child’s future:

“How will I make my child from amongst the scholars? How will I make him from amongst the righteous and God-fearing people? How will I make him into a successful and remarkable personality?”

It won't be long before Allāh blesses you with the first reward because of your gratitude to Him – and that reward is sincerity. This sincerity will be that you have concern and care for your children for the sake of Allāh, and not for the sake of the people.

**Why should you worry over your children and try to mould them into good people?**

The answer is two fold:

1. For the sake of reward and good merit in the Sight of Allāh
2. So that your child becomes a pious individual who prays for you and whom you will benefit from in this life and the next

In this world, you will find them to be kind and dutiful towards you, and they will pray to Allāh for you. Do you know what the power of du'ā (prayer) is? It is immense. Through du'ā, Allāh repels fate and divine decree. You will live amongst your children like a king – obeyed, respected and beloved to them, because they will be carriers of the Book of Allāh, and they will honour you and serve you day and night. *Why will they do all of this?* Because they will have been educated by the Book of Allāh to do so, which you will have instilled in them. You will see an improvement in your life if you work towards making your children righteous and strive in giving them Qur'anic education.

You should always bear the following hadīth in mind:



The Messenger ﷺ said, “Each of you are shepherds and each of you is responsible for his flock. A man is the shepherd of the people of his house and he is responsible.”

The head of the household, the father, should reflect on this:  
Allāh is going to question you about your son, daughter and wife...  
What will you say to Him on a day in which neither wealth nor children will benefit anyone?

The Messenger ﷺ continued, “A woman is the shepherd of the house of her husband and she is responsible.”

Respected mother and wife, you will also be held responsible for your husband’s home and children on the day of Judgement in front of Allāh. So prepare yourself for the questioning, because Allāh will ask you about your children too... *What will you have to say to Him?*

**Beloved parents:** This hadīth which Bukhāri and Muslim (may Allāh have mercy on them) have both recorded, orders you to pay attention to your children. Adopt righteousness whilst advising and directing them - as this is your duty, but remember this can only be done with the Help and Permission of Allāh. Hearts are in His Hands and He turns them however He wishes, guides whom He wishes, and allows to stray whom He wishes. He is All-Wise in His Actions, glory be to He.

In a hadīth recorded by Muslim (may Allāh have mercy on him), the Prophet ﷺ said, “Certainly your children have rights over you.” One of the rights your child has over you is that you teach them the Book of Allāh - the Qur’an.

By now I hope you have an increased desire to instil piety in your children for clearly you are, alhamdulillah, from the wise and intelligent people who listen to good advice and take heed. If you see the truth you follow it, and if you see falsehood you steer clear of it. If this is true, you should say, “All praise is for Allāh who made me successful, guided me, and made me - through His Bounties, Kindness and Generosity - from amongst those whom if are reminded take heed, and if are informed about something, they reflect over it.”

I present to you some advice and directives for your child to be able to memorise the Qur’an, so reflect on them and take them into consideration. We ask Allāh with all of his Beautiful Names and Exalted Attributes to bestow upon us guidance and correctness in our actions. Āmîn.



## 1. Busy Yourself with the Qur'an First

Some advice: If you want your child to be devoted to the Qur'an then you need to devote yourself to it first. Do not make excuses such as, "I'm busy", "I've got work to do", "How can I take time out and sit to read when I have to do xyz..."

Of course, Islām teaches you to "walk among its' slopes (the earth) and eat of His provision" (67: 15), and undoubtedly Islām wants you to be rich, strong and honorable, and in fact, your striving for the sake of your children and partner is actually a type of 'Jihād' in the path of Allāh.

It is recorded in a hadīth that the Sahābah رضي الله عنهم saw a strong, muscular man and said, "If only these muscles were used in the path of Allāh". The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, "If they had been used for the sake of his children, mother and father (i.e. to feed them) this would have also been for the sake of Allāh."

Your journey towards Allāh therefore includes feeding your family and not being dependent on other people to do so, for Islām tells us to go out, work and occupy ourselves in good deeds. However you should not forget the trust Allāh has given to you of your

children. Being concerned with the Qur'an does not mean forgetting about other things in life. The reality is that the Messenger ﷺ said, "It is a sufficient sin for a man to be careless about those who depend on him."

Your duty is to busy yourself with the Qur'an whilst you are at work or going about your daily business. Occupy yourself with the Qur'an in such a way that when your child comes to see you in your place of work, or walks into your house, he or she sees you reciting the Qur'an. Yes! It is extremely important the child sees and hears you reciting. It is important your son or daughter see you partaking in the worship of Allāh, holding on to the Qur'an, and thinking about it whilst you are engaged in earning money. You ought to set aside at least one hour a day so that your children recognise your love for the Holy Book. If you are always holding the Qur'an in your hand, or it is kept in your car, pocket or desk, your child will notice this - as children are copy-cats of their parents and are raised according to what their parents accustom them to while they are young. If the mother or father follow the Qur'an and have love for it, in a similar manner the child will probably do the same when he or she is older.

It is recorded in Bukhāri and Muslim that the Messenger ﷺ said, “No child is born except he is on the ‘fitrah’. It is his parents who then change him into a Jew, Christian, or Magian.”

Reflect on the reality that a child is heavily influenced in the early stages by whoever is around him or her.



## 2. Attraction and Fascination

If you want to make your child a hāfidh of the Qur’an, then you need to make the Qur’an attractive to them and fascinate them by it. Say to your child, “O my child look at this book, this is the book of our Lord and it is amazing! If someone reads it, memorises it or loves it, he will become the strongest and most intelligent of people!”

Say these kinds of things to your children to try and arouse a yearning in their hearts for them to want to read and learn the Qur’an. Address your child according to his intellectual capacity, and talk to him in a simple manner that he will understand.

Tell your child, “O my child, Allāh loves the one who reads this book every day, and whomever Allāh loves, the people will love, because when Allāh loves a person he makes the people love him or her as well.”

“O my child, do you know that Allāh blesses the hāfidh of the Qur’an with truthfulness, and he or she will never lie because of that! Allāh will bless the person with strength and energy and he will not get tired or weaken easily. And remember, strength is not of muscles! Strength is being able to control yourself, having good character, and responding to insults with kindness.”

“O my child, the powerful person is not the one who controls people using his muscles because being tall or built doesn’t mean you are powerful. Rather, the powerful one is the one who has control over himself with he is angry, in the way that our beloved Prophet ﷺ told us.”

These were just a few examples of the beautiful ways in which you should speak to your children. Take your time and encourage them, and do not rush their learning. Read the following advice by Muhammad Isma’īl Muqaddam (may Allāh preserve him) in his book “*Ulû al-Himma*”, to see how much your encouragement can affect your child.

He writes, “Shaykh Shamsuddin, who brought up the Sultan Muhammad al-Fātih al-Uthmāni (may Allāh have mercy on them), would take the Sultan when he was young, and walk by the coast, pointing to the walls of Constantinople which would

glimmer and sparkle. He would say to the boy, ‘Do you see this city which gleams on the horizon? It is the city of Constantinople about which the Prophet ﷺ said: Verily you shall conquer Constantinople. What a wonderful leader will her leader be, and what a wonderful army will that army be!’ (Ahmad).”

He would narrate to him other ahādīth and reiterate time and time again about the glad-tidings Islām gives to this young man who will conquer Constantinople. He kept doing this until the seeds of determination were sown in the mind of this young genius. The seeds grew inside him until he had firm conviction that he would be that conqueror, about who the most trustworthy Messenger of Allāh ﷺ had spoken about. That is exactly what happened – he conquered Constantinople. Think about the way in which encouragement and desire was instilled in the boy, and from now, encourage and instil this very passion in your own children to memorise the Qur’an amongst other things, and soon you will see, with the Permission of Allāh, amazing outcomes.

### 3. Beware of Envy

Some advice: If your child begins to memorise the Qur’an and develops a love for the book of Allāh, then it is necessary for you to take the advice of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ who warned us

about boasting over our child's progress in front of other people. Beware of doing such a thing, for the Prophet ﷺ said, "Help yourself in fulfilling your needs secretly, because every blessing is envied".

Memorising the Qur'an is a great blessing and you find many people who love talking about their child's memorisation. If the child memorises a page in the day or completes part of a chapter, they are amazed and inform everybody they meet. Some will even announce it in the Mosque while everybody is listening, "O Shaykh, my son has completed such and such a part of the Qur'an" or "My son has memorised the *entire* Qur'an..."

When the news spreads in the local community or Mosque, then what will happen? What do you think will afflict your child? Of course, your child may be afflicted with the evil or envious eye! The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said in a hadīth recorded by Bukhāri and Muslim, "The evil eye is true, and it makes a man enter his grave." Think about the wording: "It will make you enter your grave!" It is a serious matter.

The evil eye truly exists all around us, for how many intelligent children have we seen who despite having loved the Qur'an and memorised it, soon began to distance from it and found it burdensome to dedicate even a single hour towards its' recitation.

The reason may be due to an envious person having affected them, so fear Allāh in regards to your children and think about this carefully. You should also warn and advise your children to not inform others about their progress with memorising the Qur'an for the same reason. Seek help from Allāh, as He is the One who Assists, and there is no power or might except with Allāh.



#### 4. Progress is Gradual

Some advice: Do not overburden your child with more than he or she can bear because by doing this, you will destroy them. Many parents 'demand' progress from their child. For example, the child may only be capable of memorising a page, after which he will become weak and tired. However the father will say, "If you do not memorise this full page, you are in trouble!" or, "If you make a mistake in your recitation, I will not give you spending money or bring you anything, and I will stop you from playing outside or on the computer!"

All of this is the route to destroying your child's well-being, and the method is totally incorrect. It only ruins and does not build your child's confidence or ability, and will impede on their progress. Many children have failed because of these harsh

You may be asking, “*So what should we do?*” The answer is that you need to encourage and instil the desire and passion inside your child as has been mentioned previously, through friendliness, gradual progress and pursuit, and remember to abstain from forsaking or giving up on your child altogether.

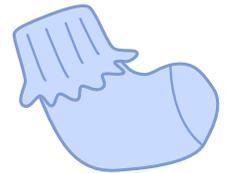
*How is this done?* Firstly, you must be enthusiastic and interested in the memorisation yourself. Secondly, speak to your child and say, for example, “*My dear son, we have half an hour in which I want you to try and memorise just five verses, so come, seek help from Allāh and begin. I will pray to Allāh and ask Him to give you the ability (tafwīq) to do it as well.*” Be kind and gentle, “*My dear son, your mother and I love you and want the best for you. We want you to be a scholar from amongst the Muslims, who will teach other people and spread goodness.*”

When the time to study comes, leave the door of the child’s room open out of kindness and keep asking them how their memorisation is progressing. Ask your child if there is a difficult verse or word that they might want you to read aloud to them, and this is a method in which you will automatically develop a closer relationship with your child as well. Constantly follow up your child’s progress and show affection through kissing and hugging him or her so that they know how happy you are with them memorising the Book of Allāh.

Do not demand them to recite to you before the set time has finished, and if they rush and ask you to listen to them, then tell them, “Do not rush my son, do not be hasty my daughter, perfect your memorisation first”, and say this with love and affection.

During recitation, if your child begins to distract himself with something unrelated to his studies, be nice to him, do not scold him, and do not become angry. Instead, explain to him that this distraction is from the Shaytān, “Being distracted with something other than the Qur’an during study time is from the devil. So think carefully my son, and try your best to concentrate.”

Responding in this manner is much better for you instead of responding harshly and mercilessly. Allah is the One who Assists, and there is no power nor might except with Allāh.



## 5. Make Use of the Early Years

Some advice: Do not say things such as, “My son is still small”, “My daughter is still young”, and that you will allow your child to play and enjoy his or her childhood before they have to study the Qur’an. If this is what you say and think, then you are making a grave mistake. Do you know what the people who are learned in rearing and teaching children say? They say that the most important stage of a person’s life is in their first five years. If a

person is careless and lazy in the beginning stages of their life, they will remain like this until the end.

Are you not aware that Imām Bukhāri (may Allāh have mercy on him) was only a young boy when he memorised 70,000 ahādīth? Or that Imām Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him) memorised the Qur’an when he was only a child? Or that Imām Auzā’i (may Allāh have mercy on him) became a scholar when he was merely 13 years old, and was asked his opinions on Islamic jurisprudence and legal matters at this age? Allāh is the Greatest! There are so many examples of children who have excelled like this.

How many children have memorised the entire Qur’an by the tender ages of 5, 6, 7 or 8? So what is delaying you in respect to your child?

In our own times, how many of us have heard of the young boy who memorised the Qur’an and thousands of ahādīth? He is a young boy, ‘Abdullāh ibn Jabar al-Misri, and has been mentioned in the book, ‘*Udhamā al-Atfāl*’ by Jamāl ‘Abdur-Rahmān (may Allāh preserve him) in which he says, “Before reaching puberty, this child was able to memorise the entire Qur’an, Sahīh al Bukhāri, texts from numerous sciences, and this was aside from sermons which he had already memorised. Similarly, he studied the Arabic language and perfected his knowledge of it.”

Can you not see dear parents how such a young child memorised so many things, as Allāh willed, and continues to be marvelled at by whoever hears of his story, impressing even Shaykh ‘Abdul Azîz ibn Bâz (may Allāh have mercy on him).

The father of this child who is from Mansoura, Egypt said, “My son is no different to other children. However he would sit in front of the television for hours, and after watching it I noticed he would tell us stories he had heard and give details of announcements and programmes. He would memorise a lot from what he would see on the television every day, so I thought to myself, if I directed my son to memorising something that is beneficial, he would be able to do a lot of it in a short amount of time. And really this is what happened. I began teaching him, then entrusted the task to teachers who specialised in the field. They made him memorise and learn the Qur’an, and in a few years, he had memorised all of them (other) books as well.”

Pay heed to what this father is trying to tell you, and after tawfiq from Allāh, what he said next is the secret of success:

“The one thing that would distinguish my son from others was his persistence and determination. For he would never procrastinate, and delay anything for ‘tomorrow’.”



Allāh is the Greatest! Dear parents, teach your children the Qur'an from this very moment, even if he or she is only 3 years old, and remember, success is in the Hands of Allāh.



## 6. Encouragement, Encouragement!

Some advice: It is necessary that you always persist and encourage your child. Encouragement may be in the form of a friendly chat with them, or a lovely gift – any type of material or meaningful reward can be a means of support and inspiration for them. A look of admiration on your face is encouragement for your child, as is when you place your hand on his head and touch it with love. Express your delight and happiness to your child whenever you speak to him, respond to him, and fulfil his needs. It is important that you express your happiness when your child is memorising, reciting, or reviewing the Qur'an in whatever way you can, for this will be a way to give your child a push and encourage him or her to do more. The child will feel motivated and continue his studies knowing that he is on the correct path. By encouraging him you will be strengthening his determination, resolve and self-confidence, nourishing his zeal, and opening for him the pathway to succeed.

## 7. Beware of Disobedience

Some advice: Prevent your child from watching television programmes and films until he reaches a stage in which he is no longer influenced or enticed by them. The noble Imām Shāfi'î (may Allāh have mercy on him) said, "Fear Allāh and steer clear of sins and disobedience. I complained to my teacher Wakī' (may Allāh have mercy on him) about the weakness of my memory. He advised me to abandon sinning and told me that knowledge is a light, and the light of Allāh cannot guide the sinful person."

Try to keep your child away from all types of sins, and beware of thinking that your child is 'too young'. Do you know how old Imām Shāfi'î was at the time that he approached his teacher? He was 13 years old. Glory be to Allāh. The teacher told the 13 year old student to fear Allāh and avoid sins. Who was this student? It was a poor orphan boy, called Shāfi'î. The boy avoided sins with the Help of Allāh, and became the great Imām we know him as.

Stop your child from disobeying Allāh through listening to songs, playing indecent games, and watching films. It is strange that we have parents who tell their children to memorise the Qur'an, but at the end of the day will sit them in front of the television. It is strange that it does not occur to the mother or father that they

are lying to their own children, and continue watching what is forbidden by Allāh in front of them. Those parents who view such prohibited things, backbite about others, and ignite the fire of enmity between people, all while their son or daughter is observing and listening to them, are teaching their child hypocrisy and polluting their character. This mother and father will be accountable before Allāh because they did not fear Allāh when raising their children.

Children usually follow and imitate their parents, whether that is in memorising the Qur'an or in any other deed. A boy will imitate his father in evil, even if the boy is one of those who has memorised the Qur'an well. How many times have we seen teenage boys and girls smoking, and if you try to advise them to stop they say, "I already know", "I am a student in such and such an Islamic institute", "I have memorised so much of the Qur'an", "I have studied Islām" – and at the same time he smokes, looks at women and listens to music. We ask Allāh for safety and well-being.

Your child needs to avoid all that Allāh has forbidden if you really want him to benefit from the Qur'an that he is memorising. After that, you will see and witness immense goodness and blessings in your children, such that you would never have imagined. And Allāh is the One who Assists, there is no power and no might except He.

## 8. A Righteous Environment

Some advice: If you want your child to memorise the Qur'an then create a good environment for him as this is one of the best ways to improve your child's character. How many pious children do we see who are brought up in good environments and learn from their parents, relatives, and whomever is around them? From them the child takes worldly and religious benefit. The child who lives between these types of righteous people will fill his heart with love of the Qur'an, and the Qur'an will be easy on him to learn, all of which will be by the Bounty of Allāh who gives to whom He wills.

O parents, Imām Shāfi'î (may Allāh have mercy on him) memorised the Qur'an by the age of 7. Ibrahîm al-Harbi was 11 when he memorised the Qur'an, and in fact excelled in Fiqh too, and today he stands as a scholar of Baghdad. He was a master in recitation of the ten modes by the age of 10. Inside the book '*Udhamā al-Atfāl*', it is stated that some children memorised the Qur'an by the age of 6. 'Abdullāh Ibn 'Abbās (may Allāh be pleased with him) was 10 years old when the Prophet passed away, and he had memorised the entire Qur'an by that time as well.

So how and why did these children memorise the Qur'ān whilst they were still young? What pushed them to doing this?

The answer is firstly, it was the tawfiq of Allāh. Secondly, it was the righteous environment given to them.

Reflect on the words of Imām Shāfi'î (may Allāh have mercy on him), "I was an orphan under the guardianship of my mother, who could not afford a teacher for me." She was a poor widow. The Imām then spoke about his mother's fear of him wasting his life. She told him, "Attach yourself to your family, and you will become like them." She was a God-fearing and pious woman who yearned for Allāh and the Hereafter, despite her lack of material provisions and wealth.

Dear parents, how many of us create the environment and means for our children to learn the Qur'an? You ought to prepare your home so that there are no songs, pictures, films, dramas, and so on. Empty your homes from everything that angers Allāh. Repel the Shaytān from your house with the recitation of the Qur'an, Āyat-ul-Kursi and Sûrah al-Baqarah. With this in place, your child will become intelligent and pick up speed in Qur'an memorisation and obedience to Allāh.

## 9. Do Plenty of Du'ā for Your Children

Some advice: Dear parents, if you want to feel happiness through your children then remember that you need to pray for them in abundance. Do you know how significant du'ā (supplication) is? It is the most powerful means by which the Qur'an can be memorised. So if you want your child to memorise the Qur'an, you have to do plenty of du'ā. Bring yourself closer to Allāh and in prostration say, “O my Lord, make memorising the Qur'an easy for my child.” If your child is not as intelligent as others or passes his time playing games and disregards the Qur'an despite you advising him and scolding him for it, then there is nothing that can help you and your child except du'ā.

How many mothers complain of their child being obsessed with games and toys and showing carelessness, despite the mothers advising them and wanting them to improve? How many mothers fall into depression when they realise that the level of their child's progress or memorisation is very weak and slow, despite spending a great deal of money and having sacrificed a lot just for the child to learn? How many parents go to different Qur'an teachers, but despite all their attempts, they do not find their child being able to memorise or perfect his or her Qur'an?

To these parents we offer the same advice - there is nothing that will benefit your children or change their situation except du'ā. The Prophet ﷺ said, "Destiny is not averted except by du'ā and it benefits what has happened or is yet to happen." (al-Tabarāni) From today make a firm commitment that you will make constant du'ā that your child memorises the Qur'an. Remember that the du'ā of the father is never rejected so O fathers, take advantage of the times when prayer is accepted and beseech your Lord, cry to Him, and say, "O my Lord, I ask you with all Your Beautiful Names and Noble Attributes to make my offspring from the people of the Qur'an."

It is said about one of the scholars specialising in Arabic grammar, that of course alongside it being the Will of Allāh, he did not attain success or happiness except by his father's du'ā for him. He mentioned that when his father went for Hajj, he circumambulated the Ka'bah, completed the runs between Safa and Marwah, and then supplicated to Allāh asking Him to teach his son Arabic grammar. His son then went on to learning the Arabic language, and became a huge scholar in the field.

Another one of the scholars would say to his son, "O my son, I pray a lot for you", and what he would mean is that he would continue to pray to Allāh for his child, until Allāh blessed his child

with knowledge and many other virtues. So *du'ā* for your children is of the utmost importance before, as well as during, their Qur'an memorisation studies.

#### 10. Method: 'If you memorise this, then you will get that'

One of the most successful and effective ways is to use the method of, 'If you do this, then you will get that.'



Children are a blank slate that need to be filled. Parents who begin paying attention to their children from their early years build their character and instil many abilities in the child...

*What does this mean?*

It means that you are able to, with the aid of Allāh, mould your child as much as possible and you will be able to, with the bounty of Allāh, take him forward to the next level. For this you must ask Allāh for assistance first, and then strive with your son or daughter. From now, make a firm resolution and begin changing and improving your lifestyle, even if you think your child is stubborn, quarrelsome, and doesn't listen to a thing you say.

Take things in your stride and reflect on this method: If you have children who have memorised the Qur'an but may be weak in

remembering it, nor do they have much interest in reading it, and nor do they go to Hifdh classes with commitment, have you considered trying the method of, ‘Whichever one of you does this, will be given that’? Say to them, “O my children, from today we are going to begin memorising and revising the Qur’an in a new way. From today, whichever one of you recites his portion without making any mistakes, will be given an expensive present!” If you try this, you will see the benefits and success of it, with the Permission of Allāh. But remember to always be truthful with your children and give them what you promise.

O parents, certainly this method is very effective, and even the Messenger ﷺ would initiate competition between children, so that their stored up energy could be released and used in a beneficial way. The Messenger ﷺ would reward the winners with something to encourage them even more. He ﷺ would line up the children of his uncle ‘Abbās ؓ and say, “Whoever runs to me first, will get such and such a thing.” They would then race towards him, clinging onto his back and chest, and he would kiss them and continue encouraging them in these ways. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ did not do this except knowing that competition strengthens and invigorates the minds of children. Competition increases their talents and raises their interests in that particular thing. So reflect on, and utilise this method.

## 11. Avoid These Words



Some advice: Whilst advising your child throughout any of their studies, you should avoid the following types of words and expression at all times. Do not say to any of your children, “You stupid boy, you failure, you have done nothing in your life and you will never succeed!”

Surely these types of words will destroy your child’s psyche and confidence, and shatter his dreams and hopes. Avoid words which are will cause your child to become frustrated, hopeless and shut themselves down. Remember, a believer is not one who insults or curses. A believer is gentle and friendly, and on his face, the Words of Allāh are clearly reflected,

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

“And speak to people good [words]” (2: 83)

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

“And tell My servants to say that which is best.” (17: 53)

Some advice: If you order your children to do something, do not do it whilst you’re annoyed, nor whilst you are in a state of

anger. Refrain from being grim and avoid frowning. Instead, you should smile, look calm, and be easy going with them. Do not say to any of your children, “Off you go, memorise what you need, and listen to me – if you don’t memorise this page, I’m going to beat you!”

Do not say things like this, rather say to them, “What do you think about memorising for a little while now?”

“What do you think of this idea my beloved, that you finish memorising your page now, so that you can play for longer, and sleep early if Allāh Wills.”

A lot of ahādīth have been related telling us that whoever is simple, nice and easy going, will be forbidden from entering the Fire by Allāh. Allāh is Gentle and loves gentleness, and remember that gentleness results in what violence can never achieve - so it is necessary that you are kind and considerate with your children. Through this you will see amazing results, if Allāh Wills, as Allāh has told us to work in this manner through the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ himself.

Dear readers, certainly success, ease, happiness and progress are a result of being kind and gentle. Kindness doesn’t exist in a thing except that through it, that thing is made beautiful.

## 12. Daily Encouragement

Some advice: To anyone who wants their child to memorise the Qur'an, encourage your child to memorise and revise on a daily basis. When you return from work, say to your child, "I feel that today, alhamdulillah, you will have finished your revision and recitation, and I know you are a hard-worker!"

You should say things to them before you listen to their Qur'an, such as, "O my child, indeed from the characteristics of an intelligent child, a genius child, a smart child, is that he does not delay today's work for tomorrow. The child who delays today's work for tomorrow is 'lazy', and will possibly fail in his future life because of this laziness. He will live in problems and be unsuccessful. I don't want you to be one of them children my beloved."

Talk to your child on their level, in a way in which they like and is suitable for their age and understanding. "O 'Abdur-Rahmān, have you read your daily portion of Qur'an? O 'Ā'isha, have you memorised today's page?"

If you find any shortcomings in your child, or that they have learnt less than what you expected them to, do not be angry with them. Instead, encourage them to make up for it. "Fātimah, how

come you have not memorised everything you were supposed to? Come, let us do it now, go to your room with the Qur'an and by the time you have finished, I will have some juice or ice-cream ready for us both insha Allāh.”

### 13. Everyone Should be Kept Busy With the Qur'an

Some advice: If one day you find one of your children to have done less than usual, do not focus solely on that child and forget the rest. Instead, keep all of them busy in memorising, revising, and reciting. Make them research and learn together. Say to them, “O ‘Abdur-Rahmān, find out for me the number of Prophets mentioned in Sûrah al-‘Arāf... and you Fātimah, look in Sûrah at-Tawbah, and tell me how many times the word ‘Taqwa’ is mentioned.”

The aim is that you busy the rest of your children with Quranic activities whilst your child who did not do as well today, such as ‘Āisha, completes her revision and daily portion. This is so that ‘Āisha does not start to worry, and, that the Shaytān doesn't come and whisper in her ears, “It is not fair, why do ‘Abdur-Rahmān and Fātimah get to play on the computer? Why can they go out and not me?”



There are numerous ways of keeping the rest of your children busy with the Qur'an itself, such as looking for certain grammar rules if they know Arabic, or looking for specific words or names in a Sûrah.

#### 14. Sûrah al-Fâtihah

Advice: If your child is going to begin hifdh, start them off with Sûrah al-Fâtihah first, which they can then read in their daily salâh. It is, alhamdulillah, easy to read and learn, and can be done in one day, with the Permission of Allâh, because of the number of times your child will have heard it from the Imâm in the Masjid, or teachers, etc. So if your child memorises this short and simple Sûrah from the start, which in itself means "The Opening", it is a bounty. When he does finish it, emphasise that he has achieved a great thing which Allâh will reward him for immensely, even though in reality it is something simple.

When Hammâd ibn Imâm Abu Hanîfah, may Allâh have mercy on them both, memorised Sûrah al-Fâtihah, his father, Imâm Abu Hanifah gifted his teacher with 500 dirhams. This was a huge amount of money in those times, when one ram was worth one dirham. The teacher found the wealth to be excessive, as he had not taught the child anything but Sûrah al-Fâtihah. Imâm Abu

Hanîfah, may Allāh have mercy on him, said to him, “Do not scorn what my child has learnt, if I had more wealth than that, I would have paid it to you in reverence of the Qur’an.”

The lesson is, do not belittle or think nothing of reward and bounty, for you do not know how it will affect the heart of your child. You should race to reward them, even if it is with something simple and small. Say to your child, “O my child, all Praise be to Allāh. Today you have memorised a Sûrah from the Book of Allāh, so prostrate to Allāh and do a “Sajdat ash-Shukr” (a prostration of thankfulness) to Him, and say ‘All Praise is to You O Allāh’” etc. Your words, when you reward or encourage your child, will have a great influence on him.

## 15. Organisation In Memorisation

Advice: Once your child completes the memorisation of Sûrah al-Fâtihah, begin with Sûrah an-Nās, Sûrah al-Falaq, Sûrah al-Ikhlās etc. It is vital that you avoid making them memorise the Qur’an in a scattered and disorganised manner. Orderliness is very important, and has many benefits.

One of them, is that when you say to your child, “O ‘Abdur-Rahmān, you have memorised Sûrah an-Nās, Sûrah al-Falaq,

Sûrah al-Ikhlās, and Sûrah al-Masad - tell me, how many chapters of the Qur'ān have you memorised so far?" And your child will tell you, or hold four fingers up, excited and happy at his achievement. Although they are very short, the number is a large amount for a child. This in itself is a benefit, as it will build confidence in your child from the very beginning that they are capable, and will also instill the habit of memorising in an orderly manner in them. Of course, it is all with the Permission and Tawfiq of Allāh, so increase in du'ā to Him to make it easy.

## 16. Continuity - Whatever the Circumstances

Advice: If you want your child to memorise the Qur'an, be consistent in listening, reading, and memorising, whether it is summer or winter, hot or cold, or you are in any other time or place. The error that parents make, is that the child will memorise in the summer holidays, and then stop when school restarts. In the summer he may have learnt up to 5 Ajzaa (chapters), but then the academic school year begins so he stops memorising further, and similarly neglects revising over them 5 Ajzaa.

It is as if this Qur'an is only for the non-working, non-busy people! It is true, when the academic year arrives, many students and people place their Qur'an in a high place, out of reach, and

concentrate solely on their academic studies and achieving good grades that year. This is from ignorance!

Yes, these actions make apparent that these people are ignorant of the greatness of the Qur'an. The Qur'an is a reason for excellence and success. Memorising the Qur'an is for those who are steadfast. They are the active and hardworking ones - people of high aspirations. Allāh Himself will bless them in the little time they have for their efforts, and strengthen them to keep doing more.

What I mean is, that it is necessary that parents do not prevent their child from learning and revising the Qur'an during the academic year or whilst being away from home, because when they will read it, wherever they are and in whatever circumstance, it will rest and bring peace to their hearts. Remember, the Qur'an does nothing but increase your child in superiority, success, guidance and integrity. By Allah, the Glorious Qur'an is a reason for good understanding and gives intelligence to the one who reads it.



## 17. Take Advantage of the Holidays

Advice: Respectable parent, may Allāh bless you. Be keen on, and try to intensify your child's hifdh in the summer holidays. Create for your child a strict regime, of memorising, listening and revising the Qur'an. Do not think or say that the school holidays are a period of relaxation, to do nothing but enjoy time off school.

By asking you to think the above, am I advising you to imprison your child in the house throughout the summer, and prevent him or her from enjoying themselves? No, rather I am strongly advising that you definitely take your child out to enjoy themselves and enjoy time as a family. Don't be stingy when it comes to spending on your family, as Allāh says,

لِيُنْفِقْ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِّنْ سَعَتِهِ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُنْفِقْ  
مِمَّا آتَاهُ اللَّهُ

“Let a man of wealth spend from his wealth, and he whose provision is restricted - let him spend from what Allāh has given him.” (65: 7)

Take your children and family to different places, spend on them, make them happy, enjoy time away from schools and work, yet remember to avoid places of sins and disobedience, for your child is a trust (amānah) given to you by Allāh, and Allāh Himself will ask you about this trust.

The aim here is so you understand that Islām is a beautiful religion. It is a faith which organises life for you... Who said that memorising the Qur'an means locking yourself away in your home? Who thinks that memorising the Qur'an means stopping all activities and fun events and journeys? Instead, use the journeys and travels as a means of reward and inspiration for their efforts, so that your child will do more, and memorise more. They will increase their love for the Qur'an by it. Say to them for example, "If you finish Sûrah al-Hashr Fātimah, then we will go to such and such a place for a full day..." etc.

Arrange for your child to read the Qur'an for 3 hours a day, for example, and the rest of the day is theirs to be free, to play, to relax - whatever they so wish.

## 18. Conclusion

To conclude, I say to you dear mother and father, dear teacher who tries to exert efforts to teach your students, dear reader who is trying to memorise the Qur'ān yourself - bounty and success is in the Hands of Allāh. So pray continuously and ask Allāh sincerely to make you and your children Huffādh of the Qur'an.

O Allāh, send peace and salutations upon the blessed Prophet Muhammad, upon his family and his companions. O Allāh, send peace and salutations upon Muhammad and the the family of Muhammad, as you sent salutations upon Ibrahîm and the family of Ibrahîm. O Allāh, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as you blessed Ibrahîm and the family of Ibrahîm. Indeed You are Praised, Exalted.

If you feel distressed or are facing any kind of difficulty, then send salutations (Durûd) upon the chosen one of the Family of Hāshim, Muhammad ﷺ, in abundance. Through this Allāh will relieve you of your troubles.





This book is for every parent who wants their child to love the Qur'an, wants to know how their child can memorise it most enjoyably, how to prevent distractions and disheartenment, how to keep on top of revision and recitation, and of course, what the fruits of your child memorising the Qur'an are - for you and them.

May Allah accept your efforts with your children  
Aameen



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