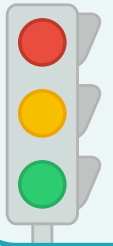


My Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Taught Me to Respect Elders



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Recall who 'elders' are

Explain why we should respect the elders

Demonstrate respectful gestures towards the elders



Key Words

Gestures

Initiate

Appoint



T Thinking Starter

What does respect mean to you?

What do you do to show respect towards others?

Our Elders

Elders are those who are older than us. Our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم respected his elders and he صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُوَقِّرْ كَبِيرَنَا

“He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders.” (Abu Dawud)

What did the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم mean when he said ‘he is not one of us’?



It means that they are not following the teachings of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is a warning to us that Allah and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم will be very unhappy if we do that.

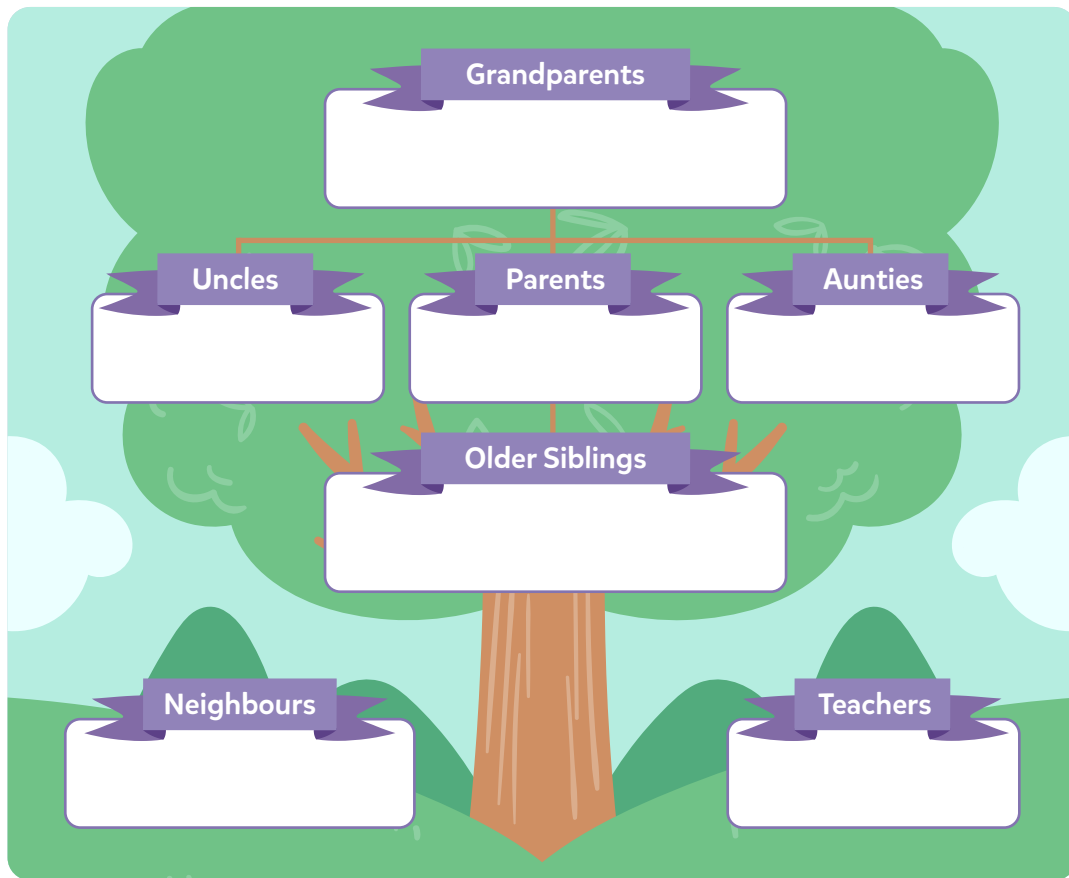


Respect means treating others the way you would like to be treated.



Task 1

Can you name some of your elders who you must respect?



Respectful Gestures

Our Prophet ﷺ showed respect to the elders in many ways: He **initiated** salam with them. He gave them his full attention when they were speaking to him. He visited them. He spent time with them. He showed them love. He helped them. He listened to their opinions and advice. He lived with them and looked out for them. He was patient with them. He was kind and compassionate towards them!

Gesture refers to an action or expression used to convey a specific message or feeling. It can be done by words or actions.

Initiate: to begin or start something.



SubhanAllah! Our Prophet ﷺ was so respectful towards the elders!

I want to be like my Prophet ﷺ, so I will do all of this too!





Task 2

Write down the respectful gestures that you would show in the scenarios below.



- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____



Discuss your responses with your class.



Did You Know?

One way of showing great respect to Allah is by respecting the elderly.

IT'S STORY TIME!

A Dream Lesson

One night the Prophet ﷺ had a special dream. He saw himself cleaning his blessed teeth with a siwak. Have you ever used a siwak before?

Whilst he was cleaning his teeth, two men came to him. One of them was older than the other one.

The Prophet first gave the siwak to the younger of the two. But then Jibril عليه السلام told him, "Give it to the older man." The Prophet ﷺ then gave the siwak to the older man.



Respect makes a person feel special and loved. If we respect the elders, Allah will **appoint** someone to show us respect in our old age.

Appoint: to select someone for a particular task.



Task 3

Interview an elder and ask them about a time when they felt respected.



I Act On What I Learn

I will respect my elders.



P Progress Check



1. Who are the elders? ☐

2. Why should we respect the elders? ☐

3. How should we show respect to the elders? ☐
