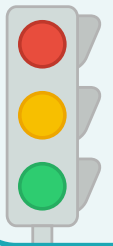


My Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Was the Best Neighbour



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



State what Allah says about neighbours

List the rights of neighbours in Islam

Reflect on how I treat my neighbours



Key Words

Neighbour

Rights

Console

T Thinking Starter

What would you do if your **neighbour** disturbed you or annoyed you?



Neighbours

Neighbours have great importance in our din. Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ
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“Worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him. And be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbours,* the friend by your side...” (Surah an-Nisa: 36)

* Your neighbours who are your relatives and those who are not your relatives

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was the best neighbour and he also taught us how to be the best neighbour. He taught us that we cannot be true believers if we hurt our neighbours. We should never trouble our neighbours in any way and we should always take care of them.

Your **neighbour** is someone who lives close to you.



What should you say to your neighbours when you see them?

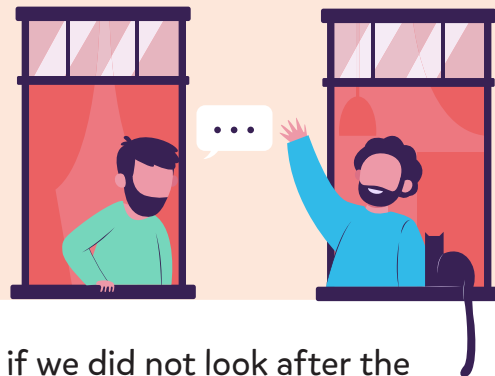
The Rights of the Neighbour

Our neighbours have **rights**. Here are some of them:

- 1 To greet them when you meet them.
- 2 To ask about them.
- 3 To visit them when they are sick.
- 4 To **console** them when they are sad.
- 5 To congratulate them on happy occasions.
- 6 To share food with them.
- 7 To forgive them when they do wrong to you.
- 8 To not bother them in any way; for example, by putting rubbish in front of their home.

A **right** is a duty and responsibility.

Console: to make someone feel better when they are sad or upset.

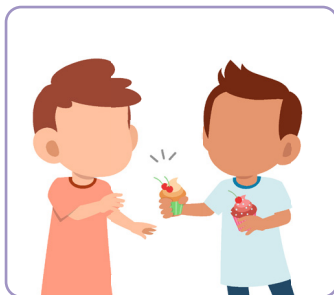


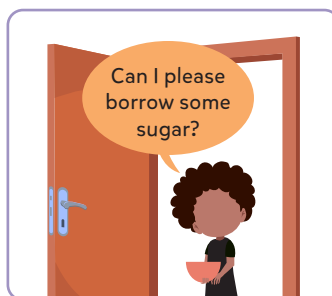
What would happen to our neighbourhood if we did not look after the rights of our neighbours?



Task 1

Use the clues in the pictures and write down the right of your neighbour.









Task 2

Self-Evaluation - I Reflect on My Character and My Manners

- a** Put a tick in the correct box. Make sure you are honest with yourself!

Manners	Always	Sometimes	Never
I do not make noise and disturb my neighbours.			
I smile at my neighbours and greet them.			
I help my neighbours.			
I share with my neighbours.			
I do not speak badly about my neighbours.			
I say salam to my neighbours and smile at them.			
I invite my neighbours to my home.			

- b** Choose one of the above manners for which you ticked 'sometimes' or 'never'. Write a reminder for yourself to improve at it.

From today, I will...

IT'S STORY TIME!

Imam Abu Hanifah & The Shoemaker

The great scholar Imam Abu Hanifah رحمه الله had a neighbour who was a shoemaker. During the day, the shoemaker would work, and at night he would get drunk and sing very loudly. As Imam Abu Hanifah would pray during the night, he would hear his neighbour and be disturbed by him.



One night, Imam Abu Hanifah couldn't hear the shoemaker. He became concerned. When he enquired about his whereabouts, he was told that he had been arrested for being drunk. The following morning, Imam Abu Hanifah prayed Fajr, mounted his mule and went to the leader.

"What brings you here?" asked the leader.

Imam Abu Hanifah requested the leader to free his neighbour. The leader agreed. Not only that, he also freed all the people who were arrested on that night.

Imam Abu Hanifah rode back home, whilst his neighbour walked behind him. On the way, the shoemaker thanked Imam Abu Hanifah, "May Allah reward you for taking care of the rights of your neighbour."

The shoemaker then repented, stopped drinking, and became a pious man.



Task 3

Do you think you would have done what Imam Abu Hanifah did to help his neighbour?

How would you describe Imam Abu Hanifah?

I Act On What I Learn

I will fulfil all the rights of my neighbours.

P Progress Check



1. What does Allah say about neighbours?

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2. List 3 rights of the neighbour.

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3. What one thing can you do to be a better neighbour?

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