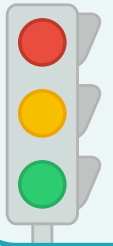


My Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Did Not Look for the Faults of Others



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Define 'fault-finding'

Recognise that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم did not look for others' faults

Explain the consequences of fault-finding



Key Words

Fault-finding

Suspicion

Distance

T Thinking Starter

Have you ever had someone point out a fault of yours?
Did you find it helpful or hurtful? Why?



Fault-finding

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Beware of **suspicion**, for suspicion is the worst of false tales. **Do not look for others' faults**, do not spy on each other, and do not be jealous of one another. Do not cut your relations with one another; do not hate one another; and be servants of Allah as brothers." (Bukhari)

In this hadith, the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم is teaching us how to live beautifully as brothers and sisters.



I strengthen my Ummah.

Fault-finding and finger pointing means looking for mistakes and faults instead of noticing what's **good**.

Suspicion: thinking someone might be doing something wrong, without being sure.



When we point a finger at another person, how many fingers are pointing back at us? What does this teach us?



Task 1

It can be tempting to find fault with others, but we must stay kind.
Can you circle the phrases that show kindness?

I was
wrong too.

It was her.

I'm sorry.

Mistakes
happen.

I know
you did
it!

They
started it.

It was
his idea.

It was
me.

How can I
help to fix it?



Task 2

Can you remind these children with the advice of our beloved Prophet
ﷺ? Match the statement with the correct part of the hadith.

We lost the game because you
didn't play well.

Do not be jealous of one
another

I'm not your friend anymore.

Do not hate one another

I don't like her. She always takes
my things.

Do not cut your relations
with one another

I think they are talking about me.

Do not spy on each other

I will follow him and see who he
talks to.

Do not look for others'
faults

Why does she have such a pretty
bag?

Beware of suspicion

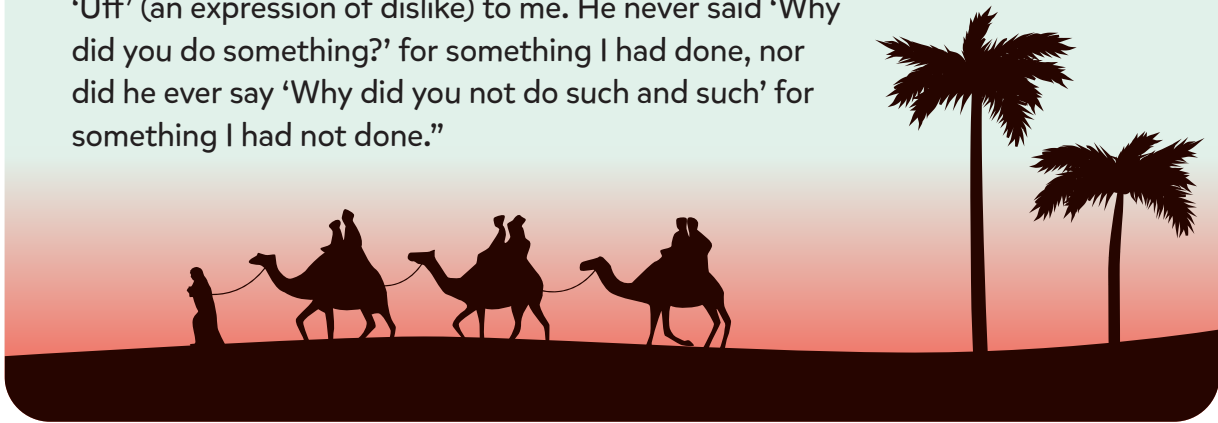
IT'S STORY TIME!

Not even 'Uff'!

Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه was a young 10 years old boy when our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم migrated from Makkah to Madinah. He was amongst the delighted children of Madinah who waited excitedly to welcome Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.

When Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم arrived, everybody wanted to serve him. The mother of Anas bin Malik approached Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم while holding the hand of Anas, and she said, "O Messenger of Allah. I am a poor woman and I have nothing to offer you. This is my son; I am leaving him with you so he can help you and serve you. Please accept him." Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم did not turn her down.

Anas رضي الله عنه said, "I never felt any piece of velvet or silk softer than the palm of the Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, nor did I smell any fragrance more pleasant than the smell of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. I served him for 10 years and he never said 'Uff' (an expression of dislike) to me. He never said 'Why did you do something?' for something I had done, nor did he ever say 'Why did you not do such and such' for something I had not done."



How does this story connect to the title of our lesson: 'My Prophet did not look for the faults of others'?

The Consequences of Looking for Faults in Others

When we look for faults in others:

- ★ We will lose friends.
- ★ Others will **distance** themselves from us.
- ★ We won't improve ourselves.
- ★ We will make others upset and less confident.

When we look for faults in others, we forget that we have our own faults. Sometimes we might look for faults in others because we think we are better than them.





Task 3

Shaytan can really tempt us to **find faults** with others.
We must not let him win!

Can you respond to each incident with goodness?



Incident	Unkind response	Kind response
Your team loses the competition.	It's because so-and-so didn't do their part properly.	We are a team. Let's figure out how we can work better together.
Your brother is not tidying up with you.	You never tidy up! You're lazy.	
Your classmate is taking a long time finishing a task.	You're so slow. You're holding us back.	
Your friend has a different idea about a game to play.	Your ideas are silly. I'll play with somebody else.	

I Act On What I Learn

I will not look for the faults of others.
Instead I will focus on how I can improve.

P Progress Check



- What is fault-finding? ☐
- How did our Prophet ﷺ treat Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه? ☐
- What happens when we look for faults in others? ☐