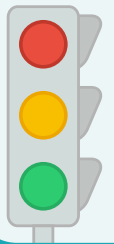


My Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Was Kind to Animals



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



- Identify why Allah created animals for us
- Describe how the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم treated animals
- Explain how I should treat animals



Key Words

Warmth - دِفْءٌ
Benefits
Punished

T Thinking Starter

Imagine you're walking through a garden and you come across a little bird with a broken wing. What would you do?



Animals Are a Blessing From Allah

Animals are a blessing of Allah. Allah جل جلاله says:

وَالْأَنْعَمَ خَلَقَهَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا دِفْءٌ وَمَنْفَعٌ وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ

“And He created the cattle for you as a source of warmth, food, and (many other) benefits.” (Surah an-Nahl: 5)

Allah created animals for us so that we can benefit from them. Animals benefit us in many different ways. Animals provide us with food and drink. They also provide warmth for us as their skin and hair can be used to make clothes. They are also a means of transport.





Did You Know?

In the olden days, people would use animal skin to make tents in which they would live!



How can we thank Allah for the blessings of animals?



Task 1

Why did Allah create animals for us? Circle the correct answers.

To give us milk

To ignore

No reason

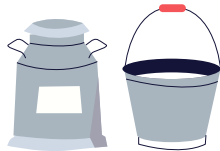
To carry things

For leather shoes

For food

As a sign of Allah's power

To make warm clothes



The Prophet ﷺ Was Kind to Animals

The Prophet ﷺ was sent as a mercy not just for humans, but the whole world! He treated animals in the best way. The animals loved the Prophet ﷺ too!

The Prophet ﷺ taught the Companions رضي الله عنهم to be good and kind to animals. He told them to be gentle with them and to not overwork them. He told them to feed them and give them water.



Do you remember the story “The Prophet ﷺ and the Crying Camel”? Can you recall how the Prophet ﷺ comforted it?

IT'S STORY TIME!

The Thirsty Dog

A long long time ago, there was an evil woman. She would do all kinds of bad things. One day, she passed by a well and she pulled water out of it to drink from it. As she was leaving, she noticed a thirsty dog wanting to drink water. She felt sorry for the dog and gave it water to drink.

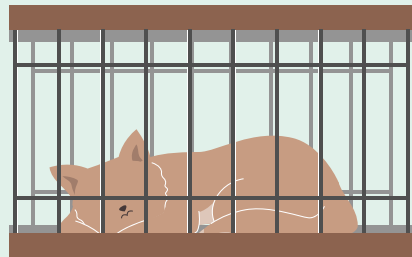
Allah loved what she did, and because of this one good deed, He forgave all of her past sins.



The Nasty Woman

Once upon a time, there was a woman who had a cat. She locked up her cat and did not give it any food. The poor cat became so skinny and eventually died of hunger. Due to this cruel act, Allah made the woman enter the Hell-fire.

Allah said to her, "You did not feed her or give her water when you tied her up! And you did not even set her free so she could go and eat the creatures of the earth."



Task 2

Answer these questions from the stories.

The Thirsty Dog

What did the woman in the story do?

What will happen to her in the Next Life?

The Nasty Woman

What did the woman in the story do?

What will happen to her in the Next Life?

How Should We Treat Animals?

Just as our beloved Prophet ﷺ was kind to animals, we should also be kind to animals. Just as we feel joy, fear and pain, animals also feel the same.

If we hurt or cause pain to any of the creation of Allah, we will be **punished** for this on the Day of Judgement.



Task 3

Draw a line to match each scenario to the action.

On her way to school, Maryam always notices a cat walking. The cat looks a bit thin and a bit sad.

Asiya sees some children laughing loudly whilst throwing sticks at a sick dog.

Musa has finished memorising Juz Amma, so his dad has brought him a rabbit as a pet.

If we have pets, we should ensure that they are fed on time and looked after properly.

If we come across animals that are hungry or thirsty, then we can give them food and drink.

If we see any animal being hurt, we should do what we can to put a stop to it.

I Act On What I Learn

I will be kind to animals just like my Prophet ﷺ!

P Progress Check



1. List 3 ways in which animals benefit us.



2. How did the Prophet ﷺ treat animals?



3. How should you treat animals?

