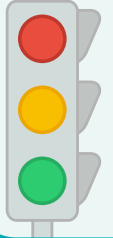


Allah: Al-Wadud



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Define Allah's Name **al-Wadud**

Describe what happens when Allah loves a servant

Explain how to worship Allah **al-Wadud**



Key Words

The Most Loving - الْوَدُودُ

Dwellers

Experience

T Thinking Starter

Think about someone you love very much.
How do you know that they love you?



Allah Is al-Wadud

Even though the people of Shu'ayb عليه السلام committed many evil deeds, Allah sent Prophet Shu'ayb عليه السلام to remind them:

وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تُوبُوا إِلَيْهِ إِنَّ رَبِّي رَحِيمٌ وَدُودٌ

"So seek your Lord's forgiveness and then turn to Him in repentance. Indeed my Lord is Extremely Merciful, the Most Loving." (Surah Hud:90)

Allah's Name al-Wadud means:

- ★ Allah is the **MOST Loving** and kind to the believers.
- ★ Allah is the **MOST Loved**. The believers love Him more than anyone and anything else – more than their toys and games, and even more than their family and friends.

Not only does Allah love the believers, but He **shows** them that He loves them by giving them so many blessings!

الْوَدُودُ



Why do you love Allah?

I love Allah!



Task 1

In the Qur'an, Allah سبحانه وتعالى tells us about those He loves. Match the Arabic phrases to the correct meanings.

Allah loves...

Those who obey Allah and stay away from sins (taqwa)

Those who are patient (sabr)

Those who are grateful (shukr)

Those who turn to Allah and repent (tawbah)

Those who do good (ihsan)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ...

الصَّابِرِينَ

الْمُحْسِنِينَ

التَّوَّابِينَ

الشَّاكِرِينَ

الْمُتَّقِينَ

When Allah Loves You

There is no one more loving than Allah. When Allah loves someone, He gives them extra special blessings and gifts, answers all their du'as and takes extra special care of them.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم told us something amazing about Allah's love. He said: "When Allah loves a servant, He calls Jibril عليه السلام and says, "Indeed, I love such and such a person, so you love them too." Then Jibril loves them and makes an announcement in the heavens, saying, "Indeed Allah loves such and such a person, so love them too," Then, all the dwellers of the heavens love them. Then acceptance is placed for them on the earth (i.e. they are loved by the people)." (Bukhari)

When we feel loved by another human being, we feel happy. So imagine being loved by Allah - the Most Kind, Caring and Generous of all!



Who are the 'dwellers of the heavens'?



Task 2

Fill in the blanks using the words below:

directly

Musa

palace

love

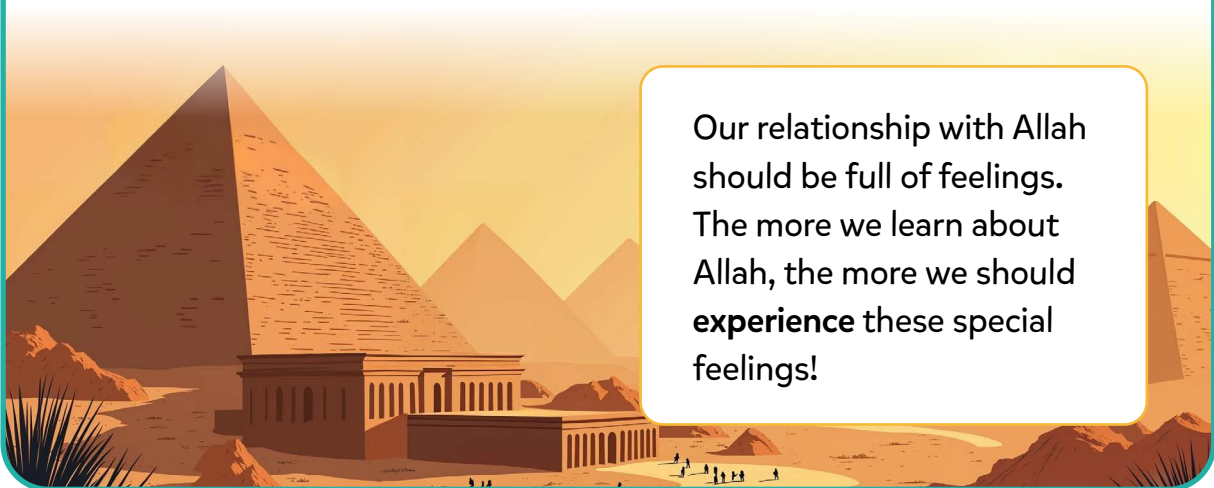
Pharaoh

good

One of Allah's most beloved servants was Prophet _____ عليه السلام. When Musa عليه السلام was born, the evil Pharaoh had ordered that all the baby boys of Banu Isra'il should be murdered. Allah protected Musa عليه السلام from being harmed. Allah says: "I showered you with **love from Me** so that you would be brought up under My watchful eye." (Surah Taha:39)

When people saw Musa عليه السلام, they couldn't help but love him. When the wife of _____ saw him, she immediately fell in _____ with him and wanted to adopt him. Everyone in the _____ loved him, and even the evil Pharaoh agreed to let him live!

Throughout his life, Musa عليه السلام was loved by his family and all the _____ people around him. But most importantly, Allah loved Him. Allah told him: "I have chosen you for Myself!" Musa was Kalimullah: he spoke _____ to Allah in this world. Even though Musa went through many tough times throughout his life, we see how Allah took care of him and blessed him in many ways. Allah جلّ جلاله loved Musa عليه السلام, and Musa عليه السلام loved Allah جلّ جلاله!



Our relationship with Allah should be full of feelings. The more we learn about Allah, the more we should **experience** these special feelings!

How Can I Worship Allah al-Wadud?

- ★ Ask Allah for His love.
- ★ Fill your heart with love for Allah and worship Him Alone.
- ★ Do everything that Allah loves.



When we love someone, we love to do things that make them happy. The special believers love Allah so much that they always do the compulsory (fard) acts. But they don't stop there! They also do EXTRA good deeds to make Allah even happier.



Task 3

The Prophet ﷺ taught us a beautiful du'a:

(اللَّهُمَّ) أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ ، وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ ، وَحُبَّ عَمَلٍ يُقَرِّبُنِي إِلَى حُبِّكَ

“O Allah, I ask You for Your love, the love of those whom You love, and the love of deeds which will bring me closer to Your love.” (Tirmidhi)

Write down three examples of the following:

“The love of those whom You love (i.e. people Allah loves)”

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

“The love of deeds which will bring me closer to Your love.”

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I Act On What I Learn

I will always ask Allah for His love.



P Progress Check



1. What does Allah's Name **al-Wadud** mean?



2. What happens when Allah loves someone?



3. How can you worship Allah with His Name **al-Wadud**?

