

# Dhul Hijjah: The Best Days of the Year

## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:

- Explore the importance of the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah
- Describe the main act of worship for these days
- Prepare an action plan for these days

## Key Words

Dhul Hijjah - ذُو الْحِجَّةِ  
Sacred  
Takbirat at-Tashriq

## T Thinking Starter

What is your favourite day of the year? Why?



## The 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah: The Most Beloved Days to Allah

**Dhul Hijjah** is one of the four **sacred** months in Islam. It is the month in which **hajj** takes place where millions of Muslims from around the world gather in Makkah to worship Allah. Dhul Hijjah is a month full of mercy and forgiveness, just like Ramadan!

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "There are **no better days** in the sight of Allah than the 10 days of Dhul Hijjah." (Ibn Hibban)

## Dhikr and Good Deeds During the Ten Days

Even if we are not able to go for hajj, Allah, the Most Generous, gave us a special chance to do extra worship and become close to Him during these amazing days. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



**"There are no days greater in the sight of Allah or in which good deeds are more beloved to Him than these 10 days. So recite a great deal of tahlil (La ilaha illa Allah), takbir (Allahu Akbar) and tahmid (Alhamdulillah)."** (Ahmad)

This means that doing good deeds during these days is rewarded much more than doing them at any other time of the year. And the best deed during these days is **dhikr!**

## What to Do in These Ten Days

### 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah

- Do lots of dhikr.
- Repeat takbir in your house, school, and everywhere!
- Fast as many days as possible.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ...



### 9<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah

### The Day of 'Arafah

- Fast.
- Say the takbirat of tashriq once after each fard salah.
- Do lots of dhikr and keep saying:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

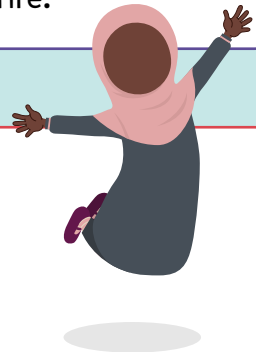
- Make lots of du'a, especially for Allah to save you from Hell-fire.



### 10<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah

### The Day of Eid

- Pray Eid salah and do all the sunnahs of Eid.
- Perform qurbani and share it with others.
- Spread joy and happiness.
- Say the takbirat of tashriq after each fard salah.
- Do lots of dhikr.



### 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah

### The Days of Tashriq

- Eat, drink, and do lots of dhikr!
- Say the takbirat of tashriq until after 'asr on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



What other good deeds can you do during these days?

## The Takbirat of Tashriq


اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is the Greatest. Allah is the Greatest. There is no god worthy of worship except Allah and Allah is the Greatest. Allah is the Greatest and all praise is for Allah Alone.

The Day of 'Arafah is the best day of the year. Try to fast and make as much du'a as possible on this special day. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Fasting on the day of 'Arafah wipes away the sins of the past year and the coming year." (Muslim)

**Just one day of fasting removes two years of sins!**



 What actions do we do during these days at home that are the same as the pilgrims?



### Task 1

Fix the mistake in each sentence and rewrite it correctly.

1 Dhul Hijjah is one of the two sacred months.

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2 Some Muslims go for 'umrah in Dhul Hijjah.

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3 Fasting on the Day of Eid wipes away the sins of the past and upcoming year.

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4 The day of 'Arafah is on the 8th of Dhul Hijjah.

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5 The takbirat of tashriq should be recited before each fard salah, from the 9th until the 'asr of the 13th Dhul Hijjah.

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### Task 2

Many people do not know how special the ten days of Dhul Hijjah are. Make a poster and ask your Imam if you can stick it in your local masjid.

Try to include:

- a why these days are special and;
- b how to make the most of these days.

Make it colourful, easy to read, and encouraging.



