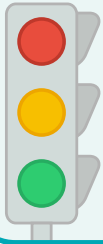


Halal & Haram



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



- Identify the boundaries of Allah
- Explain how to differentiate halal from haram
- Explore how staying away from haram protects you



Key Words

Boundary
Paddock
Wisdom

T Thinking Starter

Why do we have rules at school? What would happen if there were no rules?



Halal and Haram: The Boundaries of Allah سبحانه وتعالى

No matter where we go, there are always rules that tell us what we can and cannot do. Without rules, people would do whatever they want, without any consequences!

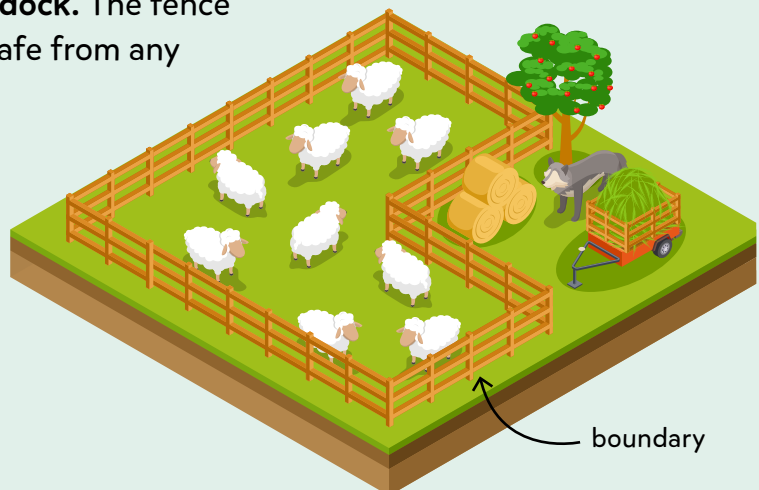
Our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

أَلَا وَإِنَّ لِكُلِّ مَلِكٍ حِمِّيَّ أَلَا وَإِنَّ حِمِّيَّ اللَّهِ مَحَارِمُهُ

“Certainly, every king has boundaries and, certainly, the boundaries of Allah are the haram actions.” (Bukhari & Muslim)

Imagine a herd of sheep inside a **paddock**. The fence is the **boundary**, and it keeps them safe from any danger that lies outside it.

Just like that, Allah سبحانه وتعالى has placed boundaries for us through His rules. What is **halal** (lawful) is inside the fence: safe and good. What is **haram** (forbidden) is outside the fence: dangerous and harmful.



Is it Halal or Haram?

We know something is haram if Allah سبحانه وتعالى and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم told us to stay away from it. Allah سبحانه وتعالى sent down Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as a Prophet so he could tell us what is halal and what is haram.

يَأْمُرُهُم بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ

“He commands them [the Muslims] to do good and forbids them from evil, makes halal for them what is pure and makes haram for them what is impure ...”

(Surah al-A'raf:157)



Thank you Allah for sending us Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم!



I obey Allah and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم!

Doing what Allah loves and avoiding what He forbids is the straight path to Jannah!

One day, a man came to Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and asked him, “If I perform the fard prayers, fast in Ramadan, do what is halal, and stay away from what is haram, and don’t do anything extra, will I enter Paradise?” The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied to him, “Yes.” (Muslim)



Task 1

Within each paddock below, write as many halal and haram actions as you can.

Halal				Haram			

Why Is Everything Haram?!

The religion of Islam is easy! Our beloved Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الْحَلَالَ بَيِّنٌ وَإِنَّ الْحَرَامَ بَيِّنٌ

“Certainly, halal is clear and, certainly, haram is clear.”

(Bukhari & Muslim)

Allah سبحانه وتعالى has made everything in this world halal, except for a few things which He has made haram. Allah did not make things haram to make life difficult for us. In fact, staying away from haram makes our lives **pure** and **easy**.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى is **al-Hakim, the Most Wise**. Everything He commands or forbids is based on His infinite **wisdom**, even if we don't always understand it.



When Allah سبحانه وتعالى makes something haram, it is because it brings harm in some way. Some haram actions can harm our body, while others might damage our wealth, our family, or our minds. Sometimes, a haram action can even ruin our whole society. Most importantly, haram actions take us away from Jannah!

Staying away from haram actions protects my

Mind

Body

Din & Hereafter

Relationship with others

Wealth



Task 2

For each sin below, explain one wisdom behind why Allah has made it haram.

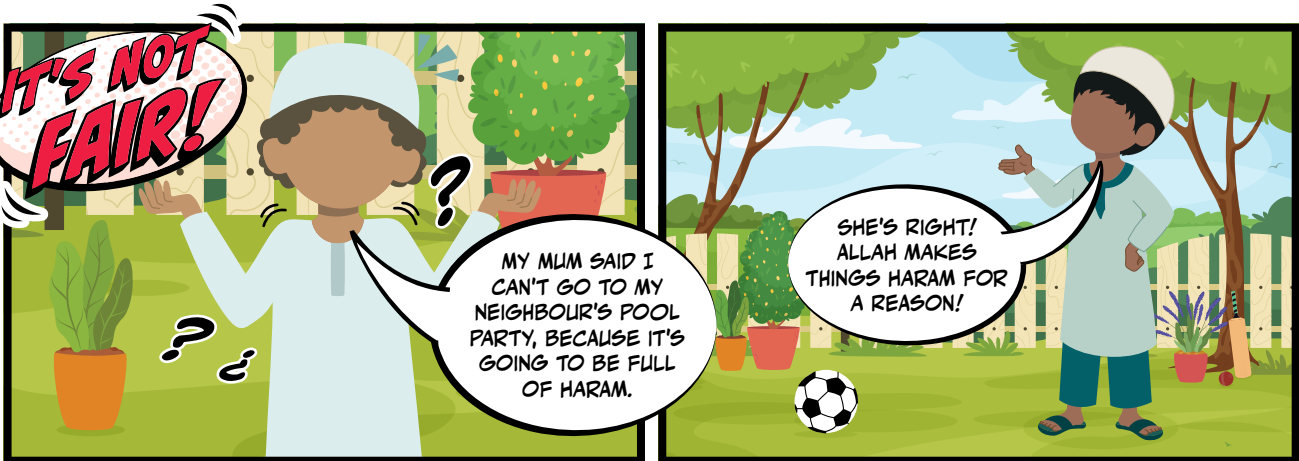
Sin	is haram because...
Drinking Alcohol	<i>It causes serious diseases. People lose their senses, and often do things they regret or even hurt others.</i>
Gambling	<i>It causes people to lose a lot of money very quickly. This can lead to debt, poverty, anger, and lots of arguments.</i>
Dressing inappropriately	
Lying	
Disrespecting our parents	



Even if we don't know the wisdom behind a haram action, we still avoid it. We are the **servants of Allah** and we always obey Him!



Task 3



Imagine you are Musa. How would you explain to Ahmad that what his mum is saying is actually good for him?

I Act On What I Learn

I will stay away from haram and ask for forgiveness when I make a mistake!



P Progress Check



1. What are the boundaries of Allah?



2. Why does Allah make certain actions haram?



3. How does staying away from haram help protect you?

