

I Will Never Miss a Salah



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Explain why I should never miss salah

Describe how Shaytan will try to stop me from performing salah

Explore how to stay strong in my salah



Key Words

Unconscious

Silah (connection) - صلة

Mature

T Thinking Starter

What do you struggle with when it comes to salah?



IT'S STORY TIME!

The Power of Salah

One day, the great Caliph 'Umar ibn al-Khattab رضي الله عنه was leading fajr salah in al-Masjid an-Nabawi. A man named Abu Lu'lu'ah, who was not a Muslim, crept up and stabbed him six times with a dagger while he was praying. 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنهما, along with some men from the Ansar, carried 'Umar رضي الله عنه to his house. He remained **unconscious** until the morning.

A man said, "You won't be able to wake him up except through salah." So some of the Companions called out to him, "**Salah, O Leader of the Believers!**"

As soon as he heard 'salah', 'Umar رضي الله عنه opened his eyes and asked, "Have the people prayed?" When they told him they had, he said, "**Indeed there is no share in Islam for the one who abandons salah.**"

He then performed salah whilst his wound was bleeding.

Not long after, 'Umar رضي الله عنه passed away.



Subhanallah! Even in his injured state, he was worried about the believers performing their salah!

I Always Pray My Salah

Salah is the most important act of worship. The word 'salah' comes from the word 'silah', which means connection. Salah is how we stay connected to our Loving Lord, Allah!

When we pray salah, we are having a **private, one-to-one conversation with Allah**. Even though Allah does not need us, He still gives us the honour of speaking to Him directly. He allows us to do this five times a day!

In salah, we praise Allah, thank Him and ask Him for help. We seek His forgiveness and humble ourselves before Him. When we stay connected to Allah through salah, He protects us, loves us, and gives us more and more blessings.

We should never ever miss our salah. Allah ﷺ says,

حَفِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ وَالصَّلَاةُ الْوُسْطَىٰ وَقُوْمُوا لِلَّهِ قَنِيتِينَ ﴿٢٣٨﴾

"Take care of all the prayers, especially the middle prayer, and stand before Allah in total devotion." (Surah al-Baqarah:238)

Once you become mature (*baligh*), deliberately missing a salah is one of the biggest sins.



Once you turn **seven**, you should start praying your salah. By the time you are **ten**, you should be in the habit of praying all five daily salahs by yourself.



Task 1

Who do you want to be with on the Day of Judgement?

Reflect on the following hadith and identify the people mentioned in it.

Our beloved Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever takes care of their prayers, it will be a light for them, a proof for them, and a way to be saved on the Day of Judgement. But whoever doesn't take care of their prayers will have no light, no proof, and no way to be saved. On the Day of Judgement, they will be with Qarun, Fir'awn, Haman, and Ubayy ibn Khalaf." (Ahmad)

- I murdered thousands of babies so I could stay in power.
- I was the right hand man of an evil tyrant who ordered me to build a tower so he could see Musa's God!
- I was one of the worst enemies of the Prophet ﷺ and would threaten to kill him. I am the son of Khalaf.
- I was very rich but too proud, and was swallowed by the ground.

Why would you not want to be with Qarun, Fir'awn, Haman, and Ubayy ibn Khalaf on the Day of Judgement?

I Always Pray on Time

It is very important to pray all our salahs on time. The Prophet ﷺ always hurried to the masjid when it was time for salah. Sometimes, he would be spending time with his family, but as soon as he heard the adhan, he would immediately make his way to the masjid.

Don't wait for your parents to remind you to pray.
Do wudu and get ready to pray as the adhan is called!



For males, always try your best to pray five times a day in congregation, especially in the masjid. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "The prayer in congregation (jama'ah) is twenty-seven times better than the prayer offered by the person alone." (Bukhari)

For females, it is better to pray at home. In doing so, you can earn the same reward as a male attending the congregation!

Task 2

Shaytan wants to stop us from performing the most important act of worship: salah!

For each trick of Shaytan, write an example of what he may whisper to you.

How Shaytan Tricks You	Example
Completely miss all salahs	
Miss some salahs	"It's okay, you're tired. Just sleep, you can do qada (make up) of fajr later."
Delay salah	
Don't go to the masjid for salah	
Pray just to finish quickly, without thinking about Allah	



Task 3

Put yourself in their shoes! What would you say to help these children?



Fatimah

I struggle with 'isha as I feel very tired by the evening.

Your advice:



Khalid

My mum and dad are really kind, but they're strict about one thing: **salah**! Sometimes my dad picks me up in the middle of a football match. I love going to the **masjid**, but I don't think my friends understand.

Your advice:



Sahlah

I always pray my salah at home, but I feel shy praying at school.

Your advice:

I Act On What I Learn

I will never ever miss a salah.



P Progress Check



1. Why should you never miss salah?
2. How will Shaytan try to ruin your salah?
3. What can you say to yourself to stay strong on salah?

