Aqaa-id made easy
تسهيل العقائد

TAS-HEELUL AQAA-1D
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INTRODUCTION TO AQA'ID

Our faith is based on the unseen, as taught to us by Nabee Muhammad ﷺ. We can only be true Muslims if our beliefs are in accordance with the teachings of Nabee Muhammad ﷺ.

Nabee ﷺ was once asked to explain faith. He replied:

“To believe in Allaah ﷻ, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Last Day, and to believe in the good and bad (that unfolds) according to taqdeer.” (Muslim)

We neither question the unseen nor doubt his teachings. Our belief also requires absolute love and submission to the commands of Nabee ﷺ who stated that:

“None of you (truly) believes until I become more beloved to him than his father, his son and the rest of mankind.” (Bukhaaree & Muslim).

“He who bears witness that there is no object of worship except Allaah ﷻ and Muhammad - is the messenger of Allaah ﷻ, Allaah ﷻ has made the fire forbidden for him.” (Muslim).

The key to the doors of paradise is belief. If our beliefs are incorrect or incomplete, then though we may perform the deeds of a Muslim, look like a Muslim and even have a Muslim name, we will not be judged as such by Allaah ﷻ. All our deeds will be ruined and we shall face eternal loss.

Nabee ﷺ has said:

“The Banoor Isaa’eel broke up into seventy two sects, while my ummah will break up into seventy three sects. All of them will be in the fire except one group. They (the companions) asked: “who will they be, O Messenger of Allaah?” He replied: “(The group whose beliefs are in accordance with my companions and I. (Tirminee)

This belief system is known as “Aqua'id”. Our Aqua'id will protect us from falling into one of the seventy-two sects and will Insha Allaah secure our place in Jannah.
Story one

The love for one Allâh ﷺ
Give up Islaam or die!

Bilal رضی الله عنہ was the slave of Umayyah. Umayyah believed in many gods. When Bilal رضی الله عنہ became a Muslim, Umayyah did not like it. He told Bilal رضی الله عنہ to leave Islaam and to worship idols. Bilal رضی الله عنہ refused. His master became angry.

Umayyah made him lie on the burning sand in the hot sun. He placed a heavy stone on his chest and said, “Give up Islaam or die!” Bilal رضی الله عنہ suffered much pain but he did not give up Islaam. He would only say, “(Allâh is) one! (Allâh is) one!”
Umayyah and others took turns to whip him. He was left in the sun to suffer. Bilal would only utter, "(Allaah is) one! (Allaah is) one!"

They would also drag him in the streets. Again the same words were heard: "(Allaah is) one! (Allaah is) one!" Bilal never gave up Islaam.

At last Aboo Bakr bought Bilal from Umayyah and set him free.

Bilal, was the first muezzin of Islaam. He was a close friend of Nabee Muhammad.
Muslims believe that Allaah تَعاَلَى is One.

1. There is only one Creator and Maker - He is Allaah تَعاَلَى.

2. Allaah تَعاَلَى is the greatest and there is no one like Him.

3. Allaah تَعاَلَى is the most powerful and needs no help.

4. Allaah تَعاَلَى is not in need of food or drink.

5. Allaah تَعاَلَى has no children.

6. Allaah تَعاَلَى has no parents.

7. Allaah تَعاَلَى has no partner.

8. Allaah تَعاَلَى was not born.

9. Allaah تَعاَلَى has been forever and will remain forever.

10. Allaah تَعاَلَى alone do we worship.
Questions

1. Whom do Muslims believe in?
2. Who is our Maker and Creator?
3. Has Allaah any children?
4. Is Allaah in need of food and drink?
5. Who is the greatest?

Poem

الله أكبر 
Our Creator is Allaah - Our Maker is Allaah
الله أكبر 
No children has Allaah - No parents has Allaah
الله أكبر 
No partner has Allaah - No need has Allaah
الله أكبر 
There is none like Allaah - There is no power like Allaah
الله أكبر 
We worship Allaah - We worship Allaah
الله أكبر
Colour in activity
Lesson two

Muslims believe that Allaah is All-Knowing (العلیم).

Story two

We cannot hide from Allaah 

Umar رضی‌الله عن‌ه was the leader of the Muslims. One night he was walking in the streets of Madinah.

As he passed a certain house, he heard voices coming from the inside. Two persons were talking. A woman was saying to her daughter: “let us mix some water with the milk. We can make more money. We are poor. We need the money. Nobody will know what we did.”

“No,” said the daughter. “It is wrong to mix water with the milk and then to sell the milk. It is against Umar رضی‌الله عن‌ه ruling. It is dishonest!”
The mother said, "Umar رضي الله عنه is not here. He does not know what we are doing."

"We must obey Umar رضي الله عنه, even if he is not here," said the daughter. "Besides, he may not know, but how can we hide from Allaah تعالى? He sees everything and he knows all."

Umar رضي الله عنه walked off silently. He was very pleased with the girl.
Lesson two

Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows everything -
Nothing is hidden from His knowledge.

1. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows the number of fish in the sea.
2. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows the number of birds in the sky.
3. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows the number of leaves on the trees.
5. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows what will happen in the future.
6. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows what we think.
7. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows the good we do.
8. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows the bad we do.
9. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows when we speak the truth or when we speak lies.
10. Allaah تَعَالَیٖ knows who we are.
1. Who knows everything? تَعَالَى
2. Allaah تَعَالَى what we think.
3. Allaah تَعَالَى knows what is in our
4. Allaah تَعَالَى knows what happens
5. Allaah تَعَالَى knows what will happen
Colour in activity
Story three

The favourite follower

Junayd رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهُ lived in Baghdad. He was a very religious person (saint). He had many followers.

One of his followers was his favourite. He noticed that some of his followers were jealous of the favourite one. One day, he called all the followers. He said to them, “each one of you take a chicken and slaughter it where no one can see you. Bring the meat to me. I want to have a special dish prepared for you.”

Each follower slaughtered his chicken in a place where he thought nobody could see him.
All of them returned with the meat except the favourite one. His chicken was still alive! Then Junayd رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلیْهَ asked him, “why did you not slaughter the chicken?”

The follower replied, “I could not find such a place where no one could see. No matter where I went, Allaah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى could still see me!”

Junayd رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلیْهَ then turned to the other followers and said, “now, do you see why I like him so much?”
Lesson three

Allaah تعالی sees everything -
Nothing is hidden from His sight.

1. Allaah تعالی sees an ant walking in the darkness of the night.
2. Allaah تعالی sees the elephant walking in the jungle.
3. Allaah تعالی sees fish swimming in the sea.
4. Nothing is too far or near for Allaah تعالی
5. Allaah تعالی sees in darkness and in light.
6. Allaah تعالی sees everything we do.
7. We cannot hide from Allaah تعالی
8. Allaah تعالی sees our good and bad actions.
9. He sees us, but we cannot see Him.
10. Allaah تعالی sees but needs no eyes.
Questions

1. Who sees everything?

2. Does Allaah تَعَالَى see the good we do?

3. Does Allaah تَعَالَى see the bad we do?

4. Does Allaah تَعَالَى see us?

5. Can we see Allaah تَعَالَى?
Colour in activity

Allah is all-seeing
Lesson four


Story four

A prayer answered

Once Nabī Muhammad ﷺ and his companions were faced by an enemy of 1000 people at a place called Badr. At that time the Muslims had only two horses and about seventy camels. They were 313 in number. The place where the Muslims had camped had very loose sand, making it difficult to walk and no water to drink. On the other hand the enemy, besides being great in number, had all kinds of weapons as well as being camped at a place where the ground was very hard. They also had a number of wells to drink water from.
Nabee صلی الله علیه و سلم lifted his hands and made dua unto Allaah تعلیم to help the Muslims against the enemy. Allaah تعلیم answered his dua and caused a rainfall which hardened the ground as well as provided fresh water for the Muslims. This same rainfall caused the ground on the enemy side to become slippery and the water in the wells to become muddy.

The next day Allaah تعلیم helped the Muslims by sending down angels to fight on their side causing the enemy to be totally defeated.
Lesson four

Allah تَعَالَى hears everything -
Nothing is kept secret from Him.

1. Allah تَعَالَى hears the buzzing of the bee
2. Allah تَعَالَى hears the roar of the lion
3. Allah تَعَالَى hears the silent movement of an ant.
4. No sound is too soft or too loud for Him
5. No sound is too near or too far for Him
6. Allah تَعَالَى hears everything we say.
7. Allah تَعَالَى hears when we pray
8. Allah تَعَالَى hears when we swear or lie.
9. Allah تَعَالَى hears the good we speak.
10. Allah تَعَالَى hears but needs no ears

Questions

1. ............................................................................................................................................. hears everything.
2. Allah تَعَالَى ...................................................................................................................................... what we say.
3. Allah تَعَالَى hears when we..........................................................................................................
4. Allah تَعَالَى hears who speaks .....................................................................................................
5. Allah تَعَالَى hears when we .......................................................................................................
Allaah knows

Allaah hears

Allaah sees

Allaah knows what you hide
Allaah hears what you say
Allaah sees what you do

Allaah knows when you cheat
Allaah hears when you swear
Allaah sees when you fight

Allaah knows all your needs
Allaah hears all your pleas
Allaah sees all your deeds
Colour in activity

Alah is all hearing
Story Five

Two young pigeons.

Nabee Muhammad صلی الله علیه وسلّم was sitting and talking to his companions رضی الله عنّه. A man came up to them and said, "a wonderful thing happened. I was passing by a bush and heard a chirping noise. I peeped in and saw two young pigeons. I picked them up in my wrapper and walked on. By this time the mother pigeon came and saw the empty nest. She began flying above us. I opened my wrapper and how strange! The mother pigeon came down into my wrapper and sat over the young ones. See! They are still in my wrapper."

Nabee صلی الله علیه وسلّم saw the birds and said to the man, "go at once and put them back in their nest. A mother
has so much love for her young ones. However my companions, Allaah ﷺ has far more love and concern for his creation.”
Lesson five

Allaah ﷺ loves all His creation -
All are equal before Him.

1. Allaah ﷺ loves us more than a mother loves her little baby.

2. Allaah ﷺ loves the poor and the rich.

3. Allaah ﷺ loves men and women.

4. Allaah ﷺ loves people of all colours.

5. Allaah ﷺ made us Muslims because He loves us.

6. Allaah ﷺ loves those who obey Him.

7. He loves those who are helpful to other people.

8. He loves those who are truthful.

9. He loves those who are clean and pure.

10. Allaah ﷺ loves those who seek forgiveness when they do wrong.
Questions

1. Who loves all his creation?
2. Allaah ﷺ loves those who
3. Those who are truthful are loved by
4. Who loves those who are kind?
5. Allaah ﷺ loves the and the
Colour in activity
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Story six

The blind snake

A gang of robbers were on its way to rob. They stopped at a place where there were three date trees. Two of the trees were green and had fruit growing on them. The third one was dry.

One member of the gang saw a bird flying with fruit from the green tree and taking it to the dry tree. This happened a few times. The robber became curious. He wanted to know what the bird was doing with the fruit. So, he climbed up the tree. He saw a snake at the top of it. The snake was blind and its mouth was open. The bird was putting dates into its mouth. The robber was surprised and began to cry.
He said, "O Allaah! you have caused this bird to provide the snake with food and I am busy robbing others."

The robber saw the kindness of Allaah .

The robber broke his sword and begged Allaah  to forgive him. He told his friends what he saw. They all broke their swords and decided to give up their evil ways.
Lesson six

Allaah ﷺ is the Most Merciful.
He does not wrong anyone.

1. Allaah ﷺ is more merciful to us than a mother is to her child.
2. Allaah ﷺ gave us the day to work and the night to rest.
3. Allaah ﷺ created the sun and sends down rain.
4. He provides food and drink for all his creation.
5. Allaah ﷺ is also merciful to the animals in the jungle.
6. He is merciful to the fish in the water.
7. He shows mercy to those in difficulty.
8. Allaah ﷺ gave us the Qur’aan as a mercy.
9. He forgives our sins and rewards us.
10. He is the Most Merciful of all those who show mercy.
Question

1. Allaah is and merciful.

2. Who helps us?

3. Who guides us?

4. Who gives us heat and rain?

5. Who gives us health?
Colour in activity
الزكاة
Our Nabee صلى الله عليه وسلم often visited the cave of Heera. He even took his food with him. He used to sit all alone in this cave to think and remember Allaah ﷺ This happened often until one day Allaah ﷺ sent Jibraeel ﷺ with a revelation. Jibraeel ﷺ told Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم that Allaah ﷺ had made him the last Nabee صلى الله عليه وسلم for all people. Our Nabee صلى الله عليه وسلم was chosen by Allaah ﷺ to be his messenger.
Poem

Muhammad is the messenger of Allaah
Muhammad is the beloved of Allaah
Muhammad taught us the book of Allaah
Muhammad taught us the obedience of Allaah
Muhammad is the chosen of Allaah
Muhammad is the final messenger of Allaah
Muhammad guided us to the obedience of Allaah
Muhammad showed us the path to Allaah
Lesson seven

Nabee Muhammad ﷺ was sent as a prophet to all the people of the world.

2. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ is the greatest human being among Allaah’s creation.

3. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ is the most beloved messenger of Allaah.

4. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ is the last messenger of Allaah.

5. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ did not commit any sins.

6. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ came to teach us beautiful character.

7. Muslims must follow the ways and habits of Nabee Muhammad ﷺ.

8. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ took special care of women and the poor.

9. Nabee Muhammad ﷺ is our leader and master.

10. We love Nabee Muhammad ﷺ more than everyone in the world.
1. Who is the last messenger of Allaah ﷺ?

2. Was Nabee ﷺ sent as a prophet to all?

3. Did Nabee ﷺ commit any sins?

4. Who was given the highest position amongst all the Ambiyaa ﷺ?

5. All Muslims believe that Nabee ﷺ was
Colour in activity
Note to Muallim/ah

This book comes with:
1. Seven sets of flash words.
2. Stories for each lesson.
3. Three poems to be recited/sing along
4. Suggested development of lessons to cover the first section of the syllabus.

Flash words
The children will not be able to read these words without help but if they are displayed and discussed, it will help them to recognise these words. In this manner children will be familiar with the words they now find in their kitaabs. Many may be able to match the words and this will boost their confidence.

- Remember the flash cards are written in the same typeface as those in the kitaab.
- Remember that the children are only learning to read and write thus all questioning must be done orally.

Period 1:
- Children love stories so begin with the story of Bilal رضي الله عنه keeping in mind its relevance to the topic i.e. Oneness of Allaah. (stress the oneness of Allaah).

Pupil activity:
Colour in the words - Tawheed, oneness of Allaah.

Period 2:
- Revision
- Always do revision before proceeding with new work.
- Teach points 1, 2 & 3. Introduce flash cards with relevant words if available, if not write out the words on the board in the same type face.

Period 3:
- Revision
- Teach points 4, 5 & 6
- Introduce relevant flash words

Period 4:
- Revision
- Teach points 7, 8, 9 & 10
- Where appropriate, include the poem
  * remember to clarify any difficult words that you think the child may have.

Period 5:
- Revision
- Read the story again and ask children questions.
  E.g. - Who do we believe in?
  - Allaah is ........
  - Does Allaah have any parents etc.
  Continue with poem

Colour in activity:
Tawheed