<u>Mayar-e-Kabir</u> <u>Atfal Tarbiyyat Class – November 2024</u>

Sample Schedule

Time	Item	Description
11:45am	Arrival to Masjid/Salat Center	Please take note of attendance
12:00pm	Tilawat with English Translation	Surah Ibrahim, 14:33-35
12:05pm	Pledge	Local Qaid, Nazim Atfal, Murabbi Atfal Read Pledge - Arabic 3x, English 1x.
12:10pm	Watch: <pre>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmyqA6GqRzw + https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyT3NcT2w_8</pre>	
12:25pm	Tarbiyyat Class Presentation	See Guidelines
12:45pm	Group Formation for Activity	See Guidelines
12:50pm	Activity Session – Waqar-e-Amal	See Guidelines
1:20pm	Sports Activities + Lunch	Organized Sports
2:10pm	Zuhr/Asr Salat	

Tilawat

Surah Ibrahim - 14:33-35

ٱللهُ الَّذِيْ خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَٱنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَاخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ التَّمَارِثِ خَلَقَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَاخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ التَّمَارِةِ وَسَخَّرَ التَّمَارِةِ وَسَخَّرَ التَّمَارِةِ وَالْبَحْرِيِ فِي الْبَحْرِيِ فِي الْبَحْرِيِ الْمَرِةِ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الْأَنْهُرَ شَ

Allah is He Who created the heavens and the earth and ^[f]caused water to come down from the clouds, and brought forth therewith fruits for your sustenance, and ^[g]He has subjected to you the ships that they may sail through the sea by His command, and the rivers *too* has He subjected to you.

And ^[a]He has *also* subjected to you the sun and the moon, both performing their functions constantly. And He has subjected to you the night as well as the day.

And He gives you all that you ask^[1467] of Him, and ^[b]if you try to count the favours of Allah, you will not be able to number them. Verily, man is very unjust, very ungrateful.

<u>Atfal Tarbiyyat Class – November 2024</u> GUIDELINES – MAYAR-E-KABIR

Slide 1

- Reasons why this topic is being discussed:
 - Khalifatul Masih (aba) has guided that we should address this at an early appropriate age, so that we know what our teachings are.
 - o Certain ways of life are accepted, that we do not Islamically accept.
 - We should have confidence in our beliefs, and not be afraid what someone will say to us.
 - o Just because someone might get upset, it doesn't mean that we are wrong.
 - Many Christians do not like it when we say that Jesus is not the son of God, that does not mean that we are wrong all of a sudden, and they are right..

Slide 2

- Shaitan is quoted in the Quran that he will alter the creation of Allah.
- Accepting different forms of sexual attraction, or accepting that it is ok to think you are a man or woman when you very clearly biologically not so is a way of "altering Allah's creation.
- This is being done by Satan's influence.

Slide 3-5

- The Quran mentions Hazrat Lut (as) on at least three occasions, where it also mentions the sins of his people.
- These sins included men approaching other men, i.e, homosexuality. Allah has said that they have "exceeded bounds."
- Allah mentions that they are essentially acting against their nature, they are acting against the design that he has put in place. This is one of the main reason we disagree with it, and how we should also present our beliefs.
- That 1) We believe in a God who has forbidden it, and 2) It's against the design of Allah, which is that men and women are supposed to be together in a union.

Slides 6

- A few things to mention before going into the subject more.
- We can't just have the position of "as long your not hurting someone." Or just ignore and think it doesn't matter. We believe it to be categorically wrong.
- This does not make us rude or inconsiderate.
- We are not Christian, that doesn't mean we hate Christians, and it does not mean that others hate us.
- We disagree with this lifestyle choice just as we would disagree with having a physical relationship before marriage, or be in a relationship with someone other than your spouse, or drink alcohol, or being of another faith.

- We have a concern out of love. We do not want our society to go down the wrong path.
- We are becoming more and more in the minority, we should not be afraid our stance. <u>People will get upset</u>, but it's better to keep Allah happy. Like Hazrat Lut (as), you might have to suffer, but it will be for the sake of Allah.

Slide 7

- There are some basic responses that are often given, and we should have an answer in mind.
- This can also help us understand the concept a little better.

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- If someone says that they were born that way, even if we accept that fully, they can still have feelings that are mentally misplaced, or disordered.
- The question to ask: is what we are thinking aligned with the clear physical design of our bodies. If someone says that they feel they should walk on their hands and feet, and say that they just feel like that's the right way, and it makes them happy, we would still think that something is wrong in the way they are thinking.
- This is how we see feelings for the same gender.
- Some people are born with tendencies to more weight gain, but that doesn't mean that they have to stay that way because "they can't help it."
- Environmental factors from a young age also matter, that might make it appear as if they have these desires since birth.
- These factors could include being exposed to sexual material from a young age. This can excite desires during puberty, which is a time of great change in the human body.

Slide 9

- If every activity was justified because it made us feel happy, then almost every activity can be iustified.
- Similarly, how do we define what is harmful? A 10 year old will think something is good/bad, and a 30 year old will have a different definition.
- Allah's decides for us what is "hurtful" for us, He defines what is right and wrong.
- There are thousands of people that enjoy doing criminal acts, it does mean that those criminal acts are justified.
- The "harm" or "hurt" isn't just someone simply physically assaulting someone.
- If a child does not listen to their parents, and does not do chores such as making their bed and cleaning the room, then they are hurting themselves because they are not instilling discipline and how to take care of themselves when they get older.
- The child may think no one is "hurt" because he doesn't make his bed or do any other chores, but they are still damaging their development without them knowing it.
- Some actions have consequences in the long term.

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- People that identify as homosexual appear to live normal lives, such as studying and working. This is tied in with "there's no harm."

- However, there are others that appear to live normally, but have conditions or behaviors that we would disagree with.
- People have Tourette's, which are uncontrollable body movements. Many of them live lives like most people. But it is still considered to be not normal human physical behavior.
- There are others that self-harm themselves. It gives them a feeling a of excitement, but it's not considered normal to act in this way.
- There are also many wrong things we do physically that don't affect us on the spot, but overtime they damage us, while we go about our normal activities like playing sports, studying, working, etc.
- For example, sitting in bad postures, not running properly, over years these things begin to affect our body and lead to illnesses. We eat junk food and processes foods, and we don't feel the effect until many years later when our body begins to suffer. For example, diabetes.

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- Some think it's oppressive, that we believe we are destroying the right of the person to "be themselves" even though there is freedom in America.
- However, there are already wrong types of relationships that crushing majority people, even those who identify as homosexuals, would disagree with.
- The question then again becomes: "Who will define which relationships are not allowed."
- We already don't accept siblings being in romantic relationships, or parents with their children.
 - We believe homosexuality to be in the same parameters, a relationship that is unnatural and not according to the design of Allah.

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- Disagreeing with lifestyle choices does not mean that we hate that individual.
- We should always come from an angle of love and concern, which is to want others to live their lives according to the teachings of Islam.
- We disagree with every religion, it doesn't mean we hate the people who follow those religions.
- We have this guidance from the Holy Prophet (sa)

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- The reason why it is something to control is that since sexual impulses and physical attractions are very strong, older Atfal who will soon go through maturity are especially susceptible.
- The body goes through radical changes during puberty, and wrong influences can guide those powerful attractions and new feelings in the wrong direction.
- It's important that we also not expose ourselves to anything un-Islamic, homosexuality isn't the only wrong thing.

ACTIVITY – MAYAR-E-KABIR

Waqar-e-Amal Clean Up

Nazimeen are requested to organize thorough cleaning of the Masjid/Salaat Center to the best of their ability.

Make a list of all cleaning activities that can be done (a few listed below), and do a survey yourself if possible. Assign various tasks to Atfal.

- Brooming
- Mopping of Bathroom and Masjid lobby
- Vacuuming
- Window cleaning
- Door cleaning
- Discarding Unused Objects
- Moving objects to proper locations/arranging them neatly.
- Dusting off tables and chairs.
- Organizing scattered books/flyers.
- Watering plants.

Consult with local Qaid as well.

Even those areas that are already cleaned should be cleaned again, for the sake of practice.

Concentrate both inside and outside the property, including trash pickup, and collection and removal of stocked up old material.

Kitchen's are a location where Atfal do not go and clean, it can serve as a good opportunity for Waqr-e-Amal.

Walk around the entire time at all locations to keep watch of the Atfal.