بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

Teaching Children about Tawheed[1]

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All praise is due to Allaah and the peace and blessings be bestowed upon the Messenger of Allaah, his family, his companions, and those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Resurrection.

The First Lesson: Allaah created us to worship Him.

We were created by Allaah to worship Him, Allaah the Most-High says:

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ ٱلْجِنَّ وَٱلْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴿٥٦﴾ ﴾

"And I (Allaah) created not the *jinns* and humans except they should worship Me (Alone)."
(Adh-Dhariyat 51:56)

And Allaah, the Most-High says:

﴿ وَمَآ أُمِرُوٓاْ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُواْ ٱللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ ٱلدِّينَ ﴾

"And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allaah, alone, and make the religion sincerely for Him."
(Al-Baiyinah 98:5)

The Second Lesson: Allaah is our Lord.

Our Lord is Allaah, who is the Lord of all created things. He bestows upon them (the creation) apparent and hidden blessings. Allaah, the Most-High says:

﴿ ٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾ ﴾

"All the praises and thanks be to Allaah, the Lord of the *'Alameen* (mankind, *jinns* and all that exists)."
(Al-Fatihah 1:2)

And Allaah, the Most-High says:

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﴿ قُلۡ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ ٱلنَّاسِ ۝١ ﴾

"Say, 'I seek refuge with (Allaah) the Lord of mankind.'"
(An-Nas 114:1)

And the Most-High says:

﴿ وَأَسۡبَغَ عَلَيۡكُمۡ نِعَمَهُۥ ظَٰهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً ﴾

"And (Allaah) has completed and perfected His blessings upon you; (both) apparent (i.e. Islaamic Monotheism, and the lawful pleasures of this world, including health, good looks, etc.) and hidden."
(Luqman 31:20)

The Third Lesson: The definition of Islaam.

Islaam is to submit to Allaah with *Tawheed* (Islaamic Monotheism; singling out Allaah in all acts of belief and worship) and to comply and obey Him (by obeying His commands and abstaining from His prohibitions); and to free the religion from all forms of *shirk* (i.e. polytheism, idolatry, or any form or creation worship).

The Most-High says:

﴿ فَإِلَٰهُكُمۡ إِلَٰهٞ وَٰحِدٞ فَلَهُۥٓ أَسۡلِمُواْۗ وَبَشِّرِ ٱلۡمُخۡبِتِينَ ۝٣٤ ﴾

"And your Ilaah (God) is One Ilaah (God - Allaah), so you must submit to Him Alone (in Islaam). And give glad tidings to the *Mukhbitoon* (those who obey Allaah with humility and are humble from among the true believers of Islaamic Monotheism)."
(Al-Hajj 22:34)

The Fourth Lesson: The levels of the religion of Islaam.

The levels of the religion of Islaam are three:

1. Islaam
2. *Eemaan*
3. *Ihsaan*

The Fifth Lesson: The Pillars of Islaam.

There are five pillars of Islaam:

1. The testimony that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allaah and that Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Allaah.
2. The establishment of prayer.
3. The giving of charity.

4. Making the pilgrimage to Allaah's House (the *Kabah* in Makkah; at least once in a lifetime if one has the means to do so).
5. Fasting during the month of *Ramadhaan*.

The proof for this is found in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullaah Ibn 'Umar ﷺ who reported that Allaah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Islaam is built upon five: bearing witness that no deity has the right to be worshipped except Allaah and that Muhammad is His servant and final Messenger, establishing the prayer, paying the charity, making pilgrimage to the house (the *Kabah* in Makkah), and fasting during the month of *Ramadhaan*."[2]

The Sixth Lesson: The definition of *Eemaan* (faith).

Eemaan (faith) is a statement upon the tongue, a belief in the heart and action with the limbs and its pillars. It *(Eemaan)* increases with obedience and decreases with disobedience.

The Seventh Lesson: The Pillars of *Eemaan* (faith).

There are six pillars of *Eemaan* (faith):

1. To believe in Allaah
2. His angels
3. His books
4. His messengers
5. To believe in the Final Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection).
6. To believe in the *Qadr* (divine pre-ordainment); whether it be good or bad.[3]

The Eighth Lesson: *Eemaan* (faith) increases and decreases.

Eemaan (faith) increases with obedience (to Allaah) and decreases with disobedience. Allaah ﷻ says:

﴿ إِنَّمَا ٱلْمُؤْمِنُونَ ٱلَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ ٱللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَايَٰتُهُۥ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَٰنًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٢﴾ ﴾

"The believers are only those who, when Allaah is mentioned, feel a fear in their hearts and when His verses (this Qur'aan) are recited unto them, they (i.e. the verses) increase their Faith; and they put their trust in their Lord (Alone)." (Al-Anfal 8:2)

Aboo Sa'eed al-Khudree ﷺ reported that he heard the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ say, "Whoever sees an evil should change it with his hand. If he is unable, then with his

[2] Agreed upon
[3] Reported by Muslim

tongue, and if he is unable to do even that, then with his heart, and that is the weakest of *Eemaan* (faith).[4]

The Ninth Lesson: *Ihsaan* (perfection of worship).

The definition of *Ihsaan:* "To worship Allaah as though you see Him, although you do not see him, you know that He sees you."[5]

The Tenth Lesson: The meaning of the testimony *La ilaha ilaAllaah*.

It means that nothing is worthy of worship in truth except Allaah. Allaah ﷻ says:

﴿ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ ٱللَّهَ هُوَ ٱلْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِهِۦ هُوَ ٱلْبَٰطِلُ وَأَنَّ ٱللَّهَ هُوَ ٱلْعَلِىُّ ٱلْكَبِيرُ ﴿٦٢﴾ ﴾

"That is because Allaah - He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Baatil (falsehood). And verily, Allaah - He is the Most High, the Most Great."
(Al-Hajj 22:62)

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[5] Reported by Muslim from the *hadeeth* of Aboo Hurayrah ﷺ.