

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO MOSQUE

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IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN IN ISLAM

Dear Mumins!

Supreme religion Islam not only focuses on the protection of our mind, souls, and properties, but also focuses on the protection of our future generation: "our children". Children are given to us by Allah (swt) as gifts and blessings. They add meaning to our lives by showcasing peace and joy in our homes. The Quran states that children are the future of our nations. As parents, educators and part of society we must make sure that proper value is given to the children who will become the future of our nations' youths.



showcase good moral values, have them understand the sense of responsibility, teach them about Islam, be friendly to them and show them genuine interest. We as Muslims must also protect and help orphans. Our prophet (pbuh) was an orphan. He showed special interest in them, and prohibited any type of mistreatment towards them. Our prophet (pbuh) stated that " the most auspicious house in Muslim

homes are the ones who care for orphans, the worst ones are the ones who mistreat the orphans." (3)

Our children have been entrusted to us by Allah (swt). They have been entrusted to us without sins when they were born. As long as we educate them properly, teach them good habits they will become good people. Islam teaches us that we must love our children and showcase compassion and tolerance towards them. Our prophet (pbuh) stated that "he who doesn't have compassion for children and respect for the elderly is not from us."(1) We can clearly see that our prophet (pbuh) strongly encouraged us to treat children with unconditional love. During the times when children were treated badly in society, our prophet (pbuh) showed great love and compassion towards children.

He (pbuh) gave greetings to children, played with them, and even carried them on his back. He always showcased loving attitude towards them. This behavior should be a good example to humanity. Almighty Allah (swt) states that "O who believe! Ward off yourselves and your families against a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is man and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern and severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the commands they receive from Allah, but do that which they are recommended." (2)

All parents would like to have children who will be beneficial to society, so to fulfill this wish we Muslims must feed our children with halal food, have peaceful and great family atmosphere,

We must value our future generation. If we want our children to be conducive to our happiness in this world and hereafter we must treat them the way Almighty Allah (swt) commands us. I would like to finish my hutba with a prayer from the Quran "And those who say ' Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders of the Muttaqun." (4)

1- Tirmizi, el Birr ve' s sila, 15

2- At Tahrir/6

3- Ibn-Mace, Adap, 6

4- Furgan/74