



Parenting Advice for Muslim Mothers

Activity 2:

Simple crafts activity to build the concept of *Iman*, while developing creativity and fine motor skills.

Purpose:

To teach our young children about the foundations of our belief, as we know that the Messenger ﷺ would teach young ones about *Iman* (Faith) before he taught them the Quran.

What to say:

Explain that our *Iman* (belief) is what makes us Muslims. It can be thought of like a tree with many branches, including:

1. Believing that there is no God but Allah ﷻ alone, who created us and loves us and gives us everything we have; who knows everything, can do anything, and to Him we have to answer for our deeds.
2. Believing in the angels even though we can't see them, but they are assigned by Allah ﷻ to do lots of important jobs to keep the world running.
3. Believing in the holy books that Allah ﷻ sent down to teach us how to live our lives, of which the Blessed Quran is the final book.
4. Believing in the Prophets who brought the message of Allah ﷻ and showed us by example how to live our lives, of whom Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the last Messenger.
5. Believing that there will be a Day of Judgement when we will all be brought back to life, or Book of Deeds will be opened, and we will be sent to *Jannah* (Heaven) if we deserve reward or *Jahannum* (Hell) if we deserve punishment.
6. Loving others, wishing well for them, and being kind and helpful, e.g. by removing something harmful from their path
7. Being modest in our dress, and humble in our attitude



8. Having shyness from doing anything wrong knowing that even if we are secretly doing it and think that nobody can see us but that Allah ﷻ certainly sees us doing it.

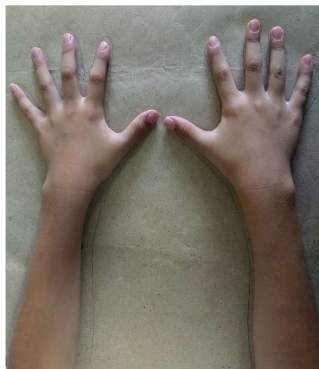
9. Being sincere, honest and truthful

Materials Needed: Scissors, Glue, White sheet of paper, Brown paper (repurposed from a used paper bag), Green tissue paper or kite paper, Red tissue paper (optional)

What to do:

Step 1:

Trace your child's hands on the brown paper.



Step 2:

Ask your child to cut out the hands shape. Help little ones with the cutting.



Step 3:

Overlap the hands to take a shape of a tree trunk and stick to the middle of the white sheet.



Step 4:

Cut out small squares from the tissue paper to make leaves and fruit



Step 5:

Spread glue around the tree trunk in the shape you would like for your tree to take and scrunch up the pieces of green tissue paper and stick around the branches like leaves



Step 6:

Cut out a fringe of tissue paper and stick to make grass under the tree trunk



Step 7:

Write down the articles of Iman on the branches and the word Iman on the trunk of the tree.

