

A NEW VERSION OF

# USOOL AL THALATHA

For young scholars

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# AQEEDAH:

## THE LINGUISTIC MEANING OF AQEEDAH:

The word Aqeedah is derived from the root word 'Aqada, which means to 'tie something (firmly),' and "T'taqadtu such and such" meaning, "I tied my heart and mind to it."

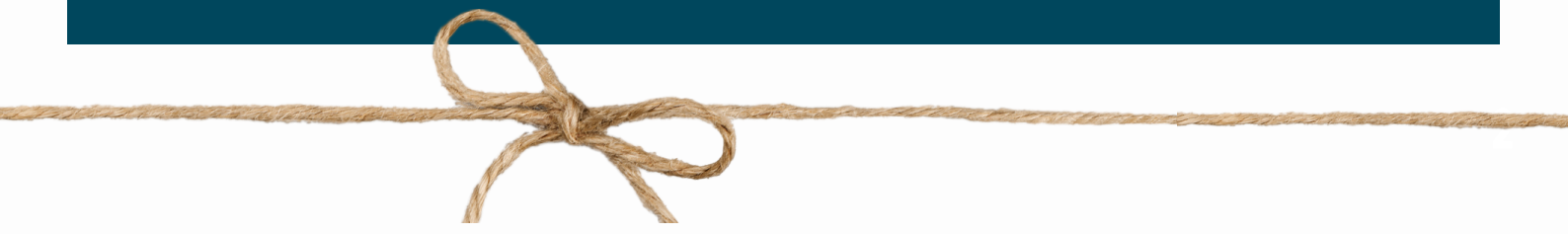
'Al-Aqeedah' is what a person believes as a religion. It is said, "he has a good aqeedah" means "he's protected from doubts."

Aqeedah is an action of the heart, i.e., to believe and affirm something in the heart.

## THE MEANING OF AQEEDAH ACCORDING TO THE SHARI'AH:

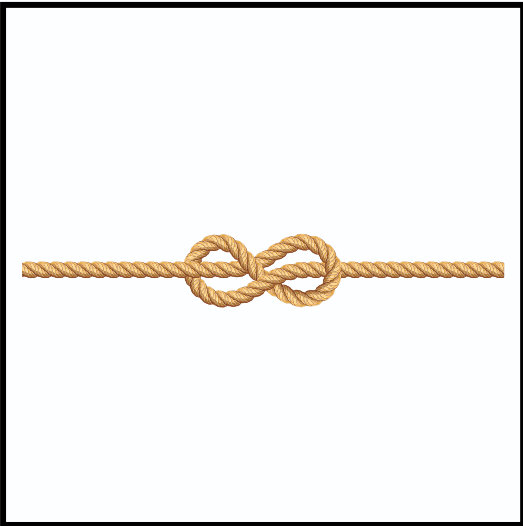
It is the belief in Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, the Last Day and belief in al-Qadr (Predestination) - its good and evil.

These are called the Pillars of Imaan (faith).



# ACTIVITY TIME

**Take a rope.**



**Tie a knot as tightly  
as you can.**

**Now, try to remove the  
knot. It is hard, right?**

**In the same way, we  
must be strong in our  
belief.**



# THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Worshipping our Creator ALLAH is the reason we were created on this Earth. When Allah has willed, we will leave this world. Our souls will depart and we will be placed in graves. When the Day of Resurrection arrives, we will be raised from our graves and will be held responsible for our deeds.

In order to live as a practising Muslim and die as a Muslim, we must realize our purpose of life and live by it.

Allah has tasked two angels, al-Munkar and an-Nakeer, with asking three (3) questions to all those who have died and are in the grave.

WHO IS YOUR  
LORD?

WHAT IS YOUR  
RELIGION?

WHO IS YOUR  
PROPHET?





# First principle

## WHO IS YOUR LORD?



**Our Lord is Allah, the One who created and nurtured us and all of His creations by His Wisdom and Mercy. The One who is in absolute control over each and every affair. He is the only One who is worthy of worship and there is nothing (or none) equal to Him.**

## HOW DID WE COME TO KNOW ABOUT HIM?

**Through His signs, especially His creations. Amongst His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon; and among His creations are the seven (levels of) heaven and the seven (levels of) earth, as well as whoever (and whatever) lies in them and between them. A goat and a silkworm may eat the same mulberry leaf but the products we get from both the creatures are totally different. Who could have created all these creations with so much diversity and wisdom? It is Allah, the only true God.**

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ

قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

**SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2: 21**

**EXPLAIN THE ABOVE AYAH.**

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**and the verses which are relevant to the first principle and note them down.**

## WHAT IS THE FIRST PRINCIPLE?

Activity Time

How do you explain the Oneness of Allah?  
Explain with beautiful examples.





## ACTIVITY TIME.

**How do you explain the Oneness of Allah?  
Explain with beautiful examples.**

Whoever directs any kind of  
worship to anyone or anything  
other than Allah, then he is a  
disbeliever and has committed  
**SHIRK.**



**ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP ARE FOR**  
**ALLAH** **ALONE**



وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسَ إِلَّا  
لِيَعْبُدُونِ

### ALLAH SAYS:

I did not create jinns and humans  
except to worship Me.

QUR'AN, 51: 56



### WORSHIP ALLAH ALONE

QUR'AN, 4: 36

Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to  
parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy,  
the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the  
companion at your side, the traveller, and those whom  
your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like  
those who are self-deluding and boastful.

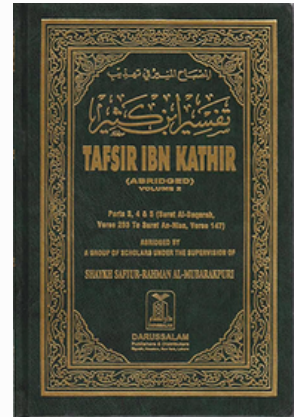


NONE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP  
EXCEPT ALLAH.

# LET'S RESEARCH!

Form a team of two and make a chart with the given topics.

**CHOOSE VERSES FROM THE QUR'AN  
AND WRITE THEIR TAFSEER WITH  
RELEVANT PICTURES OR DRAWINGS  
IN YOUR NOTEBOOK.**



Book reference:  
Tafseer Ibn Kathir

**Write the verses that talk about believers and disbelievers on each column.**

*Believers*

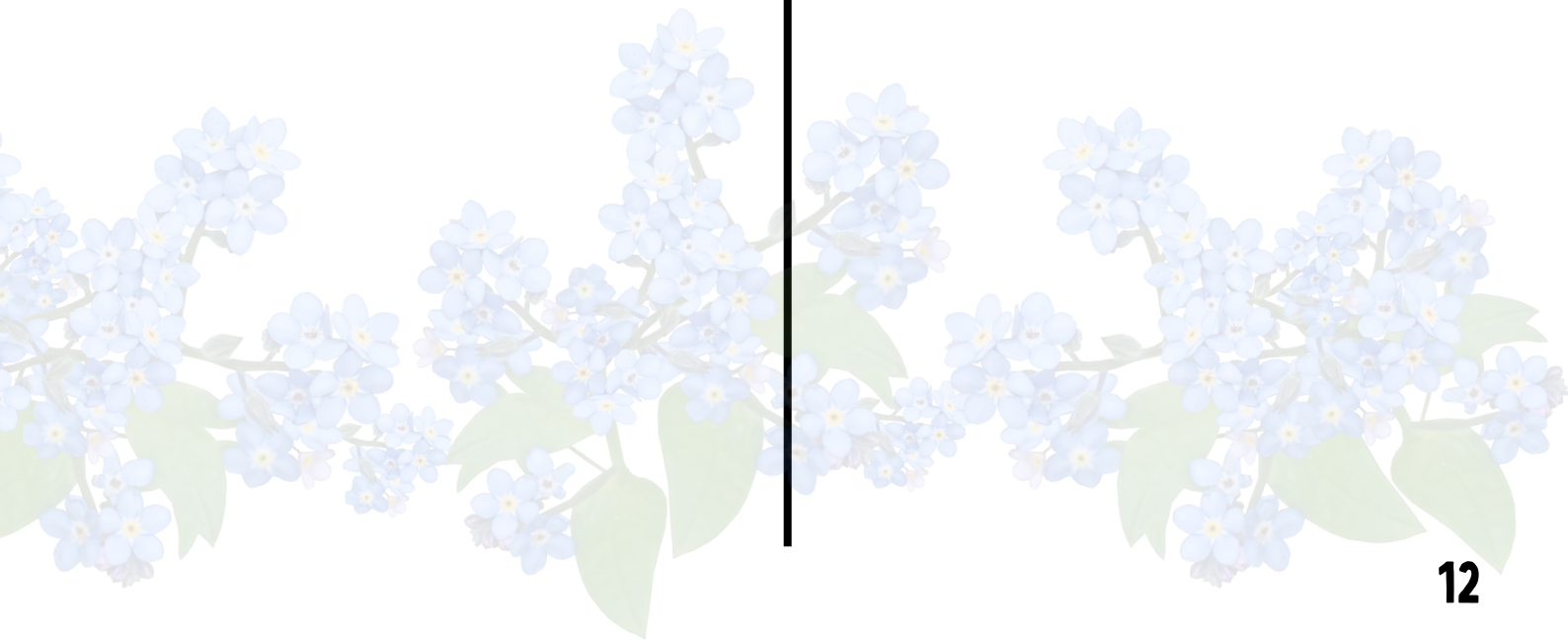
*Disbelievers*



**Write the verses that talk about believers and disbelievers on each column.**

*Believers*

*Disbelievers*



# Importance of knowing Aqeedah



Allah – the Most High – said, whilst addressing His Prophet (ﷺ):

“So have knowledge about La ilaha illAllah (i.e, have knowledge that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah), and seek forgiveness for your sins, and for the believing men and women.”

(Surah Muhammad 47: 19)

Aqeedah (creed and belief) is the foundation of the religion. It is only with correct belief that all of our deeds will get accepted by Allah.

*Knowing  
Allah*

*Worshipping  
Allah  
alone*

*Jannah*

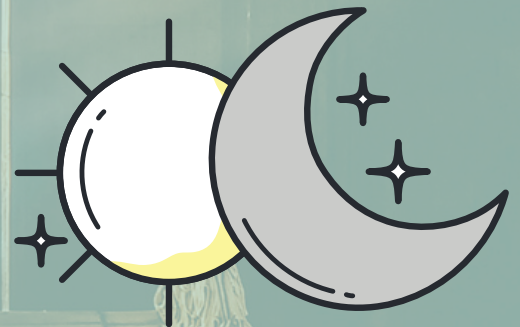


# What is shirk and kufr?

**Shirk is to devote any act of worship to anything or anyone besides Allah.**

**Examples:**

**Seeking help from the dead, the jinn, idols, the stars, and so on. Offering sacrifices or making vows to them.**



**Kufr is the denial and concealment of the Truth.**

**Examples:**

**Denying the obligation of Salah, Zakah, Sawm etc.**

**PILLARS OF ISLAM**



**Ibn Katheer (may Allah have mercy on him) said:  
“The Creator of these things is the One who  
deserves to be worshipped.”**

**Allah has commanded complete worship of Him  
alone through the following means**

**Islam (submission and obedience to Allah)**

**Imaan (true belief comprising the speech of the  
tongue and action of the limbs)**

**Ihsaan (perfection of worship)**

## **HAVE A HEALTHY ARGUMENT WITH EXAMPLES**

**Which is more important?  
Knowing Allah or  
worshipping Allah?**





# **How to worship Allah?**

**Invocation/supplication (du'a)**

**Reverential fear (khawf)**

**Hope and longing (rajaa')**

**Trust and reliance (tawakkul)**

**Fervent desire (raghbah)**

**Dread (rahbah)**

**Reverence and humility (khushoo')**

**Awe (khashyah)**

**Turning repentantly (inaabah)**

**Seeking aid and assistance (isti'aanah)**

**Seeking refuge (isti'aadhah)**

**Seeking deliverance and rescue (istighaathah)**

**Sacrificing (dhabh)**

**Making a vow (nadhr)**

**The proof for Du'a (Supplication) is Allah's saying:**

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ

**And your Lord says: "Supplicate to Me, I will" respond to you. Verily those who are too proud to worship Me will enter the Hellfire in disgrace.":**  
**(Surah Ghaafir 40:60)**



**The proof for Fear (Khawf) is Allah's saying:**

فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ

**"..So do not fear them, but fear Me if you are true believers."**

**(Surah Aal-Imran 3: 175)**

**The proof for Hope (Rajaa') is Allah's saying:**

..فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

**"..so whoever hopes to meet his Lord, then let him perform righteous deeds, and not mix anyone into the worship of his Lord." (Surah Al-Kahf 18: 110)**



**The proof for Reliance (Tawakkul) is Allah's saying:**

..وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَتَوَكَّلُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ

**"..And upon Allah (alone) put your reliance if you are truly believers." (Surah Al- Ma'idah 5: 23)**

**The proof for Longing (Raghbah), Dreading (Rahbah) and Submissiveness (Khusoo') is Allah's saying:**

..إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسْرِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا وَكَانُوا لَنَا خَشِيعِينَ

**".. Verily, they used to rush to do good deeds, and they would call on Us, longing (His reward) and dreading (His punishment), and they used to humble themselves submissively before Us." (Surah Al-Anbiya' 21: 90)**



**The proof for Awe (Khashyah) is Allah's saying:**

..فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنِي..

**"...so do not be in awe of them, but have awe of Me..."**

**(Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 150)**



**The proof for Repentance (Inaabah) is Allah's saying:**

وَأَنِيبُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلِمُوا لَهُ..

**"And turn to your Lord in repentance and submit to Him  
(as Muslims)..."**

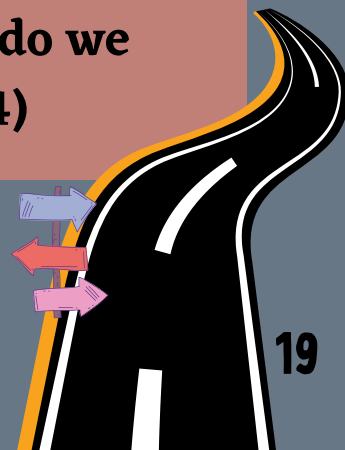
**(Surah Az-Zumar 39: 54)**



**The proof for Seeking Assistance (Isti'aanah) is  
Allah's saying:**

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

**"You alone do we worship and in You alone do we  
seek assistance." (Surah Al-Fatihah 1: 4)**



**The proof for Seeking Refuge (Isti'aadha) is Allah's saying:**

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

**"Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of the daybreak."  
(Surah Al-Falaq 113:1)**

**The proof for Seeking Rescue (Istighaathah) is Allah's saying:**

إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ

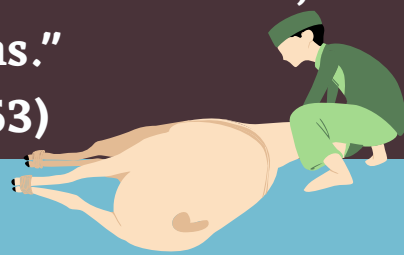
**"And remember when you sought help from your Lord and He responded to you..."  
(Surah Al-Anfal 8: 9)**

**The proof for Offering Sacrifices (Dhabh) is Allah's saying:**

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ.

لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ۖ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

**"Say: Verily my prayer, my sacrificial offerings, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds."  
"He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims."  
(Surah Al-An'am 6: 162-163)**





**The proof for Making Vows (Nadhr) is Allah's saying:**

يُوفُونَ بِالنَّذْرِ وَيَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا كَانَ شَرُّهُ مُسْتَطِيرًا

**"They are those who fulfill their vows and fear a Day whose evil will be widespread."**

**(Surah Al-Insan 76: 7)**

**PLAY**

**TIME**

**Make two sets of square cards: One set containing an act of worship, and the other with its meaning. Shuffle the cards and see how many you can rightly connect.**

**KHAWF**

**FEAR OF  
ALLAH**

**GET  
READY**

**HERE IS AN EXAMPLE**



# The second principle

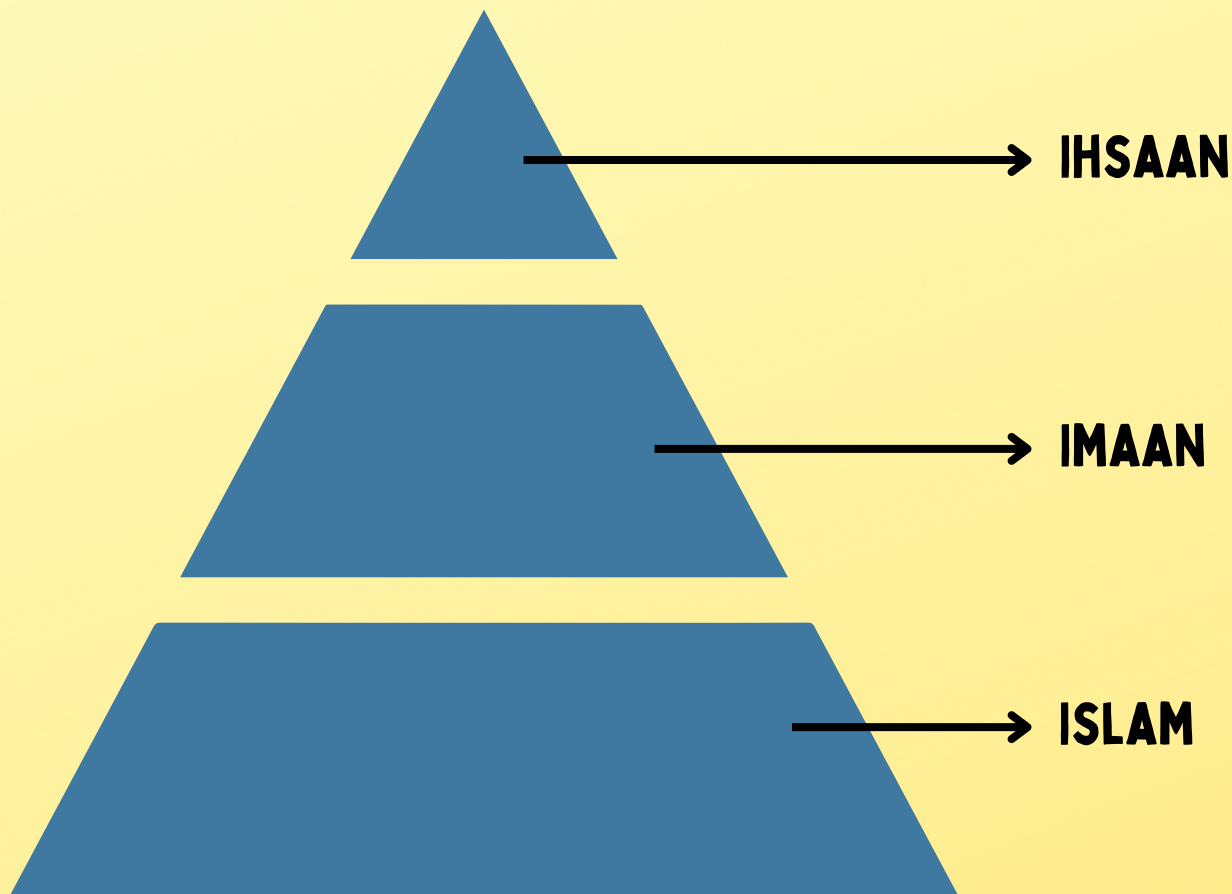
**AL-MUNKAR AND AN-NAKEER WILL  
ASK,**

**"WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION?"**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MUSLIM?**

**SUBMITTING TO ALLAH'S ONENESS (TAWHEED)  
CONSTANTLY AIMING TO PLEASE ALLAH  
BY BEING OBEDIENT TO HIM  
TO BEWARE OF COMMITTING ANY MAJOR SINS,  
ESPECIALLY SHIRK, KUFR.**

## BELIEF CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES



# PILLARS OF ISLAM

1. TESTIMONY OF FAITH:  
DECLARING THAT THERE IS NO DEITY WORTHY OF  
WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH AND THAT MUHAMMAD (ﷺ)  
IS HIS LAST PROPHET AND MESSENGER.
2. ESTABLISHING THE PRAYER:  
PRAYING THE FIVE DAILY OBLIGATORY PRAYERS.
3. GIVING ZAKAH:  
GIVING 2.5% OF OUR WEALTH AS CHARITY, YEARLY.
4. FASTING:  
IN THE MONTH OF RAMADAN.
5. PERFORMING HAJJ:  
AT LEAST ONCE IN A LIFETIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
CAPABLE (PHYSICALLY AND FINANCIALLY).

# STICK THE APPROPRIATE PICTURE UNDER THE GIVEN BOX

**Shahadah**



**Salah**



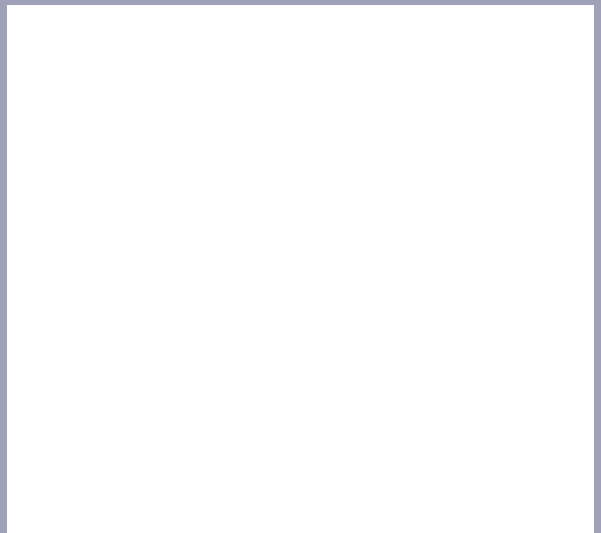
**Zakah**



**Sawm**



**Hajj**



# IMAAN

THE SECOND LEVEL IS AL-IMAAN (TRUE FAITH) AND IT HAS SEVENTY ODD BRANCHES. THE HIGHEST OF THEM IS THE SAYING OF "LA ILAHA ILLALLAH" AND THE LOWEST OF THEM IS REMOVAL OF THAT WHICH IS HARMFUL FROM THE PATH; AND AL-HAYAA' (A SENSE OF SHAME) IS A BRANCH OF IMAAN.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT THAT YOU TURN YOUR FACES TOWARD THE EAST OR THE WEST, BUT [TRUE] RIGHTEOUSNESS IS [IN] ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ALLAH, THE LAST DAY, THE ANGELS, THE BOOK, AND THE PROPHETS.

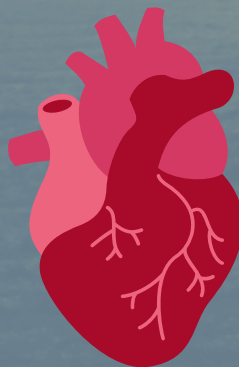
(SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2: 177)

## Imaan is



Speech by  
tongue

+



Belief in  
heart

+



Action of  
limbs

# PILLARS OF IMAAN

*Belief in*

**1**

**Allah**

**2**

**Angels**

**3**

**Books**

**4**

**Messengers**

**5**

**Last Day**

**6**

**Qadr**



# 6 Pillars of Imaan

Believe in Allah

Believe in Malaikat

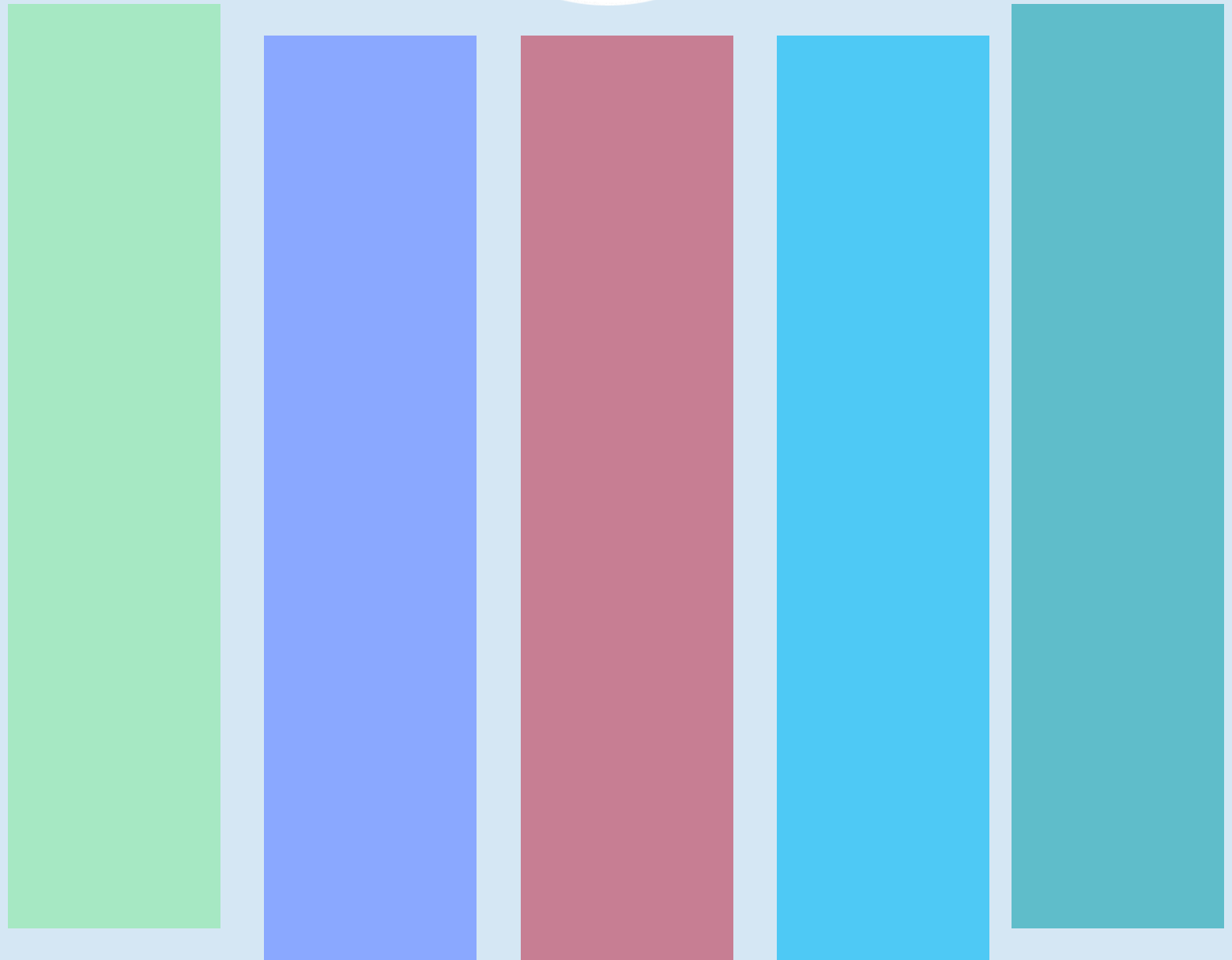
Believe in Rasool

Believe in Kitab

Believe in Yaumul Qiyamah

Believe in Qada' and Qadar

MAKE A RAINBOW WITH THE GIVEN CUT-OUT (IN THE NEXT PAGE) AND WRITE THE PILLARS OF IMAAN AS SHOWN IN THE ABOVE PICTURE.





# IHSAAN

**Ihsaan is that you worship Allah as though you see Him, for even though you cannot see Him, He still sees you.**

*Indeed, Allah is with those who have Taqwa and those who have Ihsaan.  
(Surah al-Nahl 16: 128)*





# Third principle

THE QUESTION WILL BE:

**WHO IS  
YOUR  
PROPHET?**

HE IS MUHAMMAD (ﷺ), THE SON OF 'ABDULLAH, THE SON OF 'ABDUL-MUTTALIB IBN HASHIM. HASHIM WAS FROM THE (THE TRIBE OF) QURAYSH AND QURAYSH WAS FROM THE ARABS. AND THE ARABS ARE FROM THE OFFSPRING OF (PROPHET) ISMAIL, SON OF (PROPHET) IBRAHIM.

**WRITE THE NAMES IN THE GIVEN CIRCLES**



**GREAT-GRANDFATHER**



**GRANDFATHER**



**FATHER**

Handwritten signature in Arabic script, likely reading 'Muhammad' (محمد).

**HE (ﷺ) LIVED FOR SIXTY-THREE YEARS, FORTY OF WHICH WAS PRIOR TO HIS PROPHETHOOD AND TWENTY THREE OF WHICH HE SPENT AS A PROPHET AND MESSENGER.**

MENTION THE INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED CORRESPONDING TO THE GIVEN AGES.



Allah, the Mighty and Majestic,  
sent to us, the people of this Ummah,  
the Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ)  
relating the signs and ayaat of our Lord  
to us, purifying us, and teaching us the  
Book and the Wisdom. This is just as He  
had sent messengers to those before us.  
Allah, the Blessed and the Most High,  
says:

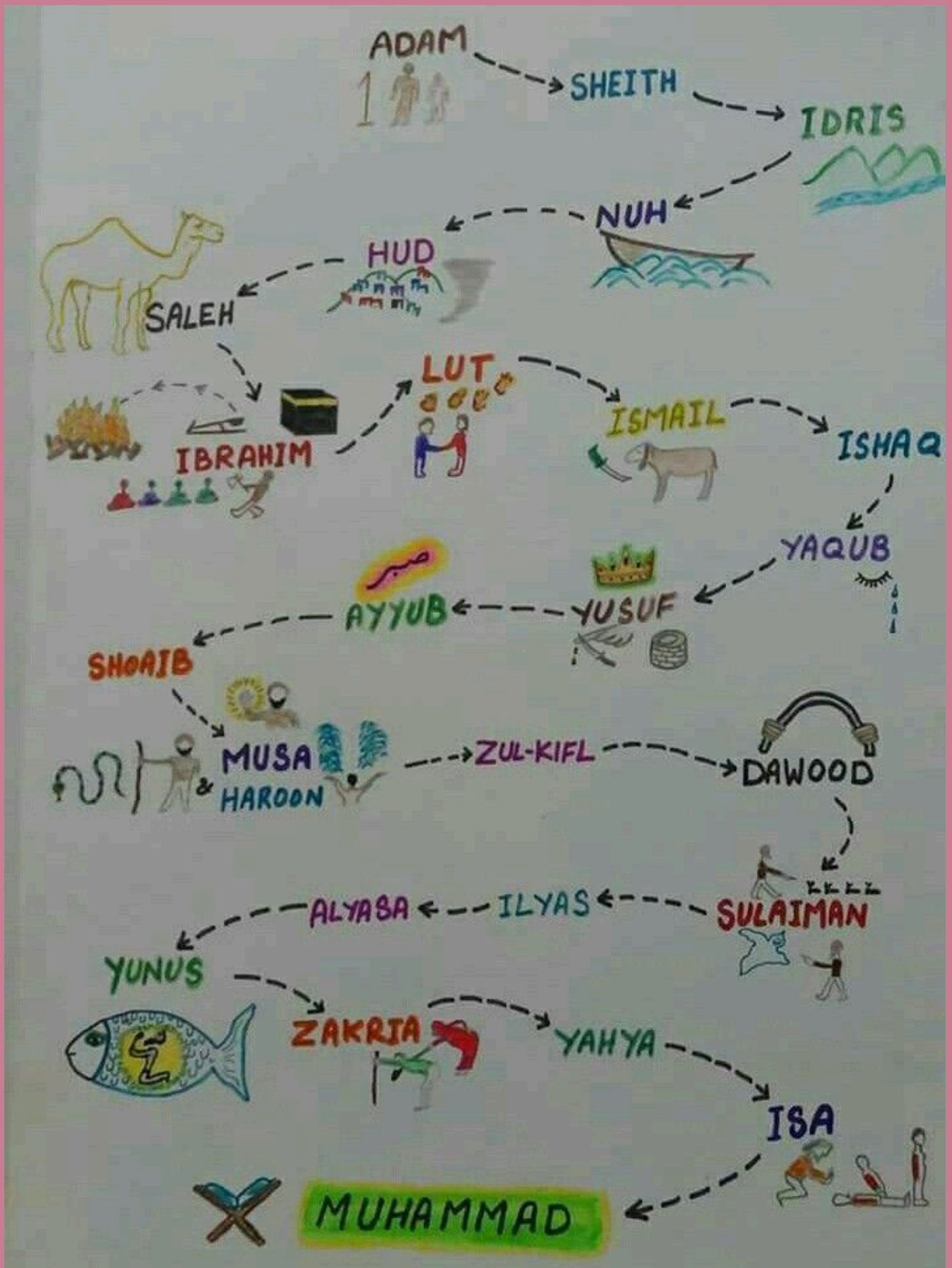
"There was not a previous nation except  
that Allah sent a warner to them."  
(Surah Fatir 35: 24)

**PROPHET  
TO GUIDE  
US**

**It is not possible for us to worship Allah in the manner He is pleased with except by means of the Messengers, since they are the ones who explained to us what Allah loves and is pleased with, and whatever will draw us closer to Him, the Mighty and Majestic. Therefore it was from Allah's Wisdom that He sent the messengers to the creation as bearers of good tidings and warners.**

## **WRITE DOWN THE DUTIES OF A MESSENGER**





MAKE A CHART SIMILAR TO THIS. THEN NUMBER EACH PROPHET TO PLAY A GAME.

# PROPHETS HUNT

LET "PLAYER A" ASK "PLAYER B" BEGIN COUNTING SILENTLY. PLAYER B MUST STOP WHEN PLAYER A INDICATES, LANDING AT A NUMBER. PLAYER A MUST THEN TALK ABOUT THE PROPHET WHOSE NAME CORRESPONDS TO THAT NUMBER IN THE CHART.

EXAMPLE: IF PLAYER B STOPPED AT 5, PLAYER A NEEDS TO TALK ABOUT PROPHET HUD (PEACE BE UPON HIM).

**Make your own board game**

