

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الَّذِي أَعْطَى فَأَجْزَلَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَلَهُ الشُّكْرُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا  
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، قُدْوَةٌ كُلِّ حَامِدٍ؛ فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى  
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الْحَامِدِينَ الشَّاكِرِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ  
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. He bestowed His favours abundantly on us. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. All the praises and thanks are due to Him. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. He was the best of all who praised Allah. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure grateful family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

## Learning From Our Children - The Primordial Life

The Word “Dhuriyah” is mentioned 32X in the Qur'an, the basis of life/society

Ibrahim – Zakariyya – Nuh – Musa - All prayed for families

**And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."(25:74)**

When we think of children, we often think: “How can we raise them?” “How can we provide for them?” “How can we teach them?” “How can we protect them?”

*“Each of you is a shepherd, and each of you will be held accountable for his flock.” “Teach your children and family good manners and etiquette.”*

- **The reality is they have been sent down by Allah to teach us how to live**
- **Purity of Heart/Being:** Children do not hold grudges and forgive easily. They are transparent about their feelings. They have no ulterior motives.

**“But pardon them and overlook their misdeeds. Indeed, Allah loves the doers of good” (5:13)**

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- **Perseverance/Dedication** : Children do not give up easily, they are goal oriented. Obstacles are ignored, and they focus on their goals until they get what they want.

*Seek Allah's help with patient perseverance and prayer. It is indeed hard except for those who are humble. "(2:45)*

- **Ability to Adjust**: Children adjust quickly to changes in their lives and are resilient but flexible, unlike adults who are often rigid and resistant to change.

**Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship (2:185)**

- **Laughter and Smiling**: The average child laughs around 200 times a day, while the average adult laughs 14-17 times a day. Most adults are borderline grumpy a good part of the day.

**And that it is He who makes one laugh and weep (53:43)**

**I have not seen anyone who smiled more than the Messenger of Allah  
(Tirmidhi)**

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- **Discovery:** Children are naturally curious. They are continuously making discoveries about their own abilities and the world around them.

**“We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that it is the truth.(41:53)**

- **Trust:** Children are noticeably trusting of others. People who choose to trust tend to be happier, better liked by others

**“And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him.” (65:3)**

- **Confidence:** Young children feel that they are the most beautiful, the fastest, the strongest, the smartest

**“O my Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness). And make this matter easy for me. (20:25-28)**

**So direct your face toward the religion, inclining to truth. Adhere to the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created all people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know. (30:30)**