# **Disposition:** Being Thankful

## **Lesson:** Two

### **Question/LO:** When and why do followers of Islam say ‘thank you’? Explore the concept of parents in Islam as gifts from Allah (God)

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | How many of you have parents or people who look after you? Show of hands. (For the rest of this lesson we will just use the word parents and this will include anyone who looks after you even if you are not living with mum and dad.)Ask pupils to briefly discuss in pairs the sorts of things their parents do for them.Collate this information onto a chart shaped like a body outline (think murder scene!) under 6 or more broad headings. These might be *Head*– nurture (e.g. spiritual training and example, emotional caring, and caring in times of physical sickness); *Heart* – love (e.g. forgiveness, tenderness, self-sacrifice); *Tummy* – providing (e.g. food, clothes & shelter); *Arms* – guiding (e.g. first steps, hugs and reassurance & sending out into independence in the world); *Legs* – supporting (e.g. safe ‘place’ to learn to be yourself & to return to in times of trouble); *Hands* – serving (e.g. practical care such as cooking and cleaning); and *Feet*– enabling (e.g. creating and paying for opportunities such as education and travel).Read Reading One and discuss by asking pupils:Why do you think the Prophet ﷺ mentioned the mother three times before he mentioned the father?(Answer: to emphasis caring for the mother is three times more important than caring for the father because the mother has to go through pregnancy, birth and generally caring for the child in the early years of the child’s life when they are at their most vulnerable, regard to the high status of women in Islam.)Caring for mother is a way of saying thank you. Read Reading Two and discuss by asking pupils:1) What may have been the special circumstances of the person’s parents?(A: disabled, old age, illness etc).2) Why do you think prophet Mohammad advised him not to join the army?(A: looking after the parents in their time of need is the best thing that children can ever do if they wish to please Allah (God).)(Hadith: Muslim, chapter 1, Hadith 2548, 2549R3)3) How might you (the children) show love and care for your parents at your current age and situation in life?(A: being obedient and responsive to parental guidance; taking personal responsibility - e.g. for own mess/room; and being helpful - e.g. chores).These are different ways of saying thank you.Muslims believe (Imaan) thatMohammadﷺisthe last Prophet to bring the message of Allah (God) to the people. He has such an important place in Islam that when Muslims say his name they say a blessing. Muslims Belief in all the prophets is one of the pillars of Imaan (beliefs). Recap six Pillars of Imaan (belief);***Teacher Information***1. *Tawheed (belief in one Allah). Allah has no children, parents, partners and beyond imagination and is understood by His attributes, the 99 names of Allah.*
2. *Risallah (belief in all the prophets Allah has sent from Prophet Adam to Prophet Mohammad ﷺ including Ibrahim, (Abraham), Musa (Moses), Isa (Jesus).*
3. *Books (belief in all the books revealed by Allah to His prophets eg Torat (Torah) to Moses, Injil (Bible) to Jesus and Qur’an to Prophet Mohammad ﷺ (Muslims believe to be the last Prophet) to name but a few.*
4. *Angels such as Jibrail (Gabriel) who bought the message of Allah to all the prophets of Allah.*
5. *Destiny which means that all good and bad in a Muslims life comes from Allah.*
6. *Day of Judgment and life after death.*

Tell the children Muslims are thankful towards their parents and show their thanks to Allah (God) for giving them loving parents, by looking after their parents in their life time and praying for them when they die. Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) said a beautiful Du’a (prayer):*‘Lord forgive me and my parents and the believers on the day of Judgment’ (Qur’an 14:41)* Muslims see parents as gifts from Allah (God) and followers of Islam say Thank you to Allah (God) by looking after their parents. | Resource sheet; ‘Readings: Exploring the concept of parents as gifts from Allah (God)’KS2\_Y4\_Unit\_02\_Aut\_Wk\_02\_of\_03\_R2\_Resource\_Parents Gifts\_from\_Allah\_v1 |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | Ask the pupils, do they think they are thankful?  | n/a |
| Learning to discern | Ask the pupils1. Is thanking others simply polite or more important than that?
2. How does being thankful affect them?
3. How does being thankful affect others?
 | n/a |