

OUR GREAT HELPERS: TREES TEACHER GUIDE

1. Set the Tone and Purpose (1 min)

- <u>Begin with Bismillah.</u>
- Remind students that knowledge is from Allah and for the purpose of knowing Allah better.

2. Preview the Issue (10 mins)

• Cover: Ask your students what they think the issue is about - let their curiosity fly! Ask them what they know about the various topics listed at the top and have them all respond verbally. Make sure to get the quiet ones involved too.

Pre-reading questions:

- "Where is Montenegro?" (*Southeastern Europe*)
- "How do you think trees help us?" (Open answer)
- "Do you think the Prophet (PBUH) used to joke a certain way?" (Yes!)
- "Why is kindness to animals important?" (Open answer)
- Pg. 1-3: <u>Read</u> Sumeyra's introduction and the summary of the issue together as a class or individually, pausing to ask questions.

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- Go through key vocabulary:
 - Sustainable
 - Green Habits
 - Injustice
 - Muezzin
 - Black History Month

Look for Atlasia Toolbox cues throughout the issue!



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3. Weekly Calendar (2 min)

- <u>Write down</u> the days of the week on the classroom board!
- Write to Atlasian Corner and <u>email to</u> <u>editor@atlasiakids.com.</u>

4. Ninety-Nine (10 mins)



Comprehension questions:

- "What does Al-Adl mean?" (the Just One)
- "What are three examples of justice?" (*Stand up*, *Speak up*, *Stick up for others*)

5. Name-Place-Animal-Thing (10 mins)

Pre-reading question:

 "What words in the Quran can you think of that start with 'Y'?" (E.g.: Yawm - day, Yajuj - a tribe that will start mischief in the future)

Comprehension question:

• "How might the stories of these holy Prophets inspire us to always have faith and hope even in difficult situations?" (E.g.: The Prophets always have trust in Allah & patience)

6. PBUH (10 mins)

Pre-reading questions:

- "How would you feel if you met Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?" (*Open answer*)
- "How do you think he'd treat you if you made a mistake?" (*Open answer*)

<u>Comprehension questions:</u>

- "Have you ever seen someone make fun of someone as Abu Mahzura did? How did you react?" (*Ideally, we react as Prophet Muhammad did*)
- "Do you think only adults can be good Muslims?" (All kids can believe in Allah and accept Islam in their hearts regardless of age!)
- "When someone does a bad action, do you get angry? What do you think your reaction should be based on this story?" (*It's natural to get angry but try your best to stay calm and create a solution*)







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3. Completest (5 min)

- <u>Take the quiz</u> individually (in class or at home).
- <u>Take a poll</u> by asking each student to raise their hand regarding their outcomes.
- Discuss ways to improve!

4. World Folk Tales (15 mins)



Pre-reading questions:

• "Why do you think people fight with each other?" (*Open answer*)

Comprehension questions:

- "Why do you think what Ksenjia (sen-e-ya) did was wrong?" (*She took advantage*)
- "What do you think the moral of the story is?" (Don't cheat others even if you can, Being seeing doesn't make you better than the blind)
- <u>Take a moment as a class to say</u> <u>"Alhamdulillah" for all your senses</u>

5. Chef Spi-Cey (10 mins)



Teacher prep:

- Ask students to bring ingredients, whisks, and bowls from home *or* buy ingredients
- Make the coffee before class begins.

6. The Prophet's Kindness to Animals (5 mins)

- Popcorn Read.
- <u>Discuss</u> the importance of goats:
 - "Did you know goats can help ease poverty?" (Goats survive under lots of conditions, need less feed, and are easily sold which helps resource-poor farmers.)
 - "How do goats help the world?" (Goats are the most beneficial animals in the world, providing meat, milk, fiber, fertilizer, and draft power. They also improve nutrition by providing food with highquality nutrients)











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7. Diary of Layla (15 min)

Teacher Prep:

- Prep the activities Layla did:
- 1. **Black History Month:** Create a presentation on the creativity, contributions, struggles, and joint fight against prejudice and racism. Prep the materials to make the same banner Layla and her class made about influential black figures.
- 2. International Day of Women and Girls in Science: Research influential female scientists and create a letter format for the class to write letters to them (even if they're not alive!)
- 3. **Miraj:** Print out a map from Mecca to Jerusalem for the class to draw on and connect the two.

Pre-reading questions:

- "Can you name influential black people in history or currently that you know?" (*Bilal(RA), Ibtihaj Muhammad, Muhammad Ali*)
- "Can you name influential women in science?" (*Ada Lovelace, Nergis Mavalvala, Marie Curie*)
- "What is Isra and Miraj?" (the journey of the Holy Prophet to Jerusalem and the heavens)

8. ZOOM (10 mins)

Comprehension questions:

• "What are your 3 favorite ways that trees help us in everyday life?" (*Open answer*)

<u>Activity Example:</u> (10 optional mins)

- Give the class materials such as toothpicks, cardboard, construction paper, crayons, etc. (any scrap materials that you can recycle!).
- Instruct your students to design a diagram (3D or 2D) showing off one of the ways trees help the earth and us.
- Let the class get creative!





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9. Checklist (5 min)

- Have the class individually <u>check off</u> if they do the sunnahs of joking.
- Discuss ways to improve!

10. Math (10 mins)

Pre-reading question:

• "What is the definition of infinite?" (*endless in size*)

Comprehension question:

 "If the author played the game strictly, why would she never get to school?" (We can always divide the smallest numbers by two. Technically, you have to take an infinite number of steps.)

11. What If (10 mins)

Pre-reading question:

 "Have you ever seen mold growing on bread that's been left out for too long?" (Yes or no)

Comprehension question:

- "What are some types of fungi?" (*Mildew, yeast, and mushrooms*)
- "What things are fungi important for?"(Food, medicine, and making clothes and fuel)

12. Backpack (5 mins)

- Popcorn Read
- Discuss where everyone thinks Backpack is:
 - "What do you know about this country? What is your favorite thing about it?" (Open answer)
 - "Can you guess the name of this country?" (Australia)











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14. Gameland (20 mins)

Teacher prep:

- Have dice and game pieces ready
- Split the class into groups and play!



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