



40 Ahadith for Kids

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Hadith 1 – Don't let the wolf eat you: "Do not separate from one another! The lamb that abandons its herd will be eaten by the wolf" (Nasai)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Whose fault, do you think, is it that the sheep was eaten by the wolf: the shepherd's, the parents of the sheep or the sheep itself?

Discussion point: The wolf did not say Bismillah before eating the sheep. Discuss with your children the importance of saying Bismillah before doing anything.

Activity: Spend some special time to be together with your children every day, even if it is as little as 15 minutes. Use the chart below to log your time:

Day	Special Time Together	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday	Sunday					

Hadith 1 – Don't let the tiger eat you: "Do not separate from one another! The lamb that abandons its herd will be eaten by the wolf" (Nasai)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Why does the tiger hunt and eat the zebra which was alone, instead of hunting the two zebras and having more food to eat?

Discussion point: We should never leave the jama'ah. The meaning of jama'ah here is the group. any other Jama'ah you know? The jama'ah for salah. Discuss the benefits of praying salah in jama'ah.

Activity: As part of your special time with your child, take your children out for a picnic or shopping or even a short walk, and guide them on how to behave with strangers. Pray in Jama'ah explain its benefits to your kids

Hadith 2 – The man and the lion: "Those who show mercy will be shown mercy. Show mercy to those on earth and Allah will show you mercy" (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: What do you think would have happened if the man had not shown mercy to the lion when the lion was injured?

Discussion point: We should be merciful to the creatures of Allah so that Allah will show mercy to us. Discuss 5 small ways in which we can be merciful to the creatures of Allah, whether they are humans, animals, plants, or the environment.

Activity: Do an act of mercy together with your children, for a family member, or pet, or even a plant in your garden.

Hadith 3 - Ahmed the Shepherd & the Coat: "Every kindness will be rewarded ten-fold" (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: When we lose something, like our toy, what should we do? Should we be mad & scream and shout, or should we be patient like Ahmed the Shepherd?

Discussion point: When we give away something for the sake of Allah, we do not actually lose it. In sha Allah, we will get a better replacement for it, in Jannah.

Activity: As you educate your child about this Hadith, you are doing an act of kindness. Ask Allah to reward you ten-fold and even more! Tell your kids to also make dua for an act of kindness they do today.

Hadith 4 – We are all mirrors: "The Muslim is the mirror of another Muslim" (Abu Daud)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Why do you think nobody told the king that his hat was dirty?

Discussion point: When your mum or dad tells you to do something you right, even if you may not like it, they do it for your own good. They are mirrors for you!

Activity: Imagine your best friend is being rude to an elder. Show your parents how you can be a good mirror. what would you say to your friend?

Hadith 5 – The meanie: "A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. He neither oppresses him nor abandons him." (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Why should you never push someone in the water?

Discussion point: Abu Bakr makes Ali his friend by saving his life. How can you make friends?

Activity: Do you know a meanie in your family, or school? Discuss how you can deal with that meanie person.

Hadith 6 – Two thieves and ghost: "Certainly, Allah helps his servants, as long as he helps his brother." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: What would have happened if Ilyas had not helped the poor man?

Discussion point: It is good to take permission from even family members before using their possessions.

Activity: Look around you. Is there someone in need of help? Help them so Allah will also help you.

Hadith 7 - I do not want the Sultan as my neighbour in Jannah: "Whoever removes a difficulty of the believer in this world, Allah will remove his difficulty on the day of judgment." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Why do the men not want the Sultan to go to Jannah?

Discussion point: Who do you want as your neighbor in Jannah?

Activity: Umar (radhi Allahu anhu) was a just ruler, famous for checking up on his people during the nights. Narrate one of his night walk incidents to your children.

Hadith 8 – Fake Medicine sellers get caught: "Whoever deceives us is not from us." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Why do you think, were the two men tricking people? Why is bad to lie and cheat?

Discussion point: Do you think there is a medicine that can cure all the diseases?

Activity: Research the Hadith about the signs of a hypocrite. (Hint: one of the signs is lying/cheating.)

Hadith 9 - A Stingy Rude Businessman & the Moneybag: "Whoever doesn't thank the people has not thanked Allah." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: How did you feel about the decision of the judge? Was the businessman a stingy man?

Discussion point: We should work for the rewards of the Hereafter. The benefits of this world are additional that we may get.

Activity: Make a thank you card for someone who has helped you today.

Hadith 10 – The thief poisons himself: "Whoever harms others, Allah will harm him." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Why did the thief want to poison Hussain? What happened to the thief?

Discussion point: We must always trust Allah but that does not mean we should not take any step to protect our money, just like Brother Hussein did.

Activity: Think of a situation when someone did something bad and earned some bad for himself. Then, think of another situation, when someone did something good for others and Allah rewarded him with good.

Hadith 11 – Hamza wants a toy truck: "Whoever leaves arguing even though he is in the right, will have a mansion in the middle of Jannah" (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Did Hamza change by the end of the story?

Discussion Point: How do we feel when somebody hurts our feelings?

Activity: Rewards reinforce children's habits. Sometimes parents should reward their kids but also remind their children that the ultimate reward is with Allah. Give your child a reward for this story session today.

Hadith 12 – I'm stronger than you: "A strong person is not the one who beats others at wrestling, but a strong person is the one who controls his anger" (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Why did Hasan react as he did?

Discussion Point: We should not take things to heart, especially losing. It leads us to over-react. A Muslim should be grateful and patient in all situations.

Activity: Think of one person who makes you angry. How can you control your anger with them next time?

Hadith 13 – The show-off loses the race: Allah has revealed to me "Be humble & none of you should be arrogant towards others" (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: How did Zaynab win the race?

Discussion Point: If Zainab was blind but she did not give up on life, then we who have all faculties should aspire even higher than her.

Activity: We all have different abilities. Some people may be blind or deaf but have other talents & strengths. Do you know someone like that?

Hadith 14 - Snobbish Badriyyah loses out on all the gold: "The one who has even a mustard seed weight of arrogance in their heart shall not enter paradise." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Had Badriyyah not been proud and arrogant, how do you think the story would have ended?

Discussion Point: There are all kind of people in the world, kind people as well as snobbish people. Our concern should be what kind of person are we.

Activity: Show your kids what a mustard seed is and explain this Hadith once again.

Hadith 15 – It's my donkey: "Allah's curse is upon the Thief." (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: How did the old man get his donkey back?

Discussion Point: Allah has created animals for us to benefit from. Discuss some benefits we get from the animals.

Activity: Go ask your grandparents why stealing is bad.

Hadith 16 – The dog chase: "The person who eats to a full stomach while their neighbour is hungry & they know are not true Muslims." (Ibn Abi Shaybah)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: How did Basim and his Mummy help Ameer?

Discussion Point: Do you also talk to your parents about all the events of the day like Ameer talked to his Mummy?

Activity: Many people do not know who live next door to their house. As Muslims, it is our responsibility to know who our neighbour is and how their conditions are. Do you know your neighbour's? Take a small gift (card or food or sweet etc) & give to your neighbour today.

Hadith 17 – The baker gave me extra change: "Sin is what bothers your heart & you don't like others to know about." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Who kept telling Zain that the extra money that the baker gave him was not his money?

Discussion Point: The baker rewarded Zain for his honesty. Honesty is always the best policy.

Activity: Make a poster of this Hadith as a reminder just like Zain had on his Islamic calendar.

Hadith 18 – The boy with the torn shoes: "The one who guides to good gets the reward of doing the good." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Why has Allah made us all different? Some tall, some short, some rich, some poor, some healthy & some sick?

Discussion Point: As you guide your children, you get the reward of the good they did. This is a form of Sadaqah Jaariyah (continuous charity).

Activity: Many people do not have the blessings we take for granted. Take turns to mention 3 things that you each are grateful for.

Hadith 19 – Hide and seek: "Whoever guides the one who needs direction is as if he has given charity." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: How would you react if you were in the place of the boy who was hiding behind the tree?

Discussion Point: Showing a person the directions needed is like giving charity. What about showing a person the direction to Islam?

Activity: Dear parent, elders keep complaining 'kids these days...' You as a kid, faced it too. Now as a parent, advise your children how to respond to such complaints.

Hadith 20 – The spoilsport: "Do not argue with your Muslim brothers & sisters and don't make fun of them." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Who do you think is the good guy in our story?

Discussion Point: Arsalan was jealous of Haider. Satan was jealous of Adam and became an enemy of Adam and all his children, so, we should not be jealous.

Activity: How do you think Allah is testing you? Take turns to share your test.

Hadith 21 – Mr Greedy: "If the son of Adam had two valleys of gold, he would wish for a third. Only the grave will satisfy man's greed." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: What is the risk associated with exciting activities climbing trees? **Discussion Point:** We must be content with what we have, and thank Allah in all conditions and circumstances.

Activity: One of the ways to get rid of greed is by sharing. What can you share, with your family members, or friends, colleagues or a poor, needy person? Please share and witness yourself being generous.

Hadith 22 – The brave little boy: "A child can never repay the rights he owes his father. Only if he finds his father as a slave & ransoms him, has he repaid his father's rights in full." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Did the little, brave boy know that the bandit will free him and his father?

Discussion Point: Are you brave? Who is brave? How can we be brave?

Activity: Unfortunately, kidnapping is a real threat to people in our world today. Please take some time to train your children in safety measures, perhaps watch a video and discuss it.

Hadith 23 – Yusuf had a little lamb: "Obey your father." (Ahmad)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Who is responsible for the broken mirror: Yusuf or the lamb?

Discussion Point: Do you feed your animals to be sacrificed on Eid-ul-Adha, once your dad buys them? Islam teaches us to be very kind to animals, especially those meant for sacrifice on Eid!

Activity: Elders must implement the values in their own actions as they want to instil in their children. Listen to your own parents and ‘show’ your kids how to obey be a dutiful child.

Hadith 24 – Who is the talented boy: "I advise you to serve your mother." (Ibn Majah)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Who is truly the talented boy?

Discussion Point: We should recite the Quran in a beautiful manner, but not to show-off. Riya (showing off) is one of the most dangerous sins.

Activity: Serve your mum in any way possible by the end of the day.

Hadith 25 – The plastic plate: "Allah's pleasure is gained in pleasing parents & Allah's anger is incurred in upsetting the parents." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Who was the good son in the story: Hasan or Hasan’s father?

Discussion Point: Old people sometimes behave like children. So, they need to be handled with the same care and patience as little kids.

Activity: If you haven’t visited your parents in a month or two, take your children to visit your parents and their grandparents. If not possible, have a video call with your family and them.

Hadith 26 - Speak the Truth & Allah Will Give You More: "Telling the truth leads to virtue & virtue leads to Paradise." (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Why was Hannah crying for her pencil?

Discussion Point: Crying doesn’t always help. When there is a problem, find its solution.

Activity: Did you ever lose something that was very dear to you, and later, Allah replaced it with something better?

Hadith 27 – Lying to buy more clothes: "Lying leads to immorality & immorality leads to the hell fire." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: What are crocodile tears?

Discussion Point: Justice is crucial for the prosperity of a society. This is also true for homes. Discuss five ways in which you can ensure justice in your own home.

Activity: We had another story in this series in which a clever Qadhi gave a clever and true judgement. There are many interesting stories of clever judgements by Qadhis (judges) under the Islamic rulership in the past. Research a story and read it to your kids.

Hadith 28 – The liar and the chestnut: "O people never lie, for lying and faith never come together." (Ahmad)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Should friends be like Adam or Ibrahim?

Discussion Point: Our religion teaches us the manners of borrowing and lending. Of the manners is to record transactions, which is the subject to the longest ayah in the Quran (Surah al-Baqarah:282). **Activity:** Lying will be a big trouble for whoever speaks lies, on the Day of Judgment. It even harms in this world. Do you know an incident where a person lied to gain something and ended up in big trouble?

Hadith 29 – Don't tease salma: "Whoever believes in Allah & the final day, let him say good or be silent." (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: Do you think Salma should have responded in the same way as the silly children?

Discussion Point: Salma didn't gain anything by remaining silent. But that means she didn't get any sins either. Did she lose or gain from the incident?

Activity: It seems so much to talk idle, especially with your siblings or friends.

Hadith 30 - Umar gives his bread to the hungry dog: "Charity doesn't decrease wealth." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Who did Umar give Sadaqah (charity) to? And what did he give in Sadaqah?

Discussion Point: What we give for the sake of Allah, Allah will return it to us in better ways. Why is this better?

Activity: What would you do if you faced the same situation as Umar?

Hadith 31 – The miser and his gold: "The Miser is far from Allah, far from Jannah & far from the people." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: What is a 'miser' in Arabic?

Discussion Point: Bilal told Jaleel that all the extra money that he buries actually did not belong to Jaleel. Discuss the meaning of this statement, and its application.

Activity: We all have something extra. Find one such item and give it away to where it may be used instead of resting in the lockers. Ask your children to do the same.

Hadith 32 - Some have torn shoes & others have no legs: "Be content with less & you will be best at thanking Allah." (Ibn Majah)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: What things do you complain about every day?

Discussion Point: Happiness comes with being content with the blessings of Allah and thanking Him, not from owning nice things.

Activity: Think of how the things you complain about are better than having none at all.

Hadith 33 – Hikmet doesn't take the bus: "Look at those less fortune than yourself & don't look at those who have more than you." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Hatim is passionate about cars & he can identify the different cars. What are you passionate about?

Discussion Point: We must focus on what we have, instead of what we do not have.

Activity: Do you know a Hikmet in your life, i.e., someone who does not even have what you have?

Hadith 34 – Smokey the house: "A generous person is close to Allah, close to Jannah, close to the people and far from hell." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: What is a 'generous person' in Arabic? Do you remember the Arabic word for a 'miser'?

Discussion Point: If we give our extra, that which we do not need anymore, this is good & not hoarding. But the real virtue is to give what we dearly love.

Activity: Honouring the guests and being kind to them is one of the core morals taught by Islam. Read to your kids, the story of Prophet Ibrahim honouring his guests who later turned out to be angels.

Hadith 35 – Murad and his dreams: "If I had gold as much as Mount Uhud, I would not want to keep it with me for more than three days other than the amount for my debt." (Bukhari)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: What would you do if you discovered a pile of gold like Brother Murad?

Discussion Point: Brother Murad gave some of his palaces in this world for some palaces in Jannah. Do you think this trade will benefit him?

Activity: If you haven't seen Mount Uhud, search for its picture on your browser to understand and appreciate the meaning of this Hadith. (The battle of Uhud was fought there.)

Hadith 36 - Is this a Guesthouse/Hotel: "My relation to this world is like a traveller who takes a rest under a tree & then continues the journey." (Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Do you think your house, and all the houses in the world, are guesthouses in reality?

Discussion Point: If our life in this world is like a traveller resting under a tree, then what is the meaning of journey? Reflect and discuss about where we came from and where we will go from here.

Activity: What is the one, best thing that you have inherited? Take turns to mention.

Hadith 37 – The jealous woodcutter: "Beware of jealousy for jealousy wipes away good deeds like fire destroys wood." (Abu Daud)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: When someone possess something that we like, should we wish for it to be destroyed, just like Brother Abid wished the other fellow's donkey to die, or should we ask Allah to grant us our wish too?

Discussion Point: This story is from an old time, when there used to be prophets on Earth. Our Prophet Muhammad was the last prophet to be sent by Allah.

Activity: Protect yourself from jealousy. Make it a habit to recite Surah al-Falaq and Surah an-Naas at least once a day.

Hadith 38 – Cat O Cat O Cat: "Whoever sees something wrong, let him change it with his hands. If unable then with his tongue. If unable then with the heart." (Muslim)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: If Adam had not helped the cat, what do you think would have happened?

Discussion Point: When kids do silly things, and parents stop them, they think that parents are being bad and mean. Realize the reality.

Activity: Notice one thing around you that's wrong. Now act on this Hadith.

Hadith 39 – Slow Down: "Acting with caution is from Allah & acting hastily from the devil."
(Tirmidhi)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question: Why was Hana lying down on the floor?

Discussion Point: We, human beings are hasty and when we are tested by Allah, we tend to complain quickly about our test.

Activity: Next time there's an argument among your children, remind them of this Hadith first, then listen to both sides before passing a judgment.

Hadith 40 - The Yellow Cow Tramps the Plants: "Fear Allah with regards to these animals."
(Abu Daud)

Parent/Kid Exercise Question to ask: How did you feel when you learnt about the poor cow's real situation?

Discussion Point: Owning a pet is a great responsibility and we will be questioned about the way we treat animals on the Day of Judgement.

Activity: There are many instances of our Prophet Muhammad being kind with animals. Surely, you know more than one. Tell your children about one such incident.