

Alfurqan Course for Mothers and Mothers-to-be
First session - Introduction

Assalamo-Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Welcome to the first session of this **class for mothers and mothers-to-be**. In this class we will use the rules of recitation called ‘tajweed’ to improve our recitation. Another term used for reciting nicely, using the rules of recitation is “tarteel”, as commanded in the Holy Qur’an:

وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا

“And recite the Qur’an slowly and thoughtfully.”

"اور قرآن کو خوب نکھا کر پڑھا کر"

(Holy Qur’an Ch 73:v5)

Just to clarify, this is **not** a Teachers Certification course where students learn a lot of terminology and need to be much more precise. This is a lighter course, so it can be finished and implemented faster, insa’Allah.

The aim of this course is to equip our ladies with enough knowledge and practice of basic rules that they can teach children with confidence without making many of the common mistakes. After taking this course, you are welcome to enroll for the more rigorous Teachers’ Certification course if you wish.

Each week you will receive an email with a PDF file containing useful information such as lesson topics and page numbers and related audio/video links. You are encouraged to watch the videos and practice before next week’s lesson. This will help review lessons and learn some new things.

Some of the lessons will be familiar, and some may be new and challenging. There’s no need to worry as long as we are trying, praying, and reciting regularly per Allah Ta’alaa’s commandments. More importantly we should read the translation of what we recite and try to follow it.

The love, practice, and regular recitation of the Holy Qur’an is exactly what we want to establish in our children. The best way to do is by showing our own example. A good practice to establish in homes is to designate a time when every member of the household sits down to recite the Holy Qur’an – early morning being best for this purpose per Allah’s command:

إِنَّ قُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ كَانَ مَشْهُودًا

“The recitation (of the Qur’an) at dawn is (especially) acceptable (to God)”

یقیناً فجر کو قرآن پڑھنا ایسا ہے کہ اُس کی گواہی دی جاتی ہے۔

(Holy Qur’an Ch17:v79)

The Holy Prophet (saw) has given the following glad tiding those who learn and teach the Holy Qur’an:

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

“The best among you is the one who learns the Qur’an and teaches it.”

Hazrat Hakeem Maulvi Nooruddin, Khalifatul Masih I (rz) has narrated some beautiful memories of his mother which shows what an important role mothers play in teaching the Holy Qur’an to their children and instilling its love in their hearts. He said,

“My mother really loved teaching the Holy Qur’an. She started teaching the Holy Qur’an when she was 13 years old, and as a result of that, all of us brothers have had a great affinity for the Holy Qur’an.” (Hayaat-e-Noor, Pg 9)

He also mentioned about his mother that,

“My mother – may Allah the Exalted greatly elevate her station in paradise – was a mother to many children, but never delayed her salaah...she never delayed her (regular) recitation of the Holy Qur’an. In fact, I heard the recitation of Holy Qur’an (for the first time) while I was in the womb of my mother, then again when in her lap, and then it was she who (first, formally) taught me the Holy Qur’an.” (Hayaat-e-Noor, Pg 9)

Explaining the value and status of the Holy Qur’an, the Promised Messiah (as) says,

الْخَيْرُ كُلُّهُ فِي الْقُرْآنِ

“Every kind of goodness is found in Qur’an”

And also announced to advise that,

“Those who give respect to the Qur’an will be honored in heavens.”

May Allah Ta’alaa enable us all to learn, love, and honor the Holy Qur’an and teach it to others.