



# LESSONS FROM KARBALA



## Book 11

# Age doesn't matter



Prepared by **'ASR'**

Please recite Surah-e-Fatiha for Syed Nadeem-ul-Hasan & Mrs. And Mr. Naseem ul Hasan. You lovely people, we miss you!!!



**EVERY DAY IS ASHURA**  
**EVERY LAND IS KARBALA**  
**HAL MIN NASIRIN YANSURNA**  
**THE CALL IS STILL IN THE AIR**  
**OUR HEARTS SAY**  
**LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!**  
**LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!**  
**LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!**

## Age doesn't matter...

- Youth is the phase of life where we are capable of serving Allah (swt) in the best possible way.
- Unfortunately, we often see the youth around us becoming easily digressed.
- They are uninterested in religion and would rather spend their time enjoying wasteful activities.
- This is because they have a false impression that there will be plenty of time to cover up for their 'lack of spirituality' at some later time in life.
- Even though there is no guarantee about how long anyone is destined to live.
- 'Age doesn't matter' refers to the idea that a person is never too young or too old to come close to Allah.
- If we sort out our morals and stick to our faith in the time of youth then no one will be able to take us away from the path of Islam at any other time in life.



## Awareness...

- The simplest thing to do is to keep an anchorage on the omnipotent personality of Allah (swt).
- This can be accomplished by following the teachings of the Quran and Ahlebait (as).
- We can understand these teachings by listening to the ulama e haqq and other authentic resources.
- Islam is a religion for the youth.
- We should keep Allah (swt) in our life all the time.
- It is very important to ensure that we have the right role models in life.
- The person whom we desire to be like should be close to Allah (swt).
- Reading books, listening to lectures and in general obeying all of Allah's commands, is sure to bring us closer to Him. Inshallah!



## In Karbala...

- There are several records of children and youth in Karbala who bore the sufferings of thirst for three days and many engaged in the final battle.
- Each and every one of those personalities is an example for us all to understand the power of someone who is close to Allah (swt) in the time of their childhood.
- Hazrat Ali Akbar was the second son of Imam Husain (as).
- He was eighteen years old and resembled Rasool Allah (pbuh) in looks.
- On the day of Ashura, his performance brought back memories of Imam Ali (as).
- One of the sons of Imam Hasan (as) named Qasim also volunteered to fight.
- Several narrations state that he was only thirteen to fifteen years old.
- During the battle he also fought like a brave warrior and made his uncle very proud.

- The two children of Bibi Zainab, only teenaged young boys, were trained by Hazrat Abbas in swordsmanship.
- They fought the enemies furiously and truly showed that they were the grandsons of Imam Ali (as)
- Writing about youth in Karbala cannot be complete without mentioning the name of Hazrat Ali Asghar.
- He was only six months old.
- At that age, he responded to the call of the Imam of the time, “Hal min nasirin yan surna” Is there anyone to help me?”
- Ali Asghar responded from his cradle.
- He will always be remembered as a symbol of strength and loyalty to the Imam of the time.



## How to make the right choices at a younger age

### **At home:**

- Showing unconditional obedience to your parents.
- Be respectful and loving towards your siblings.
- Get involved in productive activities (activities that help you excel physically, mentally, morally and spiritually).
- Be clear about the concept of 'time and place'.
- This means that we should know what to do and when.
- For example, making noise when others are resting is inappropriate, whereas making noise in the park is alright.
- Be an eager learner to know about your faith so that our knowledge combined with goodness makes us a wise person.





- It is very important to find the right sources for learning the faith as one of the biggest problems of our time is the abundance of confusing messages and information available to us.

- Try and perform the wajibats even if they are not obligatory on you and keep on asking Allah (swt) for help and guidance on the rewarding journey of spirituality.



## At school:

- Be very proud of who you are because whatever you are not proud of, you will desire to get rid of it at the earliest possible.
- Be very respectful towards everyone around you as you are an ambassador of your moral values and faith and people will judge your beliefs by your character.
- Try to avoid participating in any customs or rituals which clash with the values of your faith. Nobody respects a person who does not respect his own identity.



## In public:

- Make sure that you choose the right role models in life.
- Right role models are individuals who are close to Allah (swt) and Imam of the time, not only in their words but also in their actions.
- Don't be misled by the majority because majority is not the criteria of truth.
- Always remember that there were 72 who were in the fan club of Imam Husain (as) and about 30000 who followed Yazid (I).



## Age doesn't matter ...

Religion is for old people,  
That's what everyone says,  
Forget about it now,  
It's for another day



But that's not right  
It's not the truth  
Islam is for everyone  
Especially the youth

Youth is the time,  
That Shaitan makes the most trouble  
That's why for our worship  
The savaab is double

Don't waste this precious time  
In videogames and TV  
Make an effort to be closer  
To Allah, the Almighty



## In Karbala ...

The children of Karbala,  
Are role models for us all.  
In spite of all the hardships,  
They stood strong and tall.

They proved age doesn't matter,  
You don't need strength in great amounts.

For in the end only,  
The strength of Iman counts



Ali Akbar, Ali Asghar,  
Qasim, Sakina too  
All of them showed us  
What the youth can do.

We should do whatever we can  
No matter how little it may be  
Everything makes a difference  
Just try and you will see.

## From the history of Islam ...

- Talut was chosen by God as the king of Bani Israel.
- He was the commander of his army.
- There was going to be a war between the army of Talut and the army of Goliath.
- The majority of Talut's army were afraid of Goliath and his mighty troops.
- Goliath was a strong and tough man from Amaliqah.



- He came forward and challenged Talut's soldiers: "Is there anyone among you who can fight with me?"
- If Goliath remained alive, it would have been impossible for the army of Talut to win.

- At this fateful time, the eyes of Talut were searching for someone in his army who would come forward courageously.
- But there was none who showed such bravery while the challenging voice of Goliath was ringing in the air.
- Suddenly a young man approached Talut and whispered to him, "Please allow me to fight Goliath."



- Talut replied,  
"You are still young in age. Compared to this giant, you are very small and inexperienced. Be patient for a while so that someone stronger than you may come forward..."
- Dawood displayed his iron will and strong determination in a serious and fearless manner by

saying,

“Please do not look at my young age and short stature. God-willing, you will see that the chief of the enemy army will be downed by my hands.”

- Talut saw that this youth was full of courage, faith and determination.
- He realized that there was not even an iota of fear in his heart.
- Therefore, when Dawood insisted on fighting this well-known champion, Talut felt obliged to accept his request.
- He allowed him to fight with Goliath.
- As it was then customary, Talut put the armor on the youth's body with his own hands, placed an iron helmet on his head and handed him a spear.
- But as Dawood had never worn such an armor before, he removed it.
- He advanced holding in his hands a stick with which he herded his sheep and a sling, picking up a few stones from the ground.
- Talut was astonished and asked,  
“Will you fight this champion warrior with sticks and stones instead of arrows and spears?”



- Dawood answered courageously, “Yes! With the help of God Almighty, you will see how I use my simple weapons with wonder. These stones will write the story of the victory of Talut and the death of Goliath.”
- Saying this, he came out of the ranks and stood before Goliath.
- It was indeed a very strange battle scene.
- On one side was the proud and hopeful army of Goliath and on the other side, a small battalion of disheartened soldiers.
- All witnessed this astonishing encounter between two extremely unequal fighters.
- Looking at the small and weak young man who had come out to fight him, Goliath exclaimed sarcastically,



“O youngster! Are you going to fight me with this weak body and without arms and armor?”

- Dawood replied,  
“I have gifted all war weapons to you. I will

confront you only in this simple style because I have full faith in my Lord. You will soon see how those who have full faith and trust in God win,”

- Then Dawood put a stone in his sling and began to rotate it around his head.
- Once he found full strength in his arms he dropped one of the strings of his sling, aiming the stone at the forehead of Goliath.
- The stone hit its target and blood began to flow profusely from Goliath’s head.
- At the next instant, Dawood shot another stone which pierced the champion’s brain and he came crashing to the ground.



- Within no time, the 313 brave warriors of Talut fell upon the huge army of Goliath, scattered them and returned victoriously.
- After this great victory, Dawood received the honor of being Talut's son-in-law.
- He became a great king of Bani Israel and Almighty Allah (swt) granted him prophet hood as well as kingship.



## Quotes of Ahlebait (as)...

### **Holy Prophet (saw):**

*“When the dooms day will come about, man will not move one step from his place till he is questioned about four things.*

- a. The way how he spent his life?*
- b. As to how did he wear out his youth?*
- c. About the wealth, as to where he got it from and in what way he spent it?*
- d. And about the love of us the household of prophet.”*

(TUHFUL AQOOL, P56)

### **Holy Prophet (saw):**

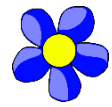
*“Oh Abu Zarr! Do value and esteem five things before five others (to happen).*

*Your youth before your old age.*

*Your health before your ailment.*

*Your wealth before your poverty.*

*Your life before your death.”*



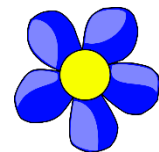
## Guess who???

Guess the people who made great accomplishments in their youth...

1. He was a prophet and was thrown in a huge fire but due to Allah's mercy, did not get burnt.



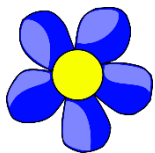
Prophet \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



2. He was the only person who volunteered to be the successor and helper of Prophet Mohammad (s). He is one of our Imams.



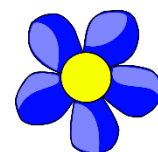
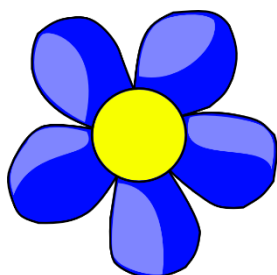
Imam \_ \_ \_



3. This prophet was raised in the palace of a king. He performed miracles against magicians, who then accepted his religion.



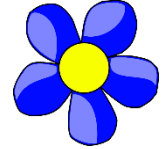
Prophet \_ \_ \_ \_



4. He was a prophet. He was to be sacrificed by his father on the order of Allah (swt). In his place, a sheep was slaughtered. In remembrance of this sacrifice, Eid-ul-adha is celebrated by Muslims each year.



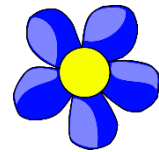
Prophet \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



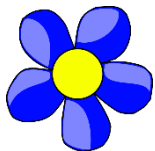
5. He was the second eldest son of Imam Husain. He died in Karbala. A spear was pierced through his liver. He was named after his grandfather.



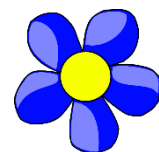
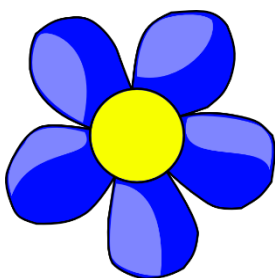
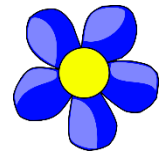
Hazrat \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



6. He was a prophet who was placed in a well by his brothers. He was sold as a slave to the Aziz of Egypt.



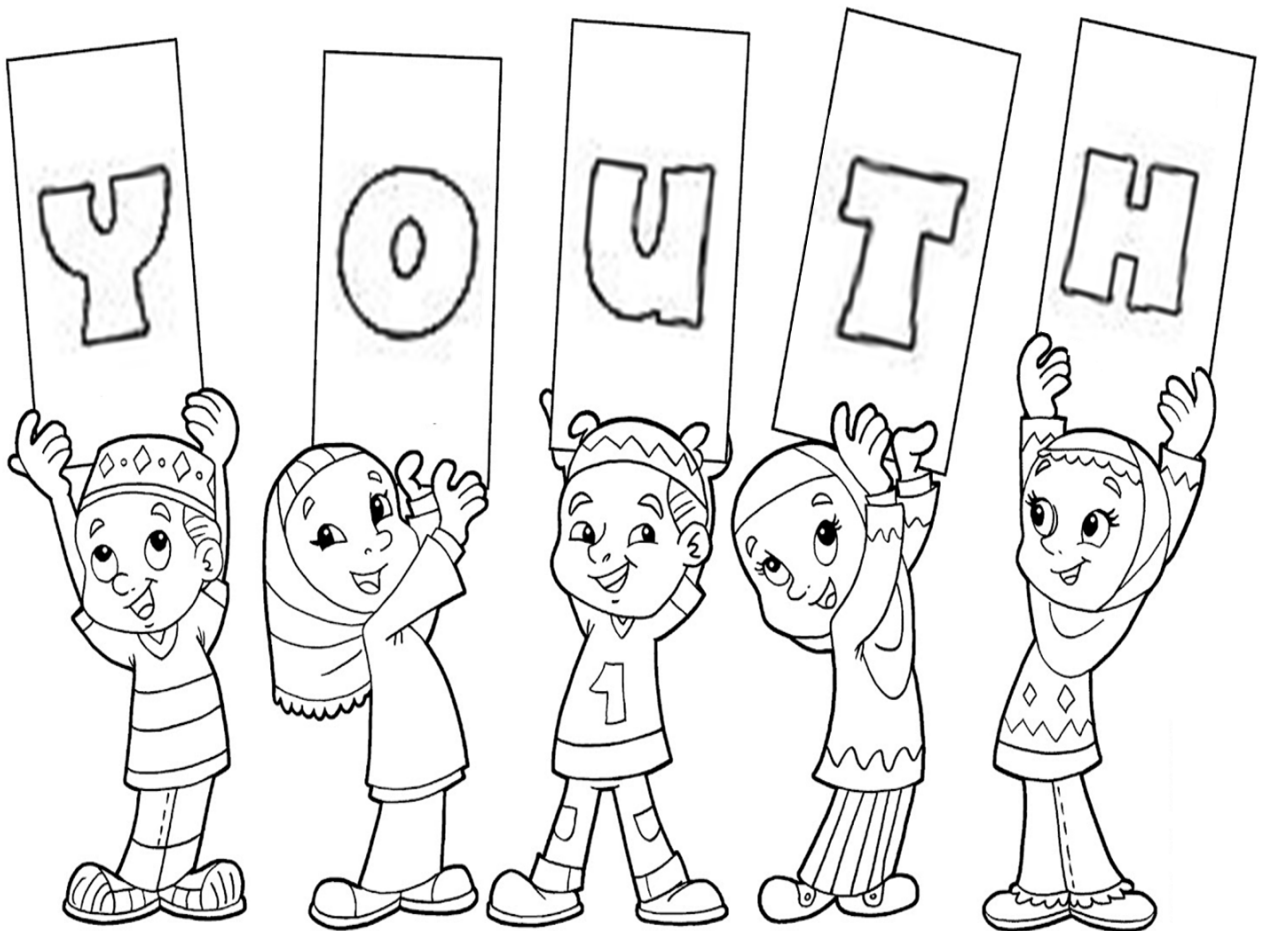
Prophet \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



## Activity 2...

It's time to colour!

Let's see what masterpiece you can  
create...



# Lessons from karbala

## Published so far :

Book 1- Patience

Book 2- Marifat of Imam (ajtf)

Book 3- Baseerat

Book 4- Tawakul

Book 5 – Ikhlas

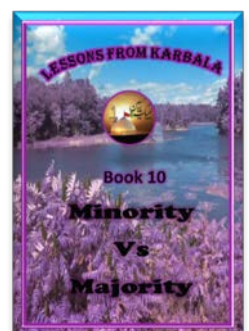
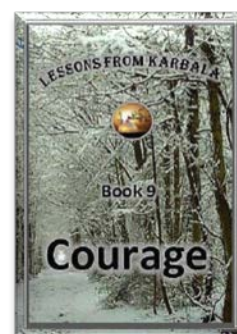
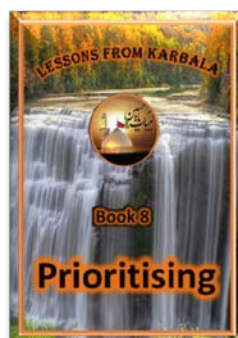
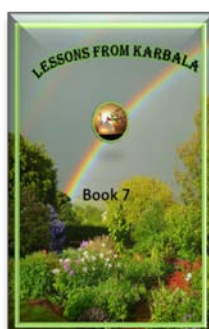
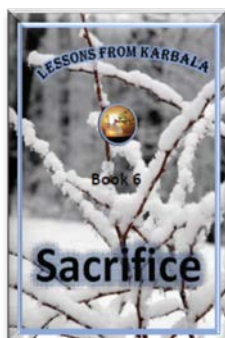
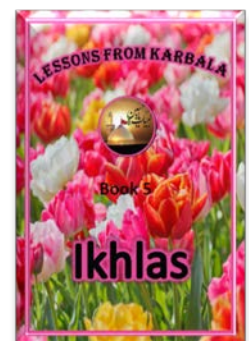
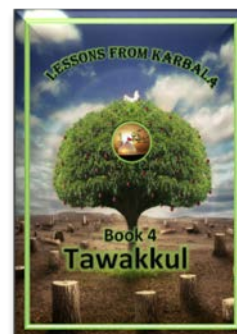
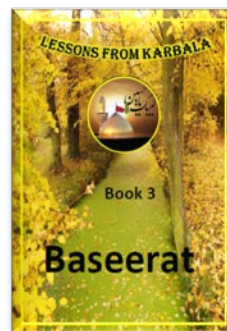
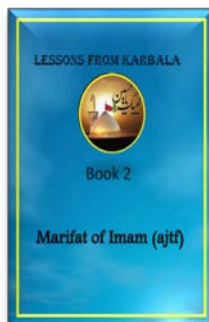
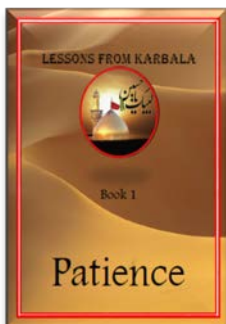
Book 6- Sacrifice

Book 7- Commmitment

Book 8 – Prioritizing

Book 9 – Courage

Book 10- Minority vs majority





Upcoming book :

**Book 12**

# Parents

Contact us :

Website: [www.asr313.com](http://www.asr313.com)

Email: [asr313@hotmail.com](mailto:asr313@hotmail.com)

Facebook : Asr kids





[www.asr313.com](http://www.asr313.com)

Facebook: Asrkids