



I have woken up very early today because I have a lot to do. Wisdom says: Do not wait for the evening to do the good which you can do in the morning

First:

I have to arrange our messy room to please my parents.



Second:

After having breakfast, my little sister, Fatimah, and I are going to buy our mother some flowers, and our father a new fishing hat. My father will drive us to buy them. We cannot do without our parents.



Third:

When I come back, we will write a letter to our parents to tell them,



There is no special occasion. But this is the practical application of the lesson that we learned about parents at school yesterday. It made us love them more.

My teacher, Salmah, wrote on the board the following two Qur'anic verses

And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to your parents. If either or both of them reach old age (while) with you, say not to them (so much as) "Uff" (the mildest word of disrespect)" nor shout at them, but speak to them a gracious word. And lower to them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say, "My Lord, bestow on them Your Mercy as they brought me up when I was small."

[Qur'an 17: 23-24]

Our parent's favors cannot be repaid



Kindness to parents is coupled in these noble Qur'anic verses with the most important pillar of Islam

"Worshipping God alone"

This indicates that being kind to our parents is extremely important in the Islamic way of life.

I am not a big scholar, but I can guess why their favors cannot be repaid, right?

My teacher wrote on the board what she called our "Daily Life's Work", not just today's homework, which I copied into my notebook:

Love and respect = our daily work to our parents = life's work

1. Appreciate the care and Love our parents give us.
2. Love, obey, and respect them.
3. Care for them when they grow old.
4. Ask God to be merciful to them.

Then my teacher narrated to us that a Companion of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) once asked him which of the many good deeds we can do that is most loved by God.

He answered him,
 "To offer the prayer at its proper time."
 The Companion then asked, "What is next?"
 to which Prophet Muhammad replied,
 "To be good and dutiful to your parents."

Woooooh! Being good to our dear parents
 comes right after the greatest duty
 in Islam: offering prayer.

Before yesterday's lesson, I thought,
 oh, it is great that my parents have my sister
 and me in their life. But I learned that every
 day with them near me is a blessing,
 is a special occasion.

You know, the day did not really go as we had planned.
 When we went to the market to buy them the gifts,
 we passed by a sweet store. My sister wanted some
 and began to cry. So did I. They looked so
 delicious.

Standing at the candy window, wavering
 between the gifts and the sweets,
 we turned back to our parents, who gave
 us a kind and encouraging smile to go in
 and buy some.



Our parents
 laughed when
 we told them what we
 had planned and what
 we did. That is them,



Having a smile on our faces means
 the whole world to them. That is
 why they are so honored by
 God.

We wrote the love
 letters. We attached my
 mother's letter to
 her bedroom
 lantern.



And my father's
 letter to
 his Qur'an book.



We wrote on
 them a big
Love You.
 Each of them
 kissed
 it and saved
 it in their
 drawer.

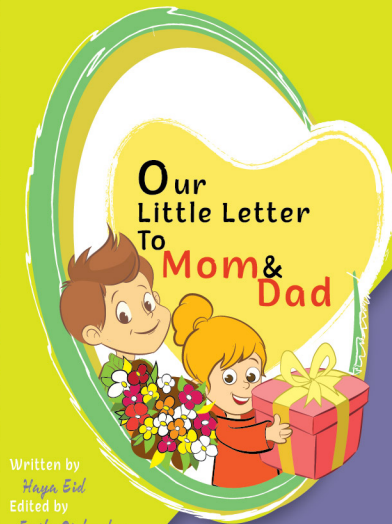
My sister and I made it our habit before
 sleep to pray for them with the
 Qur'anic prayer.

"My Lord, bestow on them Your Mercy as
 they brought me up when I was small."



In
 the morning,
 we found two
lovely kites
 attached to our
 beds.

Thank
 you **Mom & Dad**



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