

<p><b>Lesson Title:</b> Imam Mahdi (ATF)</p>	
<p><b>Lesson Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To know Imam is still alive but in 'ghayba'</li> <li>- To know the etiquette of behaving when we hear Imam's name.</li> <li>- To become familiar with the hadith 'Imam is like the sun behind the clouds', deriving lessons from it.</li> <li>- To become conscious of Imam's presence even though not visible to us.</li> <li>- To instil a habit of how we can remember Imam daily and be in waiting for his reappearance.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dua Hujjah</b></p>	
<p><b>Lesson Introduction:</b>  Imam Muhammad Al-Mahdi (ATF) is the last of the 12 Imams and he is still alive. Sometimes he is called Imam e Zamana which means the Imam of our time. Another of his titles is Al Mahdi, meaning the guide.</p> <p>Whenever we hear Imam's name we should bow down, put our right hand on our head and recite Salawat.</p> <p>Imam Mahdi (atf) was born on the 15th of Sha'ban in Samarra, Iraq. His father is the 11<sup>th</sup> Imam Hasan Al-Askery (as) and his mother was Sayyida Nargis.</p> <p>Imam is in ghayba. He is still alive but we can not see him. Imam himself has said that he is like the sun hidden behind the clouds.</p> <p>Even though the Earth is the 3rd planet away from the sun, around 90 million miles away, we still receive the sun's warmth and light! SubhanAllah! The sun is so important, that without it there would be no light, no heat, no plants, no animals, no life! Imam Mahdi (ATF) is our sun, we need him to live! The world can't exist without a guide of Allah on it.</p> <p>When someone we love is far away, we really miss them. We think about them all the time and try and keep in touch by calling, writing to them and getting excited about the day when they'll be back! This is how our love for Imam should be.</p> <p>We should always be in waiting for Imam. When we look outside and see that it's a cloudy and grey day, it reminds us that the sun is hidden. On cloudy days, even though we benefit from the sun, we still wish it was a brighter, sunnier day!</p> <p>As followers of Imam Mahdi (ATF), we feel the same about Imam being hidden from us. We love Imam so much that even though we know he is there, we miss him and want to see and be close to him.</p> <p>We are sad to see the darkness of all the bad things happening in the world and pray for Imam to come quickly and shine his bright light on Earth, bringing peace and justice.</p>	<p>Al Ajal – May he come to us quickly!</p> <p>Picture of shrine: Pray for safety in city and rebuilding of dome.</p> <p>Demo: Shine torch behind paper  Even though cant see the torch, can benefit from the light.</p> <p>Solar system picture</p> <p>Sometimes called the 'light of Allah'</p> <p>Start a special journal – write letters to Imam once a week, maybe on the special day of Friday, the day he will reappear.</p> <p>Everyone feels happier when it's a lovely sunny day!</p> <p>Imam Mahdi (atf) is our actual real superhero!</p> <p>Imam can only come when he has a team ready for him.</p>

Imam loves us to talk to him. He prays to Allah for us and all of creation and is always there when you call him. Whenever we need help or are in trouble, we must ask Allah through Imam. We can even write him a special letter!

Just like Allah who is always watching us, Imam too knows everything we have done. Every Thursday night, Imam gets a report from the angels recording our deeds. When he sees the book full of wrong, it makes him extremely sad. If we want to keep Imam happy and proud of us, we must make sure our reports are full of good deeds.

Imam wants you to be his helper and join his team when he reappears. To help us prepare, we must always remember Imam and try our best to live in a way that would make Allah and Imam happy.

Every morning when we wake up, we must first say Salam to Imam Mahdi (ATF). Remember it is because of Imam Mahdi being on Earth that you too are alive! Remind yourself that he will be getting a record of your deeds so what can you do today to make Imam happy?

We must pray to Allah everyday, to make Imam come quickly to shine his bright light on Earth, bringing peace and justice to the world.

**Key Learning Point:**

Imam Mahdi (ATF) is our 12<sup>th</sup> and last Imam. He is in ghayba, still alive, but we can not see him.

Imam is like the sun behind the clouds. The sun is so important, that without it, there would be no life! Imam Mahdi (ATF) is our sun, we need him to live! The world can not exist without a guide of Allah on it.

Imam prays for us and comes to our help whenever we call him. We can even write him special letters!

Imam gets a weekly report from the angels and knows everything we have done. If we want to keep Imam happy and proud of us, we must make sure our reports are full of good deeds.

We should always be waiting for Imam and remember him everyday.

When we look outside and see that it's a cloudy and grey day, it reminds us that the sun is hidden. We too miss Imam and feel sad to see the darkness of all the bad things happening in the world. We must pray for Imam to come quickly and shine his bright light on Earth, bringing peace and justice.

Imam Mahdi (atf) is our real life superhero! We must try to be our best so we can join his team when he reappears.

Parents not always there to help – Imam is!

**Rhyme: When things go wrong**  
Areeza – 15<sup>th</sup> Sha'ban Amaal

What can we do to keep Imam happy?

**Activity: Imam Knows!**

Kind/help/share/polite/listen/grateful

Recap verse: Jahidoo fi sabili, do your best for Allah!

Ask daily and in every situation, 'If I do this, would it make Imam happy? Would Imam choose me for his team?'

**Activity: Sun chart**

Dua for Imam's safety 'Allahuma Kulli Walliyika'

Recap prayer plate activity – one section is praying for 12<sup>th</sup> Imam.

<p><b>Activity: Imam Knows!</b> Use a white crayon on white paper to write/draw a message. Reveal the drawing/note by painting over it with liquid watercolours</p>	<p>Imam gets a weekly report from the angels. He knows everything we have done, even our secrets! If we want to keep Imam happy and proud of us, we must make sure our reports are full of good deeds.</p>
<p><b>Activity: Rhyme</b> When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, Call Imam Mahdi, When you want to smile, but you have to sigh, Call Imam Mahdi.</p>	<p>Our parents are not always there to help us but Imam is! Whenever we need help or are in trouble, we must ask Allah through Imam. He will always come to help you.</p>
<p><b>Activity: Sun Chart</b> Record and instil the habit of remembering Imam daily by saying Salaam, giving sadaka and praying for him and then marking the task when done. The laminated chart can be reused every month</p>	<p>When we look outside and see that it's a cloudy and grey day, it reminds us that the sun is hidden. As followers of Imam, it makes us feel sad that we can not see him and be close to him. We pray for him to come quickly and shine his bright light on Earth, bring peace to the world.</p>
<p><b>Activity: Balloon Banner Quiz</b> Celebrate and help recap learning about Imam by popping each balloon to reveal the quiz question</p>	
<p><b>Activity: Areeza</b> Use the template to have the children think of some goals and express their duas.</p>	<p>You can write a special letter to Imam whenever you are in trouble and need help.</p>
<p><b>Pray Together</b> O Allah help us to be the best we can so that we can join the team of Imam Mahdi (as) and be his helpers. O Allah make Imam come to us quickly!</p>	
<p><b>Extended Home Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ariza worksheet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan</li> <li>- Sun Chart</li> <li>- Start a special journal dedicated to the Imam where every Friday the child writes a good deed they have done that would make Imam happy/other thoughts in conversation to him.</li> <li>- Watch/listen/learn: Dua Hujjah <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5iTqnsCueQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5iTqnsCueQ</a></li> <li>- Qfatima Rhymes: Imam Mahdi (atf)</li> <li>- Kids Size A'maal for 15<sup>th</sup> Sha'baan <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tjannahpage">https://www.facebook.com/tjannahpage</a></li> </ul>	<p>When someone we love is far away, we really miss them. We think about them all the time and try and keep in touch by calling, writing to them and getting excited about the day when they'll be back home! This is how our love for Imam should be.</p> <p>The journal helps the children become more conscious of Imam's presence and our need to prepare for his arrival. They can eagerly anticipate writing in their special book to 'show and tell' Imam their good deeds, building a bond of love and loyalty.</p>

### Balloon Banner Quiz:

1. What is the name of our 12<sup>th</sup> Imam?
2. What is the name of Imam Mahdi's father?
3. What is the name of Imam Mahdi's mother?
4. When was Imam Mahdi born?
5. Where was Imam Mahdi born?
6. What are two of his titles?
7. What should we do when we hear Imam Mahdi's name?
8. Where is Imam now?
9. What do the angels bring Imam every Thursday night?
10. How can we make Imam happy and proud of us?
11. What can we do to remember Imam everyday?
12. Recite Dua Hujjah