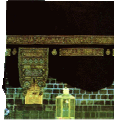


Lesson 1: Facing the Kabah



1. Introduction:

When the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) stood for prayer, he would face the Ka'bah in both obligatory and voluntary prayers. (Prophet's Prayer Described)



Copy this introduction into your notebook.

2. Overview:

You should be able to answer the following questions after this lesson:

- What is a Qiblah and what is its relationship to the prayer?
- What is the Qiblah of the Muslims? What is the proof?
- What is the proof that we must face the Qiblah when we pray?
- What do we do if we cannot see the Qiblah when it is time to pray?

3. Reading:

Read "Prophet's Prayer Described," section: Facing the Kabah" (pages 2-3)

4. Terms to Know:

Discuss the following terms. Write them and their Arabic equivalents in your notebook.

Qiblah
Voluntary
Obligatory
Witr

5. Explore!

Our Qiblah is the Kabah in Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

- Find Makkah on a map.
 - i. Where is Makkah compared to where you live?
 - ii. How far away is it from you?



iii. Make a simple world map and label Makkah and your state/country and city).

- In what direction is the Qiblah in your house?
- If you were praying at the Kabah would everyone there be facing the same geographical direction (e.g. west, southwest)? Why or why not?

6. Think about It!

Answer the questions from the Overview section. Be sure to include any hadith or ayaat as proof where necessary.

7. Hifz (Memorize)

Memorize one or more of the following (as assigned by teacher)

- Proof for facing the Qiblah for prayer:
"When you stand for prayer, perform ablution perfectly, then face the Qiblah and say takbeer."
(Bukharee or Muslim) (In Arabic)
- Proof that the Kabah is our Qiblah (2:144)
- Younger children: Al Kabah Qiblatee.

Add the Hifz Cards below to your Hifz Box for any proofs you are assigned to remember and review them regularly.

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Card # _____

Q1: What do we face when we pray and what is the proof?

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Card # _____

A1: A Qiblah (the Kabah)

When you stand for prayer, perform ablution perfectly, then face the qiblah and say takbeer. (Bukharee, Muslim)

Write in Arabic:

Q2: How do we know that the Kabah is our Qiblah?

A2:(2:144)

قَدْ نَرَى تَقَلُّبَ وَجْهِكَ فِي السَّمَاءِ
فَلْنَوَلِّسْنَاكَ قِبْلَةً تَرْضَاهَا فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ
الْحَرَامِ وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ
أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ لَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَفِيلٍ
عَمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ

Verily, We have seen the turning of your face towards the heaven. Surely, We shall turn you to a Qiblah that shall please you, so turn your face in the direction of Al-Masjid Al-Harâm (at Makkah). And wheresoever you people are, turn your faces (in prayer) in that direction. Certainly, the people who were given the Scripture know well that, that is the truth from their Lord. And Allâh is not unaware of what they do.