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TO BE MERCIFUL AND TO BE GENTLE

To be merciful means to be kind and good.

We say that Allah is the MOST Merciful. This means that Allah is the Kindest and always helps us when we need it.

We should always help anybody when they ask. If somebody does something wrong towards us we should forgive them and be kind towards them, this is what merciful means.

It is good to help someone when they ask for it, but it is even better to help someone who is in difficulty, without them having to ask. Some people have dignity, which means they have self-respect. If they are in a problem, they will not ask since they do not want people to feel pity for them. It is up to you to keep your eyes open, and see when people need help.

If you can help them, then you should do so. If you cannot help them, then try to find someone who can.

To be gentle also means to be kind towards somebody.

If someone did something you did not like, you should not get angry and shout, but you should be polite and explain until they understand what they did wrong.

How should you behave in the following places:

1. You are playing with your friends, and one of them falls down and gets hurt. All your friends start laughing.
2. You are playing, and someone you do not know falls and gets hurt. All your friends start laughing.
3. You are on the way to school, and you see a bird which has had its wing broken, what should you do.
4. You see a little boy being bullied by others, how should you react?

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CONDUCT IN PUBLIC

This is the way that you behave in front of others, especially when you are in a group or at a gathering.

When you are with other people, you should never behave badly since you will leave an impression, and that is how others will think of you.

Leaving a bad impression means that people will not have respect for you.

It is wrong to behave badly at home, but it is also incorrect to behave badly in front of others, because not only are you spoiling your own name, but the name of you parents and teachers.



How you behave with others, says a lot about yourself. If you share your food, then it shows you are not selfish, if you talk and laugh with others, it shows that you are not proud.

How would you behave in the following?

1. You are invited to a friend's house for a birthday party. At lunchtime, you all sit down to eat, but one of your friends is by himself, and no one has called him.
2. You go out to play with your friends, and they start to speak badly about someone who you don't like either.
3. Your father brings you to the Mosque, and tells you that he has to go out, and will pick you up later. When he leaves, you see your friends go behind the Mosque to play.
4. You are serving in the Mosque, and one of the older volunteers tells you to sit down, and calls you a "silly little boy". How do you react?
5. You are in Madressa, and the teacher is late in the class. All your friends start throwing chalk, and playing around. What would you do?

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HOSPITALITY

Hospitality means to be polite to people when they come to your house and to treat them with respect.

How should we be polite?

There are many ways, some of them are:

- a) If the guest is a Muslim, you can start by saying SALAAMUN ALAYKUM.
- b) You can speak in a low voice instead of shouting.
- c) You can offer the guest something to drink.
- d) You can just talk with the guest and not leave him alone in a strange room.



Why should we be polite to guests?

The reason why we should be polite to guests is so that they feel happy. Allah will be pleased with us and we will get Thawaab. Our parents will also be pleased with us.

If you are polite towards guests and other people, they will come to respect you.

How should you behave when?

1. Someone comes to your house when you are tired and sleepy?
2. A friend visits you just when it is time for Maghrib?
3. It is dinnertime, and you have a guest?
4. Your cousin is spending the day with you, and he breaks one of your toys?
5. If someone did not have any hospitality, how would they behave?

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HELPING THE WEAK

Helping the weak does not just mean helping those people who are not very strong, but it means to give your help to those people who do not have very much money or who are ill or needy.

A NEEDY person is one who NEEDS help.

Allah has said in Qur'an that anyone who has any money should give some to the needy.

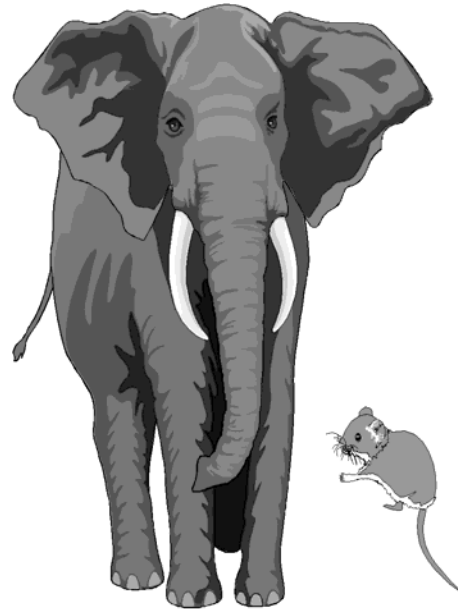
When we help those people who are not as well off as we are, then we should also thank Allah that we are blessed with so much.

Since Allah has given us so much, we should use some of it to help others. This means that we are using our wealth properly, the way we are meant to, rather than just spending it on luxuries and useful things.

Think of how weak we are, and Allah still helps us. We should then try and help all the poor, all the injured, and all the ones who do not have as much as we have.

We don't have to be rich and powerful to help others. If we have some spare time, we can go to the hospital to visit some of the elderly or ill people there. All we have to do is chat with them so that they do not feel lonely, or cheer them up. We can find some elderly people around our area, and do their shopping for them, or help them in their garden.

If we help others, then on the Day of Judgment, Allah will help us.



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KINDNESS

To be kind means to be gentle and friendly. It means to care for things or people.

One should always be kind to people and help them.



Allah is THE MOST KIND, this means that He is very gentle to us, and is always there to turn to when we need help.

Allah has been very kind to us, so we should also be kind to others.

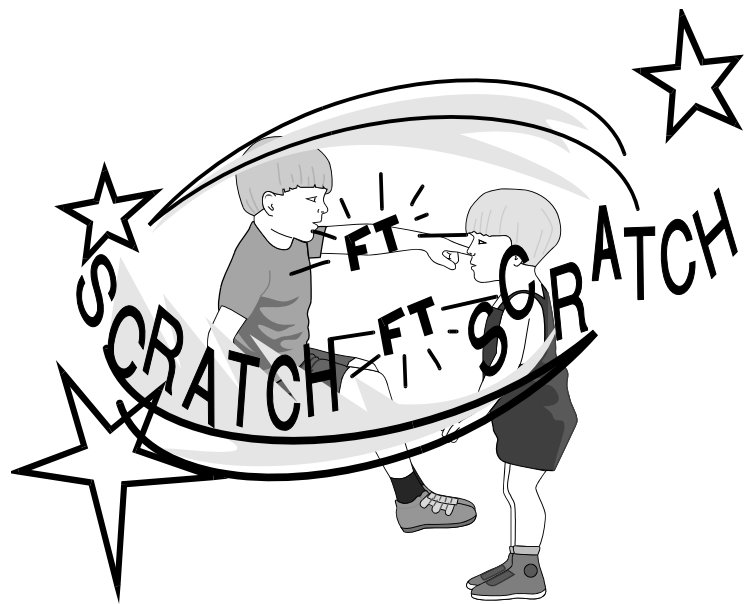
If you are kind to others, then they will always be kind to you. The same way if you are mean to others than everyone will be mean to you.

It is not always easy to be kind, especially when someone is bad to you. If you can be kind and gentle even then, then you will gain **Thawaab**, and you will also earn the other person's friendship.

Kindness always pays, because if you are kind to others, then one day when you are in difficulty, people will remember and say, "Oh, he helped me when I needed it, let me help him now."

Allah tells us in Qur'an (Surah 5, Ayat 14) that when people do things, which are wrong, we should try and forgive them..

"..but forgive them and overlook(their misdeeds): for God loves those who are KIND."



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CRUELTY

This means to be mean and cold hearted. To be cruel is very bad, and is the opposite of kindness.



If for example, something bad happens to someone, and instead of helping them out, you laugh at them, then that is an example of being cruel.

Islam is a way of life based on kindness, and it is totally against cruelty.

In the time of the Holy Prophet (S), people used to tie up prisoners of war, whether they were male or female. When the Holy Prophet (S) came back from the war-front, he saw this and became very angry. He ordered the people to untie the prisoners immediately and to give them water and food. He said that the ladies and children should be kept under shade and should be looked after. After some of the prisoners realized how fair and kind the Holy Prophet (S) was, they became Muslims.

This shows that the only way to show the beauty of Islam to the non-Muslims, is to show them what Islam teaches us. Never be cruel, always be fair.

