

# Unit 1: The Afterlife:



## Section 5: The Grave

### Aims:

- To learn about the time in the grave

### Learning Outcomes:

1. To acquire an overview of the time spent in the grave
2. To learn about some of the punishments in the grave

### Resources

- Flipchart/ whiteboard
- Activity sheet 1

### Preparation:

Teachers will need to familiarise themselves with guidance notes

### Skills

- Using information
- Communication skills
- Listening
- Analysing

### Keywords & Values:

Grave, Punishment, Jannah, Questions of the Grave, Munkar & Nakeer

### 1. Lesson starter (20 minutes)

Introduce the lesson by asking questions:

- What takes place in the grave?
- What are the questions which are asked in the grave?
- Does a righteous person receive the same treatment as the non-righteous one?

Stimulus activity:

Younger children (8-13)

The Grave - Sheet 1

- Read or ask one of the pupils to read out and then answer the questions
- Ask pupils to share their answers

### 2. The Grave (GS2) (30 minutes)

- Read the hadith, narrating the dream of the prophet which explains some of the punishments faced by people in the hereafter

### 3. Summary & reflection

Summarise the main points and key messages of today's session drawing in from Islamic guidance and pupils' contribution in the activities.

### 4. Homework – Memorise the Dua



# The Grave - Sheet 1 (GS1)

- The Prophet (SAW) said, 'When a person is buried and the people go away, two angels, Munkar and Nakeer, approach the deceased and ask three questions:
  - a) Who is your lord?
  - b) What is your religion?
  - c) Who is he (Rasulullah (saw))?
- A believer will answer all three questions and he will be honoured with the clothing of Jannah. A window of Jannah will be opened for him and he will enjoy the sight of Jannah
- A disbeliever on the other hand, will express regret at not being able to answer the questions. Upon that, an angel who is blind and deaf is appointed to punish him. Blind so that the angel does not see the punishment and feel mercy and deaf so that the punishment is not heard. The hammer used to punish a disbeliever is so heavy that it can reduce a mountain to dust. The disbeliever screams with pain and every creation can hear him besides human and Jinns.' (Mishkat)
- The answers to these questions cannot be answered with mere words, if the person lived as a good believer, the questions will be easily answered
- A misguided person and/or non-believer, although he may physically know the answers, will not be able to utter them as he never followed them during his lifetime

Questions:

1. Who are the two angels tasked with asking the dead person the questions of the grave?
2. Describe the difference in treatment of the good believer vs the misguided/non-believer?
3. Is it just a matter of memorising the answers to the questions and being able to answering correctly in the grave?



# The Grave - Sheet 2 (S2)



## A hadith of the Prophet (SAW), narrating his dream:

The Prophet said, "But I had seen (a dream) last night that two men came to me, caught hold of my hands, and took me to the Sacred Land (Jerusalem). There, I saw a person sitting and another standing with an iron hook in his hand pushing it inside the mouth of the former till it reached the jaw-bone, and then tore off one side of his cheek, and then did the same with the other side; in the mean-time the first side of his cheek became normal again and then he repeated the same operation again. I said, 'What is this?' They told me to proceed on and we went on till we came to a man Lying flat on his back, and another man standing at his head carrying a stone or a piece of rock, and crushing the head of the Lying man, with that stone. Whenever he struck him, the stone rolled away.

The man went to pick it up and by the time he returned to him, the crushed head had returned to its normal state and the man came back and struck him again (and so on). I said, 'Who is this?' They told me to proceed on; so we proceeded on and passed by a hole like an oven; with a narrow top and wide bottom, and the fire was kindling underneath that hole. Whenever the fire-flame went up, the people were lifted up to such an extent that they about to get out of it, and whenever the fire got quieter, the people went down into it, and there were naked men and women in it. I said, 'Who is this?' They told me to proceed on. So we proceeded on till we reached a river of blood and a man was in it, and another man was standing at its bank with stones in front of him, facing the man standing in the river. Whenever the man in the river wanted to come out, the other one threw a stone in his mouth and caused him to retreat to his original position; and so whenever he wanted to come out the other would throw a stone in his mouth, and he would retreat to his original position. I asked, 'What is this?' They told me to proceed on and we did so till we reached a well-flourished green garden having a huge tree and near its root was sitting an old man with some children. (I saw) Another man near the tree with fire in front of him and he was kindling it up. Then they (i.e. my two companions) made me climb up the tree and made me enter a house, better than which I have ever seen. In it were some old men and young men, women and children.

Then they took me out of this house and made me climb up the tree and made me enter another house that was better and superior (to the first) containing old and young people. I said to them (i.e. my two companions), 'You have made me ramble all the night. Tell me all about that I have seen.' They said, 'Yes. As for the one whose cheek you saw being torn away, he was a liar and he used to tell lies, and the people would report those lies on his authority till they spread all over the world. So, he will be punished like that till the Day of Resurrection.

The one whose head you saw being crushed is the one whom Allah had given the knowledge of Quran (i.e. knowing it by heart) but he used to sleep at night (i.e. he did not recite it then) and did not use to act upon it (i.e. upon its orders etc.) by day; and so this punishment will go on till the Day of Resurrection. And those you saw in the hole (like oven) were adulterers (those men and women who commit illegal sexual intercourse). And those you saw in the river of blood were those dealing in Riba (usury ie interest). And the old man who was sitting at the base of the tree was Abraham and the little children around him were the offspring of the people. And the one who was kindling the fire was Malik, the gate-keeper of the Hell-fire. And the first house in which you have gone was the house of the common believers, and the second house was of the martyrs. I am Gabriel and this is Michael. Raise your head.' I raised my head and saw a thing like a cloud over me. They said, 'That is your place.' I said, 'Let me enter my place.' They said, 'You still have some life which you have not yet completed, and when you complete (that remaining portion of your life) you will then enter your place.' "



# The Grave - Sheet 2 (S2)

## Activity Sheet: Fill in the Blanks

1. In the \_\_\_\_\_ a person, according to how he/she lived their lives in this \_\_\_\_\_ will either be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
2. This has been \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Prophet.
3. In one \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Prophet (PBUH) said: The \_\_\_\_\_ is either a \_\_\_\_\_ of Paradise or a \_\_\_\_\_ from the pits of \_\_\_\_\_

Holy  
Hadith  
grave  
punished.  
pit  
grave,  
rewarded  
proven  
Quran  
world  
Hell  
garden  
Hadith

## Homework

Learn the following Dua which asks Allah for our protection from the punishment of the grave:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

*"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the torment of the grave"*



# The Grave - Sheet 2 (S2)



Answer to Activity:

1. In the grave, a person, according to how he/she lived their lives in this world will either be rewarded or punished.
2. This has been proven from the Quran as well as the Hadith of the Prophet.
3. In one Hadith the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said: The grave is either a garden of Paradise or a pit from the pits of Hell

