

Silat ar Rahm and Qat ar Rahm

Purpose: To underscore the importance of family relationships in Islam and explain the concept of Silat ar Rahm and Qat ar Rahm, the children will create their own family trees.

Materials: Unlined paper, colored pencils, family tree template (you can find free, printable trees on the internet).

1. "We've talked about how important it is for us as Muslims to love our friends and family. To help us remember our families, we are going to make a family tree. Does anybody know what that is? (Take answers from the children)."
2. "What are the different parts of a tree? Yes, and leaves are attached to what? Branches. Leaves are born from branches. If you were a leaf, who would be your branch? Yes, your mother!"
3. "I have a picture here of a family tree. Where do you think you want to put your name? What about your mother, father, sister, brother... "
4. "After you have finished your family tree, turn the paper over, and write something about somebody on your tree. Anybody you want."
5. At the end of the lesson, if there's time, you may invite the children to share their work with one another.

