

LEVEL 3 CONTENT OF CURRICULUM

Level 3: Building a Strong Foundation

Goal: Strengthen belief and deepen ritual understanding.

- 1) Tawheed in more detail — Uluhiyyah, Rububiyyah, Asma wa Sifat.
- 2) Understanding Shirk — What nullifies tawheed.
- 3) Introduction to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ — His character and why he is the final prophet.
- 4) Importance of Sunnah — Hadith basics, why Sunnah is followed.
- 5) Fasting in Ramadan — Rules and purpose.
- 6) Introduction to Najis and How to Clean It
- 7) Zakat — Basic concept (not yet full fiqh).
- 8) More Surahs — E.g., Surah Falaq, Nas, Kawthar.

1) Tawheed in More Detail

Objective - Students should understand that Allah is One in His Lordship, Allah alone deserves worship, Allah has perfect names and attributes.

A. Tawheed ar-Rububiyyah (Oneness of Lordship)

- Allah alone Created everything, owns everything, controls everything, gives life and death, provides sustenance.
- Even many non-Muslims believe in a Creator, the Quraysh believed Allah created everything — but still committed shirk. Rububiyyah alone is not enough for salvation.
- Ask students: Who controls rain? Who decides when we die? Who controls our rizq?

B. Tawheed al-Uluhiyyah (Oneness of Worship)

- Only Allah deserves: Du'a, fear (khawf), hope (raja'), love, sacrifice, tawakkul, prostration
- Practical Examples: Making du'a to saints → shirk. Wearing charms believing they protect → minor shirk or major depending on belief. Seeking help from the dead → major shirk

C. Tawheed al-Asma wa Sifat (Names & Attributes)

- Allah has beautiful Names, for example Ar-Rahman (Most Merciful), Al-'Aleem (All-Knowing), As-Samee' (All-Hearing), Al-Basir (All-Seeing)
- If Allah is Al-'Aleem → He knows my struggles. If Allah is Ar-Rahman → Never lose hope.

2) Understanding Shirk

Objective: Students must understand what destroys tawheed.

A. Major Shirk (Shirk Akbar) - Worshipping other than Allah, making du'a to the dead, believing someone shares Allah's powers. This nullifies Islam. If a person dies upon it without repentance → no forgiveness.

B. Minor Shirk (Shirk Asghar) - Showing off (riya'), wearing something believing it protects (without full belief in its independent power).

C. Some Shirk Practices - Amulets (anting-anting), Superstitions, Fortune tellers, Ancestral rituals.

3) Introduction to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

Objective: Build love and trust in Prophet Muhammad SAW

A. Brief Sirah - Born in Makkah (570 CE), Orphan. Known as Al-Ameen (The Trustworthy). Received revelation at 40. Persecuted for 13 years in Makkah. Migrated to Madinah. Established Islamic state. Died at 63.

B. His Character (Akhlāq) - He forgave enemies. He was gentle with children. He mended his own clothes. He smiled often.

4) Importance of Sunnah

Objective: Students understand that following Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is encouraged.

- A. What is Hadith?** Hadith = sayings, actions, approvals of Prophet Muhammad SAW. Qur'an and Sunnah go together. Sunnah explains Qur'an. Example: Qur'an says pray → Sunnah shows how.
- B. Some everyday Sunnah practices** – saying BISMILLAH before eating, saying ALHAMDULILLAH after eating, eat with right hand, say ASSALAMUALAIKUM when seeing other Muslims, use right hand when doing good and clean things, etc, etc

5) Fasting in Ramadan

Objective: Understand the basic fiqh of fasting

A. Purpose of fasting - To attain taqwa - Self-control. Patience. Gratitude. Empathy for poor.

B. Who Must Fast? Adult Muslim. Sane. Able.

C. What Breaks Fast? Eating/drinking intentionally. Sexual relations. Intentional vomiting. Menstruation.

D. Valid Excuses for not fasting - Illness. Travel. Pregnancy/breastfeeding (if harmful). Elderly.

6) Introduction to Najis and Cleaning

Objective: Students feel confident about cleanliness without becoming obsessive.

A. Types of Najis

- **Light (Mukhaffafah)** - Urine of baby boy (under 2, breastfed only).
- **Medium (Mutawassitah)** - Urine, feces, blood, alcohol.
- **Severe (Mughallazah)** - Dog and pig.

B. How to Clean - Remove physical impurity. Wash with water. For dog/pig: wash 7 times, one with soil.

C. Islam is practical — how to deal with waswas.

7) Zakat — Basic Concept

Objective: Students understand the basics of zakat.

- A.** Zakat purifies wealth. It is obligatory pillar. Given to specific categories of people. It is 2.5% of savings
- B.** Difference between zakat (obligatory) and sadaqah (voluntary).
- C.** Emphasize: Islam cares about society.

8) More Memorization of Surahs for Prayer

A. Surah Al-Kawthar. Surah Al-Falaq. Surah An-Nas

B. Meaning Explanation (Simple)

- **Al-Kawthar** - Allah gives blessings, Pray and sacrifice for Him alone.
- **Al-Falaq & An-Nas** - Seeking protection from evil, shaytan, envy

Teaching Method Recommendations

1. Use simple language.
2. Avoid harsh warnings.
3. Encourage questions.
4. Repeat key concepts often.
5. Give homework:
 - Reflect on one Name of Allah per week.
 - Practice one Sunnah.