

**Eid- Al-Ghadir Celebration – Level 1 - September 2015**

Topic: Understanding the succession to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) – Adherence to The Prophet (PBUH & HP) and the Imam of the Time–  
Maintaining Discipline

N u m b e r	Explanation	Duration	Goals	Instructions /Materials
0	<p><b>Warm up/Craft:</b></p> <p>Instructions for the craft can be seen at the end of this table</p>	25-30 minutes	1. Since the kids arrive at different times it is suggested that before that start of the official program, any sort of craft that is related to the occasion is planned for those who came earlier.	1.White cardboard 2.Color Pencils 3.Sponge 4.Recyclable Containers 5.Glue 6. Scissors
1	<p><b>Beginning:</b></p> <p>Hello everyone!            How are you? How’s everything going? Did you like the handcraft we made? Would you like to do some exercise now so we can get fresh? (doing some exercise like sitting down and standing up ... )</p> <p>(while the children are sitting down, a puppet comes out from behind the table and while yawning and says)</p>	10 minutes	1.The virtue and the importance of giving Salaam 2. Reciting the Holy Quran which brightens our path 3. Getting to know Surah Al-Inshirah and its meaning. 4. The importance of knowing the Qur’anic Verses. 5. Getting to know about the	1. A puppet for Noghli

<p><b>Noghli (the puppet's name):</b> Hi auntie (or uncle depending on the gender of the mentor). Good morning!</p> <p><b>Auntie/Uncle:</b> Salaam Noghli! Where were you this morning? Do you not know what time it is? Why did you sleep too much?!?</p> <p><b>Noghli:</b> I was tired last night auntie. I slept very late. If you didn't make noise, I would have slept longer.</p> <p><b>Auntie:</b> You shouldn't sleep late at nights. If you want to be fresh and energetic, you should sleep early at night. You don't know what's going on here? We are having a ceremony!</p> <p><b>Noghli:</b> Oooo! Sorry I wasn't paying attention! Are we celebrating the New Year?</p> <p><b>Auntie:</b> NEW YEAR!?! Nooo! This celebration is much more important than the New Year.</p> <p><b>Nogli:</b> Say it Auntie pleeeeeease! I don't know what's going on here!</p> <p><b>Auntie:</b> Today's ceremony is for one of the most precious Eid. That's why we are all happy today. The ceremony is about Eid – Al – Ghadir. The day of succession of Imam Ali (A.S.)</p> <p><b>Noghli:</b> Wow how interesting Auntie!! Can you tell more about this big day?</p> <p><b>Auntie:</b> My dear absolutely!?! But first let's recite a Surah with the kids together and then I will tell you all about it.</p>		<p>concept of succession to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH &amp; HP), and that his successor was chosen by God to continue his legacy.</p>	
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Who knows “Surah Al-Inshirah”? If you know it, recited it with me.

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أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ (١) وَوَضَعْنَا عَنكَ وِزْرَكَ (٢) الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ  
ظَهْرَكَ (٣) وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ (٤) فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا (٥) إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ  
يُسْرًا (٦) فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ (٧) وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ (٨)

Did We not relieve your breast for you? (1) and remove your burden from you (2) that pressed down upon your back? (3) We have even raised up renown of you! (4) Yet hardship will bring ease. (5) Indeed, hardship must bring ease! (6) So whenever you have finished, still toil on! (7) Towards your Lord direct your longing! (8)

**Auntie:** Did you all listen carefully to the meaning of the Surah? God tells the Prophet: O’ Prophet! We have given you patience so you can lead all humans. We have removed the burden from you. We have made you important in the whole world. Now you know that after all the hardships you went through while spreading Islam, God has given you peace and calmness. So when you finish doing one thing, return to God. Do you guys know what the burden was upon Prophet Muhammad’s (PBUH & HP) shoulders? The thing that bothered him the most? In the last year of Prophet Muhammad’s life, God commands him to go to Hajj and teach others how to do its rituals. Many people went to Hajj with him. God told his Prophet to introduce his successor in this journey. Successor means a person who can follow in the same footsteps as Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) and teach others about the religious rituals. And so God tells him: Ali (A.S.) is your successor.

**Noghli:** Auntie, why wouldn’t he introduce his successor to everyone?

	<p><b>Auntie:</b> Prophet Muhammad (PBUH &amp; HP) was scared to tell this message to everyone. Because some of his followers didn't like Imam Ali (PBUH). And if they knew Imam Ali (AS) will become his successor, they might have started a fight! And not allowed the Prophet (PBUH &amp; HP) to tell his message. But God helps him that day, and orders him to tell his message to everyone. On this day Prophet got relieved from the burden he had. He told everyone that his successor is Imam Ali (PBUH). My dears, if Prophet (PBUH &amp; HP) did not tell everyone this message, the religion of Islam would have not been complete.</p> <p><b>Noghli:</b> Then that's why everyone is so happy on this day, they greet and congratulate each other cheerfully. And they give each other candies and sweets. So Auntie in order to make everyone one in a happy mood, I know a poem about Eid-Al-Ghadir that I want to recite for them. But first, everyone has to bring their hands up and repeat after me:</p> <p><b>It's Eid Al Ghadir, and Ali is our Master! (3 times)</b></p>			
2	<p><b>Story :</b> A Trip to Ghadir</p> <p><b>Mentor:</b> Hey kiddos lets travel to the land of story tales, with our friend The Hoopoe. A journey to the past, so he can say his story for us!!</p> <p><b>Mentor facing the Hoopoe:</b> Salaam, Salaam, Hoopoe, we came here with the kids, to be your fellow traveler to the land of story tales!</p> <p><b>The Hoopoe:</b> Salaam, Salaam kids, Long, long time ago, when our dear Prophet was alive. On a very hot day, I was flying in the sky.</p>	<p>????? minutes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Becoming familiar with Ghadir, and the meaning behind succession to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH &amp; HP) in terms of a chant.</li> <li>2. In the 1st part, they get to know the main points of Tawhid(i.e. Oneness of God).They learn and chant together "La ilahail Allah"(i.e.: There is no god</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acquiring the necessary skills for storytelling, in order to attract kids' attention, but also for them to understand the moral of the story.</li> </ol>

<p>I saw a group of people standing there, waiting for others. They were with each other, they were all Hajji, who knows who is a Hajji?  Hajji is a person who goes to a trip, not a trip, he goes somewhere special.  Where does he go?! He goes to God’s house! Do you want to go there?  To go round and round it?  Who knows what its named?! Say it out loud!  We went and went till we got to Mecca, should we go round the Kaaba?  Everyone say it “La Ilaha Illa-Allah”, there is no god but Allah  Let’s now travel with the group of Hajjis.  They were near a pond, a pond near Mecca, do you know where it was?  It’s called GhadirKhummm .What was the name everyone?  When the group got to the pond, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH &amp; HP), told everyone to stop and wait there.  They waited and waited so Those who were behind, to arrive. Those who were ahead, to come back.  When they all gathered, they all chanted: <i>Muhammad Rasul-Allah! Muhammad Rasul-Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of God!</i>  Now we have arrived to the same pond! Let’s chant it all together  <i>Mohammad Rasul-Allah! Muhammad Rasul-Allah! Muhammad is the messenger of God!</i>  Prophet stood on a height, he started talking to the Hajjis.  To him they listened carefully. I remember what he said clearly.  First he thanked God. He praised and testified God.  He said when I die, you will all have to listen to one man.  The Hajjis asked who is that man? Who is your Master?  Prophet said Come here dear Ali, come faster. And Prophet raised his hand high in the air.  He said after me, Ali is your Master!</p>	<p>but God”).  3. In the second part, they will talk about Nubuwwah(Prophet hood). At the end of this part they will learn to say “Muhammad Rasul-Allah”(i.e. Muhammad is the messenger of God)  4. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> part they learn about the concept of wali (i.e helper), Wilayah(i.e authority) and accepting this authority.  5. The 4<sup>th</sup> part is about the concept of Imamah (i.e.: Leadership). The concept of accepting the oath of allegiance is mentioned for them. And at the end together they will chant : “Ali Wali Allah” ( i.e. Ali is the guardian/protector of God)  6. Referring to the words once said by Hazrat Zahra (SA), in the Fadak Sermon: She has said: Our leadership (Ahlul-Bayt), is the</p>	
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<p>Then all the Hajjis chanted together:  <i>Ali Wallieh-o-Allah! Ali is the protector of God!</i>  Let's all of say with the Hajjis:  <i>Ali Wallieh-o-Allah! Ali is the protector of God!</i>  Then all the Hajjis shook hands with Ali.  They told the story to those who weren't there.  Now let's all say this together:  <i>Congrats, congrats O' Ali on your Authority!!</i>  Now children can you tell me why Ali became our Master?  Think about it. Tell me why!?  (listen to their answers)  OK kids to answer this question better, think about my example, there is a family, mom, dad and children, the parents want to go out but they can't take their children. Do you think they will leave their children alone? For no one to take care of them? What will they do when something happens? What if they do something dangerous?</p> <p>Parents are kind and nice, they would never leave the house without having someone older to look after their kids. They will have someone who will replace them.</p> <p>God who is kind and nice who has send us the prophets. He knows what is best for us. He will have a guide for all humans so after the Prophet, he helps and guides them to the right path.</p> <p>YES exactly, if our dear Prophet (PBUH &amp; HP) who was the world's best teacher, didn't have anyone like him to lead people in the right path! People would have went the wrong direction. They would have done whatever they wanted even if it was wrong. By the way the universe would have lost its order. So when the Muslims chose Imam Ali (AS) as</p>	<p>Safeguard from disunity.</p>	
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	<p>their master and teacher in life, it made them all to follow the right path, have unity and love each other. This way everyone had the same goal. Their goal would be listening to God and doing things as he wants, helping others, doing good things, being kind and love one another.</p> <p>It's the same for us. We need someone to help us and guide us. Who knows who is our guide and Imam now?</p> <p>That's right! It's Imam Mahdi (AJ). We should talk to him. Ask him to help us, to guide us and show us the right path and we should ask him to pray for us.</p> <p>Now that we know why Imam Ali (AS) became our Imam and master, let's sing and have fun:</p> <p>Let's sing this song together:</p> <p>(this is a Persian song about Imam Ali, my idea is if you have another song in English that's related use it)</p> <p><i>I'm happy and laughing      knowing the value of my Master</i>  <i>I laugh and clap my hands      I say O' Ali and I'm happy (3 times)</i></p> <p>Good job to you all, who are the lovers of Imam Ali (AS) and Imam Mahdi (AJ) as well as you organized kids :)</p>			
3	<p><b>Video clip</b>  <a href="http://film.tebyan.net/film/133771">http://film.tebyan.net/film/133771</a></p>	4 minutes	1. To create a joyful environment for the kids.	1. This clip can be played while kids are making the craft or 2. Project, Speakers, laptop, and a projector screen might be needed

4	<p><b>Play:</b> The Train of Happiness &amp; Bliss</p> <p>The train is moving, while it suddenly stops (The passengers are sitting and are looking outside from the windows. Show the movement of the train by sound.) The passengers (Ali, Zahra and their parents) become surprise of the sudden stop of the train.</p> <p><b>Zahra:</b> Mom, did the train get a flat tire?</p> <p><b>Mom:</b> No honey. Trains don't get a flat tire, they havemetal tires.</p> <p><b>Ali:</b> So if it did get a flat tire, then what's wrong? What is going on?</p> <p><b>Dad:</b> It's better to go and see what has happened!</p> <p><b>Ali and his father look out of their train compartment. His father says:</b> It seems that the driver doesn't feel good?</p> <p><b>Ali:</b> WHAT?! You mean we won't get to Mashhad?!Wewon't get to play in the yards of Imam Reza's shrine?! Does that mean we have to stay in this dessert in middle of nowhere!? What will happen to us?</p> <p>Zahra starts nagging and goes next to her mother.</p> <p><b>Dad:</b> Slow down Ali!!! What are you saying? Look, you've made your sister worried. Then probably the vultures come and eat the rest of us!!</p> <p><b>Ali:</b> Oh, How did you know?</p> <p><b>Dad:</b> No my dear. Don't worry. Each train or airplane has a substitute</p>	15 minutes	1.Understanding the importance of succession to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP)	<p>1.Few Chairs</p> <p>2.Sound effect of a train can be downloaded using the link below <a href="http://www.soundjay.com/train-sound-effect.html">http://www.soundjay.com/train-sound-effect.html</a></p> <p>3.Speakers</p>
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driver, so when something happens to the first driver the second one will replace him. In few minutes our train's substitute driver will come and God willing we will arrive to Mashhad.

**Ali:** Really!? That's very interesting. I didn't know that there is a substitute driver. Did you hear that Zahra? Don't worry now.

Ali looks at his mom for a second and sees that she's thinking about something.

**He says:** Mom what are thinking about? Are you scared that we won't get to Mashhad?

**Mom smiles and says:** No dear, I was thinking about something else.

**Ali:** Can you tell me what you were thinking about?

**Mom:** Yes of course. But first you have to answer my question.

**Ali:** Ok, ask your question mom!

**Mom:** If we say life is like this train which takes you to success and happiness, who do you think the driver is?

**Ali thinks a little and says:** I think it should be someone that God has chosen him, right?

**Mom:** Excellent! So who could this be?

**Ali thinks again and says:** I got it. It's the Prophet, right mom?

**His father smiles proudly and says:** That's right. Now do you think is it possible if this train of happiness and bliss, which God has chosen its driver to be Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP), and after him passing away, would God have left this train without a driver??? And Leave alone those who want to follow the right path and get closer to God?

**Ali:** NO! That's impossible! When a train has a substitute driver, Prophet (PBUH & HP) who has worked hard on leading the train to success, he must have a successor to move this train forward. Our kind God, would never leave this train without a successor!

**Dad:** Good job my clever boy! God commands Prophet Mohammad (PBUH & HP) to tell everyone that Imam Ali (AS) is his successor. And he handed over people's train of happiness to Imam Ali (AS).

**Ali:** Now I understand why yesterday in the celebration we had at school my teacher said: "To whomever I am his master, this Ali is his master". It means that after me, Imam Ali is my Successor and you're Master. So if you want to get on this train of happiness and don't want to get lost you have to love and support Imam Ali (A.S). Thanks mom, thanks dad I have learned something important today. I think I have to thank the driver too. Dad! Can we go and see how's the driver doing?

**Dad:** I think we can. It's a good idea. Zahra you stay with your mom we will come back soon.

\*\*\*The train whistles and starts to move.

5	<p><b>Game</b> : Scatter and collect</p> <p>Play this game in a large room. Put the children into two groups, give each group a wide space for example each group sits on one rug. Give them some newspapers. The children have to chant this together “<i>It’s Eid Al Ghadir and Ali is our Master</i>” and while they do so, each group has to tear the papers into small pieces. Give them some action so they tear the papers as small as possible. After they stop chanting, give each group a plastic bag and they should clean all the small pieces. The group which cleans everything first is the winner.</p>	10-20 minutes	<p>1. A simple game is needed to make kids more energetic and keep the program interesting for them.</p> <p>2. Convey the concept of order, and organization especially after using toys or other means.</p>	<p>1. lots of newspapers ,magazines or waste papers</p>
6	<p><b>Chant</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hodhodfarsi.tv/play_movie.php?montajatmove_id=434">http://www.hodhodfarsi.tv/play_movie.php?montajatmove_id=434</a></p>	4 minutes	<p>1.To create a joyful environment for the kids</p>	<p>1. This video can be played while making craft. 2. Projector, speakers,&amp; projector screen is needed</p>
7	<p><b>Mentor:</b> Summary of the program and Dua</p> <p>I hope you all had fun today. We wanted to not only make you happy but also tell you all why it is so important to celebrate this big day. Now because of this beautiful day I want to give you some candy. But do you guys know who I am going to give the first candy to? Yass!! Those who tell me what they have learned today and like to tell their other friends that couldn’t be here with us, so they could learn it too?!</p> <p>1. We have learned why Prophet Muhammad should have had a successor after him! Why? Because without him, people would have slowly walked towards the wrong path and would have forgotten what the Prophet (PBUH &amp; HP) has taught them! If Prophet didn’t introduce a new teacher, they would have slowly all forgotten the Quran. That way everyone would have done</p>	5 minutes	<p>1.Concluding the program, and reminding the kids again the holistic meaning of succession to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH &amp; HP) 2. Reminding them of the presence of the Imam of our time, Imam Mahdi (AJ) as the best teacher for us.</p>	<p>1- It is important to perform this section in a quite environment, with utmost attention.</p>

	<p>what they liked! And they wouldn't have payed attention to the rules. Like what?!! Like a house with no parents! The children can do anything, even dangerous things!!!</p> <p>So Prophet (PBUH &amp; HP) introduced Imam Ali (AS) as his successor and told us that we have to listen to what he has to say!</p> <p>2. We understood how good it feels to be organized! And if aren't organized nothing goes as planned!</p> <p>3. The most important thing that we learned is that in our time we have to have a teacher to guide us. Who know at this time who our guide is?</p> <p>Yes that's right. Imam Mahdi (AJ) is our Imam and teacher of our time!! Accepting him, doing what he says, and praying for his reappearance, makes us all to have one common goal; Soo like this we all can help one another to continue the same path and be united. Now let's all greet him and pray for his health and his reappearance. And tell him HOW much we miss him...</p> <p>Let's stand up towards the Qibla : Salaam dear Imam, we love you and love to see you as soon as possible because you are our kindest father and so We miss you. And We have so many questions to ask from you. We want to learn a lot from you. You are always our best teacher!!!</p>			
8	<b>Reciting Dua Al-Faraj:</b>	3	1. Emotional bond with	1. Starting the Dua by reminding

	<p>Standing towards the Qibla, standing up to respect Imam Mahdi (AJ)</p> <p><a href="http://film.tebyan.net/film/151746">http://film.tebyan.net/film/151746</a></p>	<p>minutes</p>	<p>Imam Mahdi (AJ) and praying for his reappearance.</p>	<p>them the importance of praying for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (AJ). 2-While playing the clip, it is suggested that both the Arabic version of the dua and its translation is shown simultaneously.</p>
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## Instructions for the Craft:

### Materials Needed:

1. White cardboard
2. Color pencils
3. Sponge
4. Recyclable containers
5. Glue
6. Scissors

1- First print the pictures given at the end of this document on the white cardboard. Let the children color the pictures, allot 15 minutes for this. Then cut them in rectangles. There is no need to cut them side by side and carefully



2- Then, cut the sponge so it fits the container you are using. Place the drawings on the sponge.



3- To fill in the empty spaces in the container, you can fill in the space with some wrapping paper and or decorating stones.



**PICTURES TO BE USED:**

