



### INTRODUCTION

Recap the foundation of BIRR being BELIEF IN ALLAH, THE LAST DAY, THE ANGELS, THE BOOK AND THE PROPHETS

Continuing with the manifestation of this belief/foundation on our behaviours. The first manifestation is ethical....And give away wealth despite their love for it to

1. Family
2. Orphans
3. Needy
4. Travellers
5. Those who ask
6. Those enslaved in debt

This lesson the focus is **YATAAMAA ORPHANS**  
An orphan (Yateem) is a person who has lost his father or both his parents. The Prophet (pbuh) was an orphan too.



### ELABORATE

There are an estimated 200 million children worldwide that have experienced this loss. Losing a parent can mean that access to education, the protection of shelter, the sustenance of meals and the chance for a secure future becomes extremely difficult. This is why the responsibility of care for the orphan falls on all of us.

"Who so ever puts an affectionate hand on the head of an orphan will be rewarded by Allah with a radiance (light) for every hair which will pass from below his hand." – Imam Sadiq (pbuh)

One day Prophet 'Isa (pbuh) was passing through a grave yard with his companions and when nearing one particular grave he started walking faster. When his companions enquired he said that the person in the grave was being punished and he did not want to be near the grave.

A year later on passing the same graveyard, the companions of Prophet 'Isa (pbuh) noticed that he was walking slowly cherishing each step when he walked passed the same grave.

They asked him about the change. Prophet 'Isa (pbuh) replied: "The man had a son who has provided food and shelter to an orphan. Allah has forgiven the sins of the father on that account."

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Prophet (pbuh) has said: "If a person looks after an orphan and meets his expenses; he will be my companion in Janna and will sit by my side."

In his last will (after being struck by Ibne Muljim) Imam Ali (pbuh) said: "Fear Allah when the question of orphans arises. You should never let them starve. So long as you are there to guard and protect them you should not let them be ruined or lost. The Prophet (pbuh) always reminded us of this responsibility so much so that we often thought that the Prophet (pbuh) might give them a share from our inheritance."

### AHADITH FROM THE MA'SUMEEN

What can each of them do to fulfil this responsibility on a regular basis.  
Look up all the different organisations that help this cause and ask the students to reach out to help