

Lesson 6

Good Friends

"And help one another to do good deeds and be God-conscious."

Noble Qur'ān, 5:2



Lesson 6: Good Friends

Objective: Children will learn the qualities of a good friend.

We all need good friends in our lives. Good friends help us grow and they make us happy. But what are ‘good friends’ like and how do we find them? A good friend is someone who is wise and makes good decisions, has a pleasant personality (kind, polite, generous), and someone who has a close relationship with Allah and obeys Him. A good friend should also be loyal, which means that they should be with us during our good days and bad days. They should give us honest and good advice so that we can become better Muslims. In the Qur’ān, it says, *“And help one another to do good deeds and be God-conscious.”*¹

It can be easy to become friends with people who seem “cool” but who are not good people. We should choose friends carefully so that we do not end up with those who will move us away from Allah.

Imām Ḥusayn (‘a) had a very good friend named Ḥabīb ibn Maẓāhir. They both loved each other dearly. Ḥabīb never left Imām Ḥusayn’s (‘a) side. When the Imām reached Karbala, he sent a letter to Ḥabīb calling him for help. Ḥabīb left his family in the city of Kufa and came straight to Karbala, where he gave his life fighting for the Imām. Ḥabīb was there when Imām Ḥusayn (‘a) needed him the most, and that is how we should be with our friends as well.

¹Noble Qur’ān, 5:2

Qualities of a Good Friend

Suggested Ages: 5+

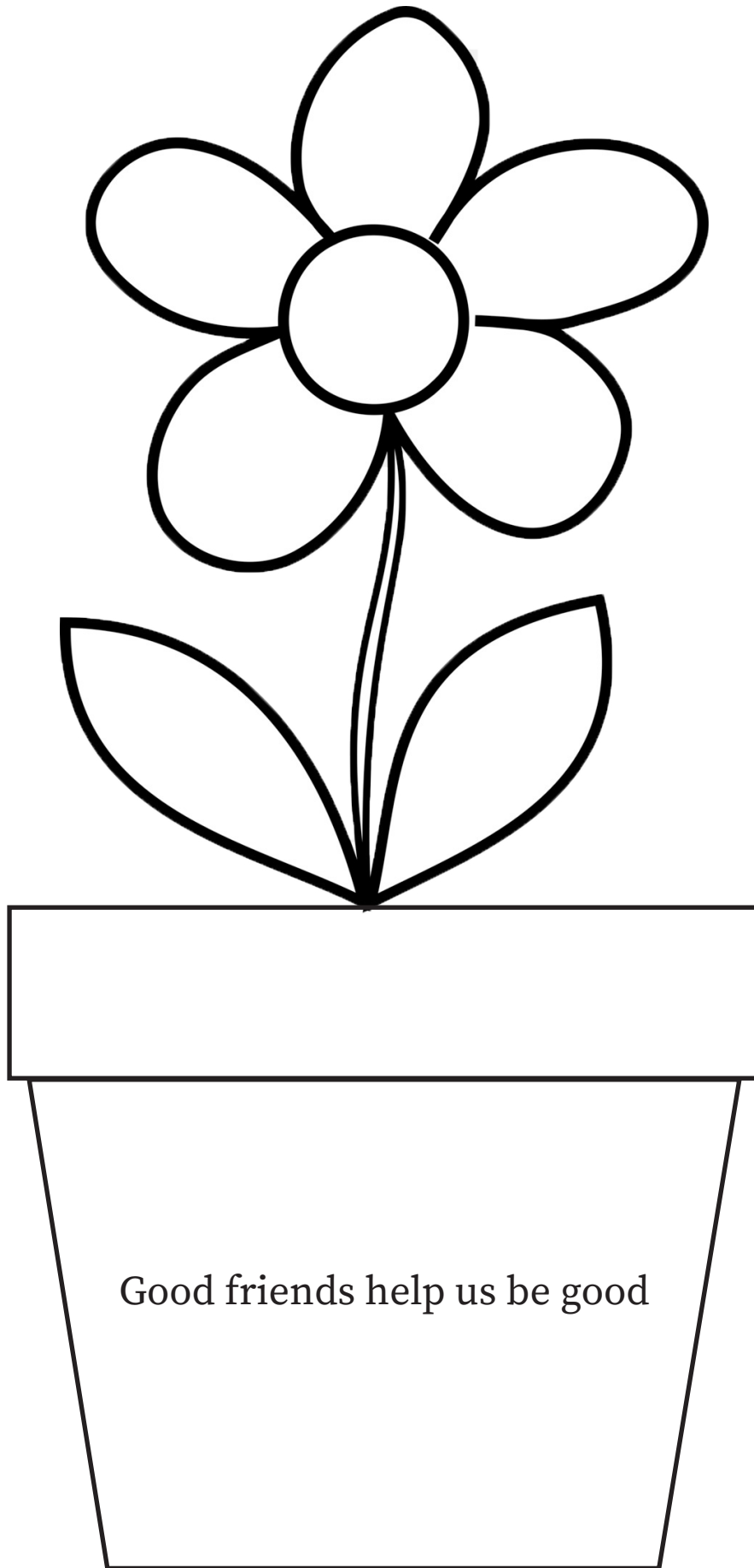
Time: 40 minutes

Materials:

- Flower template
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Marker/pen

Procedure:

1. Color and decorate the flower image however you like.
2. Think about the qualities of a good friend. What qualities did we discuss in the lesson? What qualities did Imām Ḥusayn’s (‘a) friend Ḥabīb ibn Maẓāhir have?
3. Write one quality in each petal.



Lesson 8

For the Sake of Allah

"Surely my prayer, my sacrifice, my life, and my death are all for Allah, the Lord of the worlds."

Noble Qur'ān, 6:162



Lesson 8: For the Sake of Allah

Objective: Children will learn about sacrifice and the sacrifices in Karbala.

When we talk about the tragedy of Karbala, we often hear about the sacrifice of Imām Ḥusayn (‘a), and the sacrifices of those who were with him. So what does it mean to sacrifice something? To sacrifice something means to give something away freely, willingly, and without the expectation of getting anything in return. When we give generously, and we do it purely to make Allah happy, this can be a type of sacrifice.

There are two different types of sacrifice: giving your life and giving from what you have. The first type is what the martyrs of Karbala gave. Imām Ḥusayn (‘a) and his companions gave their lives to protect Islam. It is because of his sacrifice that we are sitting here today, remembering him and practicing true Islam.

The second type is something that belongs to us, such as money, a position, or food. We should follow what it says in the Qur’ān, which says, *“Surely my prayer, my sacrifice, my life, and my death are all for Allah, the Lord of the worlds.”*¹ This means that everything we do should be for the sake of Allah. We sacrifice those things, not to make ourselves look good or for other people to think we’re great people, but to please Allah. The reward for sacrifice is better than what you have given up. Let’s do an activity that will help us think of ways we can give to others for the sake of Allah.

¹Noble Qur’ān, 6:162

Sacrifice Pyramid

Suggested Ages: 5+

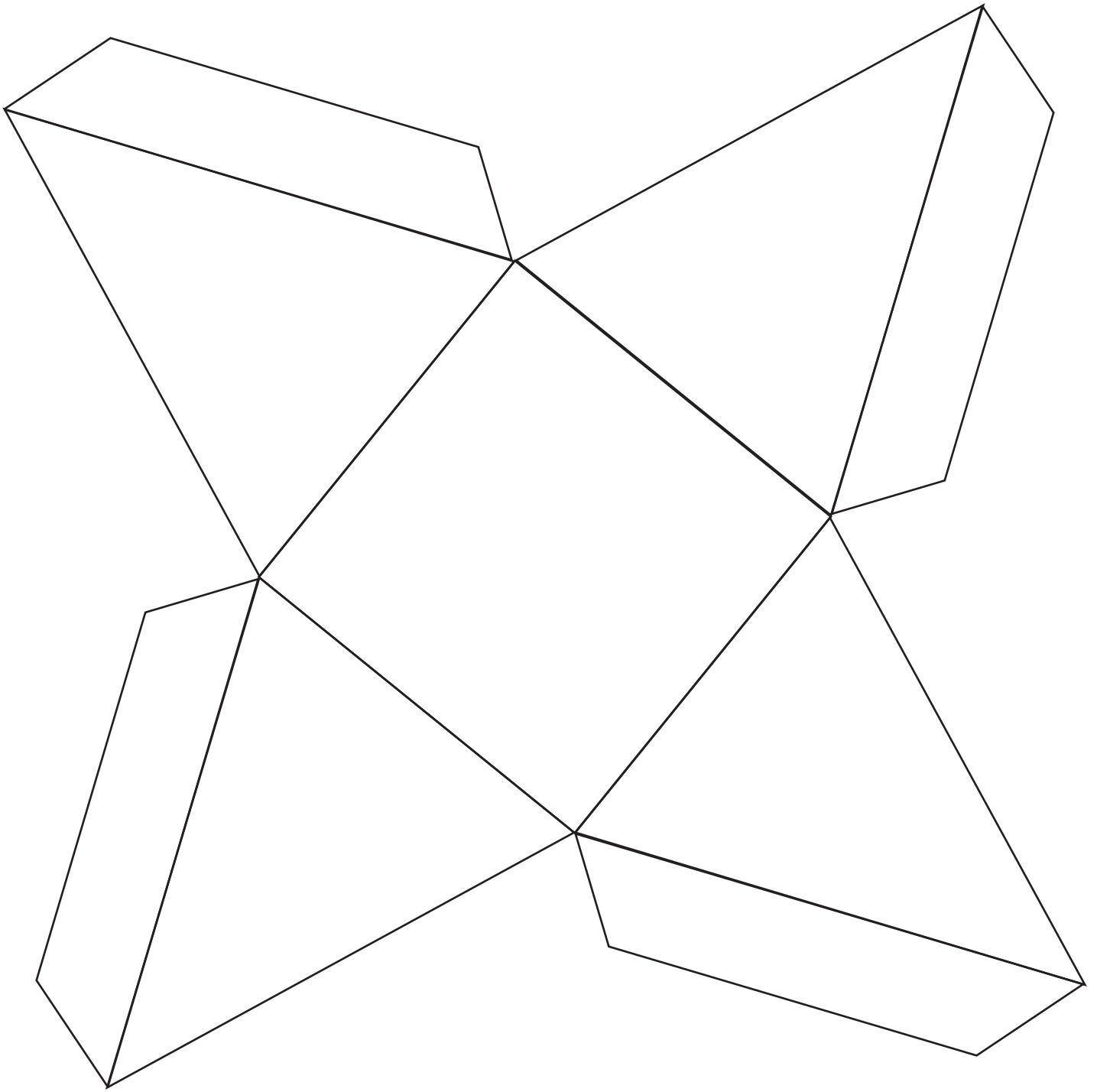
Time: 40 minutes

Materials:

- Pyramid template
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue/tape
- Toothpick

Procedure:

1. On each side of the pyramid, draw different ways we can make sacrifices in our lives. Color and decorate however you like.
2. Cut out the pyramid template by cutting along the outer edges. Be sure to include the tabs on each triangle shape; these will be used later.
3. Fold along the lines of the square so that the triangle sides are forming a pyramid.
4. Now, fold along the lines with the tabs on the triangle sides.
5. Glue or tape the tabs on the inside of the pyramid to attach the triangle sides to each other. Be sure the drawings are showing on the outside.
6. Cut out the Allah in the circle and attach it to the toothpick.
7. Glue or tape it to the top of the pyramid like a flag.





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