

# Keeping Promises

*"And fulfill My promise so that I may fulfill  
your promise."*

*Noble Qur'ān, 2:40*



# Lesson 4: Keeping Promises

**Objective:** Children will learn about integrity and why it is important to keep our word.

In the event of Karbala, there is the story of Ḥaḍrat Muslim ibn ‘Aqīl, the cousin of Imām Ḥusayn (‘a). Although he was not in Karbala, his story is a very important part of the tragedy that teaches many lessons, such as the importance of keeping our word. This means that when we say something, people should be able to count on it.

On the way to Karbala, Imām Ḥusayn (‘a) sent Ḥaḍrat Muslim ibn ‘Aqīl to the city of Kufa to see if the people there supported him or not. When Ḥaḍrat Muslim arrived and told the people why he was there, they all gave their overwhelming support to Imām Ḥusayn (‘a), and promised to help Ḥaḍrat Muslim. However, as soon as the evil governor of Kufa threatened them if they supported Imām Ḥusayn (‘a), they all hid in their homes. Instead of standing with Ḥaḍrat Muslim like they said they would, they left him, and he was captured and killed.

From this story, we see what can happen when we don’t do the thing we promised to do, especially for those who need us. Allah says in the Qur’ān, “*And fulfill My promise so that I may fulfill your promise.*”<sup>1</sup> This shows us that keeping our promises is so important, that Allah is also keeping His promises, such as showering us with His mercy and blessings. Today, we are going to make a craft that will remind us to keep our word.

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<sup>1</sup> Noble Qur’ān, 2:40

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## Creating Bonds

**Suggested Ages:** 5+

**Time:** 40 minutes

**Materials:**

- Bonds template
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue/tape
- String/ribbon
- Clothes hanger

**Procedure:**

1. Color and decorate the template however you like.
2. Cut out all of the pieces from the template.
3. Attach a piece of string to each of the cutout figures. Then, attach the other ends of the strings to the back of the ayah box.
4. Glue or tape the ayah box to the clothes hanger, where the top of the triangle meets the hook.
5. The people cutouts are all dangling from the strings. Now, glue or tape the back of each cutout figure to the bottom of the hanger. This will make all of the cutout figures stay in one place.
6. Keeping our word is what creates and strengthens the bonds between us, so we should remember to always keep our word.

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