

# Good Friends

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*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.”*<sup>1</sup>

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.

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## 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.

