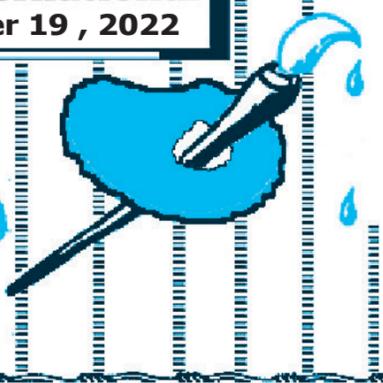


# Children's Corner



## Imam Ali (AS)

*"Often, your utterances and expressions of your face reveal the secrets of your hidden thoughts."*

## Prophet's Behaviour Towards Children

Salaam dear young friends, and since we are still basking in the blessed birthday celebrations of the Prophet of Peace and the Messenger of Mercy, we again extend heartiest felicitations to you all for paying your sincerest respects to Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

Indeed, last Friday on Rabi al-Awwal 17, we marked the birthday of the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), who was born in 83 AH on the 136th birth anniversary of his illustrious forbear, and during his fruitful life revived for the benefit of the Ummah, the Prophet of Islam's shari'ah or the dynamic code that covers all aspects of life, which has come to be known as Fiqh-e Ja'fari.

As you know, last Saturday the 18th of Rabi al-Awwal was the birthday of the Prophet's second and youngest granddaughter, Hazrat Omm Kolthoum (AS), who played a vital role in the aftermath of the heartrending tragedy of Karbala for the safeguarding of Islamic values, and was a toddler of almost three years when her beloved grandfather departed from the mortal world.

You are aware in today's world, children are considered to be very important. Full attention is given by societies and governments to their upbringing and respecting their personality in the family and the society. In spite of this, people today do not pay as much attention to children's instruction as the Leader of the Muslims did.

Although sometimes statesmen in industrialized countries visit orphanages and kindergartens, sometimes hugging children for photo ops and media publicity, to date no person can be compared to the Prophet of Islam, who taught us the correct and sincere love for children.

The Prophet had a special love of children, whether they were his own children or those of others. It has been written about him: "Kindness towards children was one of the special practices of the Prophet."

One of the most basic factors in the development of a child's personality is sociability and proper treatment. Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) clearly advised his followers concerning this. He told them: "Respect your children and treat them with good manners and in an acceptable way."

Therefore, those who want to have children with a strong personality must guide them with good training and avoid treating them improperly as an improper practice cannot lead to the upbringing of worthy children who have a strong personality.

Fulfillment of promises towards children contributes to the development of their self-confidence and affects their personality. The true leaders of Islam have given much advice about the fulfillment of promises to children.

The Prophet's First Infallible Heir, Imam Ali (AS) used to say: "It is not appropriate to tell lies, whether seriously or jokingly. It is not appropriate to make a promise to one's children and fail to fulfill it."

The Imam relates, the Prophet used to say: "If any of you makes a promise to his child, he must fulfill it."

These are indeed points pondering upon by both parents and children, as well as you youngsters, the bright hope of the future.

Goodbye and God bless you until we meet again next Wednesday.

## Types of Bear

P	K	A	I	D	O	K	T	O	R	I	E	O	S
N	L	U	K	A	D	S	K	A	D	N	A	P	I
U	L	A	N	A	I	R	Y	S	K	L	N	C	B
A	M	K	R	S	K	S	L	U	A	L	D	I	E
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N	K	A	T	O	S	A	D	K	S	E	O	O	I
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A	C	R	N	G	P	P	O	L	A	R	N	L	O
Y	L	Z	Z	I	R	G	A	N	C	A	D	N	G
O	I	L	E	A	A	E	N	Z	B	L	P	D	A
S	L	E	B	N	B	N	B	U	S	D	R	E	L

- ATLAS
- BLUE
- BERGMAN'S
- POLAR
- SUN
- KERMODE
- SYRIAN
- BLACK
- CINNAMON
- PANDA
- GOBI
- SIBERIAN
- GRIZZLY
- KODIAK
- SLOTH

## RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I am whole but incomplete. I have no eyes, yet I see. You can see, and see right through me. My largest part is one fourth of what I once was. What am I?
2. I have leaves on my fruit; my fruit is on my leaves. What am I?
3. Squeeze me and I cry tears as red as my flesh, but my heart is made of stone. What am I?
4. I've got a beautiful, beautiful hall all walled in red velvet, with all white armchairs made of bone, and in the middle a woman dances. What am I?
5. In the sun I like to play; in the rain I goes away; walk or run I always follow; in the mud I always wallow. What am I?
6. Crooked as a rainbow, and slick as a plate, ten thousand horses can't pull me straight. What am I?

Answers to last week's edition:

1. Horizon
2. Candle
3. Finger
4. Hyphen
5. Needle
6. Hearse

## JOKES

Patient: Doctor help me please, every time I drink a cup of coffee I get this intense stinging in my eye.  
Doctor: I suggest you remove the spoon before drinking.

A man to a psychiatrist: "How do you select who should be admitted to your facility?"  
The psychiatrist replies: "We fill a bathtub with water and give the person a spoon, a cup and a bucket. Then we ask that person to empty the bathtub."  
The man smiles: "Ah, I understand, if you are sane you would take the bucket."

A man hired a lawyer when he got sued by his company for embezzlement of many millions. At the beginning of the process, the lawyer kindly reassured him: "Don't worry, you'll never go to jail with that amount of money."  
And the lawyer was right. When the man did go to jail eventually, he didn't have a penny anymore.

Guest at a restaurant: "I refuse to eat this roast beef. Please call the manager!"  
Waiter: "That's no use. He won't eat it either."

## The Serpent and the File

A Serpent in the course of its wanderings came into an armourer's shop.



As he glided over the floor he felt his skin pricked by a file lying there.

In a rage he turned round upon it and tried to dart his fangs into it; but he could do no harm to heavy iron and had soon to give over his wrath.

MORAL: "It is useless attacking the insensible."



**Believe It or Not!**

**CASTAWAYS!**  
THE BEACHES OF TAVIRA ISLAND, PORTUGAL, ARE LINED WITH HUNDREDS OF RUSTY ANCHORS LEFT BEHIND BY TUNA FISHERMEN.

Submitted by Richard Stone, Lafayette, LA.

**FREE LODGING!** THE EGGS OF THE SPINY LEAF INSECT INCLUDE A SMALL LUMP THAT ANTS LOVE TO EAT. ANTS TAKE THE EGGS TO THEIR NEST AND EAT JUST THE LUMP. THE EGGS ARE THEN SAFE AND FREE TO HATCH UP TO THREE YEARS LATER.

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AN ECHIDNA HAS NO TEETH, SO IT USES ITS TONGUE TO CRUSH INSECTS AGAINST THE ROOF OF ITS MOUTH.

**ROOM SERVICE**  
AT HOTEL TRIO IN HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA, IS DELIVERED BY A FOUR-FOOT-TALL ROBOT NAMED ROBEÉ.