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The salam

Lesson 2 · greeting with peace

📖 **The story: The salam**

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Just hey

In the playground Younes always says “hey” or “yo” to his friends. One day a new pupil comes into the class, Bilal. Bilal says to everyone: “As-salamu ‘alaykum.” Some laugh. “Why so formal?” asks Younes. Bilal shrugs. “It isn’t formal. I wish you peace. Isn’t that nicer than yo?”

☆ **As-salamu ‘alaykum: peace be upon you.**

playground = school yard for breaks · **formal** = very serious and official

Part 2 – Who greets first?

Younes asks his father. He explains: “The Prophet said: spread the salam among yourselves, then you will love each other.” There are also rules. Whoever rides greets whoever walks. Whoever walks greets whoever sits. A small group greets a large group. The younger greets the older. And whoever receives the salam answers: wa ‘alaykumu s-salam. “Preferably even more beautifully,” says his father. “Wa ‘alaykumu s-salam wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.”

☆ **Answer the salam with an equally beautiful or more beautiful greeting.**

spread = make it reach everywhere · **answer** = say something back

Part 3 – To the teacher too?

The next day Younes says salam to Bilal. Bilal is happy. Younes wonders: and to someone who isn’t Muslim? His father said: “Greet everyone kindly. Good morning, hello madam, a smile: that is good character too.” That morning Younes says “good morning, Miss” at the door. The teacher looks surprised and smiles back. A greeting costs nothing, thinks Younes. And yet it makes something warm.

☆ **Greet everyone kindly: a greeting costs nothing.**

kindly = nicely and politely · **surprised** = unexpectedly happy or amazed

💬 **Let’s talk:** How do you feel when someone greets you kindly? And when someone ignores you?

💡 **Did you know? – The full salam**

- As-salamu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh: peace, the mercy of Allah and His blessings be upon you.
- As-Salam is also one of the most beautiful names of Allah: the Peace.
- The people of Paradise greet each other with salam.

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 4:86

وَإِذَا حُيِّيتُم بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا

Wa idhaa huyyitum bi-tahiyyatin fa-hayyu bi-ahsana minhaa aw rudduhaa.

“When you are greeted, greet back with something better, or return the same greeting.”

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Lesson 2 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What does Younes always say?

- ◯ salam
- ◯ hey or yo

2. What does as-salamu ‘alaykum mean?

- ◯ peace be upon you
- ◯ good morning

3. Who greets first?

- ◯ the older greets the younger
- ◯ the younger greets the older

4. What happens when you spread the salam?

- ◯ you become rich
- ◯ you will love each other

5. What does Younes say to the teacher?

- ◯ good morning, Miss
- ◯ yo

6. What else is As-Salam?

- ◯ a name of Allah
- ◯ a city

☆ **Remember this:** Give the salam and answer even more beautifully.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What is the difference between yo and as-salamu ‘alaykum?

2. How do you greet someone who is not Muslim?

Puzzles

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🔤 Word search

Find the words: from left to right and from top to bottom.

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

☐ GREETING ☐ TEACHER ☐ YOUNES ☐ BARAKA ☐ ANSWER ☐ SALAM ☐ PEACE
☐ BILAL ☐ SMILE ☐ RAHMA

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

Something is missing, bigger, smaller, turned or moved.

