

# April 2006 Journal Activities

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## Saturday, April 1

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْحَجَّ •

*Truly Allâh has prescribed upon you the Hajj.<sup>9</sup>*

Write the Arabic and English (manuscript and cursive) 2x each

## Sunday, April 2

Write in manuscript and cursive, 1x each:

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again.  
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.  
Waste not, want not.  
Into everyone's life, some rain must fall.

Orally discuss what each one means with your "teacher."

## Monday, April 3

الدُّعَاءُ مُخُّ الْعِبَادَةِ •

*Supplication (du'â) is the essence of worship.<sup>10</sup>*

Follow instructions for April 1.  
List as many situations as you can where you say a dua.  
Then say the actual dua. (e.g. before eating, Bismillah)

## Tuesday, April 4

Write the days of the week in manuscript and cursive, one time each.  
Write the Islamic days of the week, one time each.

## Wednesday, April 5

أَحَبُّ الْبِلَادِ إِلَى اللَّهِ

مَسَاجِدُهَا •

*The most beloved parts of the land to Allâh are  
its mosques.<sup>11</sup>*

See April 1 and:  
Can you name the three sacred mosques and their location? Write the answers in manuscript and cursive.

## Thursday, April 6

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## Saturday, April 7

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ

الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ •

*The best of you is the one who learns the Qur'ân and teaches it.<sup>12</sup>*

Follow April 1 and:

List as many surah names as you can (English transliteration) in two minutes.

## Sunday, April 9

Brainstorm a list of ten Islamic countries.

Write them in manuscript and cursive in alphabetical order.

Also, list one city in each, if you can.

(Write each in manuscript and cursive.)

## Monday, April 10

زَيِّنُوا الْقُرْآنَ بِأَصْوَاتِكُمْ •

*Beautify the Qur'ân with your voices.<sup>13</sup>*

Follow April 1 and:

Recite 5 surahs that you know.

## Tuesday, April 11

Write an alliteration sentence (tongue twister) that starts with T

Write an alliteration sentence (tongue twister) that starts with G

Write an alliteration sentence (tongue twister) that starts with P

Write in manuscript and cursive.

## Wednesday, April 12

إِنَّ الدِّينَ يَسْرٌ •

*Truly the way of life (of Islâm) is easy.<sup>40</sup>*

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## Thursday, April 13

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**Saturday, April 15**

الْمَرْءُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ •

*A man is upon the religion of (who he considers) his friend.<sup>38</sup>*

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**Sunday, April 16**

Brainstorm a list of 10 prophets.  
Write them in alphabetical order (or the order they were sent)  
in cursive and manuscript. 1x each.

**Monday, April 17**

مَنْ تَشَبَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ •

*Whoever imitates (copies) a people, he is of them.<sup>39</sup>*

Follow April 1.

List several ways that people imitate the kuffar.

**Tuesday, April 18**

Copy the following paragraph from an article by A.S. Chughtai

## *Ibn Battuta - The Forgotten Traveller*

Ibn Battuta's sea voyages and references to shipping reveal that the Muslims completely dominated the maritime activity of the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Chinese waters. Also it is seen that though the Christian traders were subject to certain restrictions, most of the economic negotiations were transacted on the basis of equality and mutual respect.

**Wednesday, April 19**

طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ

عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ •

*Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim.<sup>15</sup>*

**Thursday, April 20**

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## Saturday, April 22

إِنَّ الْعُلَمَاءَ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

*Truly, the scholars are the heirs of the Prophets.<sup>16</sup>*

Write the Arabic, English (cursive and manuscript 1x)  
List as many scholars (present day, and past) that you can.

## Sunday, April 23

Brainstorm a list of ten book titles.  
Write them in cursive and manuscript in alphabetical order.  
Be sure to capitalize correctly.

## Monday, April 24

Copy the following paragraph one time in cursive or manuscript, your choice.

Whoever treads a path in the search of knowledge, Allâh will direct him to tread a path from the paths of Paradise. And truly the angels will lower their wings in pleasure for the seeker of knowledge. And the entire creation, from the heaven to the earth and even the animals in the depths of the ocean, will seek forgiveness for him. And truly the superiority of the scholar over the worshipper is like the superiority of the full moon over the rest of the stars on that night. And truly the scholars are the heirs of the Prophets. And truly the Prophets do not leave behind gold or silver coins- rather they leave behind knowledge. So, whoever acquires it has acquired a huge fortune.”

## Tuesday, April 25

Brainstorm a list of onomatopoeic words (meow , hiss, etc)  
Write them in manuscript and cursive.

## Wednesday, April 26

الْغِنَى غِنَى النَّفْسِ

*(True) wealth is contentment of the soul.<sup>36</sup>*

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## Thursday, April 27

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**Saturday, April 29**

مَنْ لَا يُرْحَمَ لَا يُرْحَمُ •

*Whoever does not show mercy, will not be shown mercy.<sup>37</sup>*

Follow April 1.

**Sunday, April 30**

Copy the following paragraph from Education World's "Everyday Edits" and

Circle all adjectives

Underline all nouns

Tell what each sentence begins with (a "who" or "what" or "when", etc)

List all proper nouns.

During the month of March in 1950, Peter Hodgson introduced a toy that became a surprise sensation. Six years earlier, Silly Putty was discovered by an engineer at General Electric. When no practical use could be found for the product, Hodgson began to sell the bouncing putty as a toy. Silly Putty flew from store shelves. More than 300 million Silly Putty eggs have now been sold. Silly Putty even rocketed to the moon with the Apollo 8 astronauts!

Sources:

- **Arabic text and translations:** CONNECTICUT COUNCIL of MASAJID, Inc.'s "Beginners'40 Hadith"
- **Education World's "Everyday Edits"** [www.educationworld.com](http://www.educationworld.com)
- Ideas adapted from "Learn at Home" Series, Grade 4.
- "Ibn Battuta - the great traveler," by A.S. Chughtai