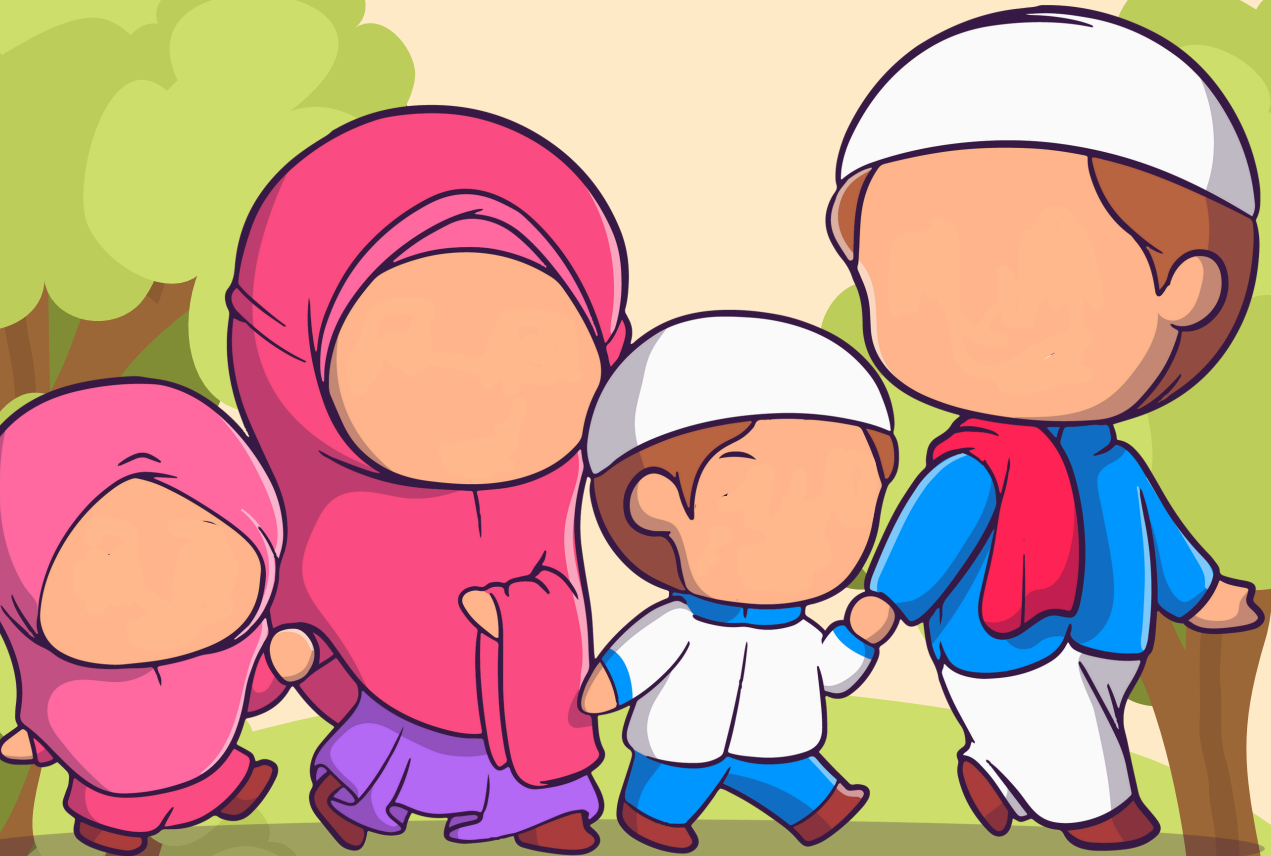


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THE ETIQUETTE OF SNEEZING



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Omar sat next to his mother as she was folding clothes. Then, his mother sneezed, placing her hand over her mouth, and said, "Alhamdulillah" (Praise be to Allah)


Omar looked at her and asked, "Why did you say 'Alhamdulillah,' mother? And why did you put your hand over your mouth when you sneezed?"



His mother replied, "These are the manners of sneezing, my dear! When you sneeze, you should cover your mouth with your hand or a piece of your clothing, and then say 'Alhamdulillah.'




If you see someone sneezing in front of you and they say 'Alhamdulillah,' you should say to them, 'Yarhamuk Allah' (May Allah have mercy on you)."





Omar said, "Yarhamuk Allah, mother."





His mother replied, "Yahdikum Allah wa yuslih balakum" (May Allah guide you and rectify your condition).







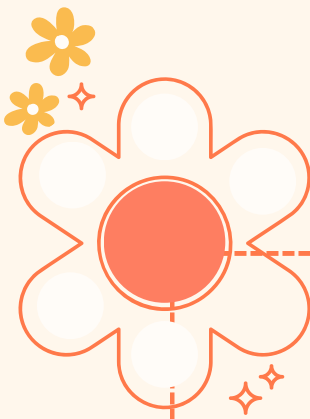
Omar asked, "Are these also part of the manners of sneezing, mother?"



His mother replied, "Yes, Omar. If you say to someone who sneezed 'Yarhamuk Allah,' they will respond to you by saying 'Yahdikum Allah wa yuslih balakum.'"



Omar left the room happily and hurried to tell his friends what he had learned from his mother about the manners of sneezing, repeating:



If you sneeze, say
'Alhamdulillah,'



And if you see someone
sneezing and they say
'Alhamdulillah,' say to them,
'Yarhamuk Allah.'

Then they will reply to you,
'Yahdikum Allah wa yuslih
balakum.'

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