



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">INSTILLING ISLAMIC VALUES IN THE FAMILY 27 May 2016AD / 20 Syaaban 1437H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الحمد لله الذي علم وآنعم، وهدانا بالقرآن للتي هي أقوم،</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">وَوَصَّى بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَبْنَئِي إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى لَكُمْ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٣﴾</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ رَحْمَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ.</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَنَبِيِّكَ وَرَسُولِكَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>The best provisions for us as we journey through our life is the constant conviction in Allah SWT. With increased conviction in Allah SWT, it can change people and their lives from a disbeliever to that of faith, from disobedience to obedience, from cruelty to compassion, and from darkness into the light of truth. May all our efforts be graced with the blessings of life</p>



	and a righteous position in the estimation of Allah SWT.
8	Various expectations are embedded within the minds of our children at a very young age. There are children, early in their lives, already instilled with the ambition of becoming great individuals, wealthy and more. To achieve this, parents organize and plan a variety of activities which may increase the level of their children's thinking to its maximum level.
9	Parents worry that their children will be viewed negatively if they are not educated enough. However, how many of us are worried about their religious education?
10	Therefore, the <i>mimbar</i> today would like to invite the congregation to reflect upon a sermon entitled, " <i>Instilling Islamic Values in the Family</i> ".
11	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The family is the foundation of religious education for our children. Parents are teachers and educators whose role is to instil religious values and morals into them. It is through the family that our children acquire their first knowledge through education before any other guidance is given. Education provided in schools are bound by time and specific syllabus, while the learning process in the family happens continuously.
12	Abdullah Nasih Ulwan spoke of this in his book <i>Tarbiatul Aulad</i> : " <i>Religious education is an effort to provide and nurture children to be good members of the society and to become a righteous person in this life</i> ". Therefore, parents should be good examples and role models to the children when they are at their side.
13	This corresponds to a hadith recorded by Imam Bukhari as narrated by Abu Huraira RA where Rasulullah SAW said: كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ يُوَلَّدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ فَأَبَوَاهُ يَهُودَانِهِ أَوْ يَنْصَرَانِهِ أَوْ مَجْسَانِهِ كَمَثَلِ الْبَيْمَةِ تُنْتَجُ



	<p>الْبَيْمَةَ هَلْ تَرَى فِيهَا جَدْعَاءَ. (رواية البخاري)</p>
14	<p>Which means: "Every child is born in a state of innocence and free from any sin. Both his parents will make him either a Jew, a Christian or a fire worshipper. Just like an animal which gives birth to its offspring without any disability, do you see any (young animal) born mutilated before you mutilate them? "</p>
15	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The reality today is that there are many parents who ignore this responsibility and do not manage their children well. This irresponsible attitude of parents, who are ignorant of their children's activities, is the cause of children's involved in vices. Similarly, the attitude of parents who are more concerned with the so-called academic achievements in line with the requirements of today's world, without any regard to instilling Islamic values and teachings, has resulted in a crisis of morality, such as babies born out of wedlock, abandoned children, bullying and many other social problems and plights.</p>
16	<p>Children are the responsibility of parents. By neglecting to educate them, parents are betraying their trust. Parents should play an important role in promoting a balanced life for their children. As the Malay saying goes, to bend a bamboo, start when it is still a young shoot. However, do not despair, for if it has already turned into bamboo, another option is to carve it beautifully to create something of value to the public.</p>
17	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In conjunction with the upcoming school holidays, parents should again take on their responsibilities to educate and perform their religious obligations and duties for their children.</p>
18	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah Al-Kahf verse 46:</p> <p>﴿٤٦﴾ الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمَلًا</p>



19	Which means: <i>“Wealth and sons are allurements of the life of this world: but the things that endure Good Deeds are best in the sight of the Lord as rewards and best as (the foundation for) hopes.</i>
20	Islam has outlined some guidelines to parents in an effort to shape religious education for children, which includes: <i>First: Building a harmonious environment at home</i> It is pointless if education ends only with teachers at school, when the lessons and knowledge acquired is not practised at home. While in school, they pray and read the al-Quran. But when at home, they do not do so because the atmosphere at home does not promote or encourage them to practice the values of Islam.
21	Therefore, parents need to create and promote an environment or atmosphere at home that encourages prayers, sitting together during meals, respect for each other and many more. Those who grow up in a harmonious home filled with the values of Islam are more inclined towards the positive and are able to have an impact on themselves as well as the people around them.
22	<i>Second: Becoming good role models</i> The future identity of a child is shaped and nurtured through education and parental guidance. That's how they learn good or bad morals, emotions and values. History has proven that, by becoming good role models, our children's brain development and future can be influenced and nurtured towards good.
23	Abdul Malik, the son of <i>Amirul Mukminin</i> Umar bin Abdul Aziz was a young man who stood out as a leader, knowledgeable, disciplined and pious. This is the result of Umar bin Abdul Aziz's guidance and education, together with Fatima binti Abdul Malik bin Marwan, Abdul Malik's mother.
24	<i>Third: Educating based on age</i> Educate children according to their age



25	<p>As stated in the hadith of Rasulullah SAW, recorded by Imam Abu Daud and narrated by Amr bin Shuaib:</p> <p>مُرُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ سَبْعِ سِنِينَ وَاضْرِبُوهُمْ عَلَيْهَا وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ عَشْرٍ وَفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَهُمْ فِي الْمَضَاجِعِ. (رواية أبي داود)</p>
26	<p>Which Means: "Order your children to offer prayers when they are seven years old and punish them if they leave it at the age of ten years, and separate their beds from yours".</p>
27	<p>Children's age level is divided into three phases. Each phase has a different approach and method. At the age of seven (7) years, the approach used is to shower them with love, play and activities that can please them.</p>
28	<p>Between the ages eight (8) to fifteen (15) years, discipline them with the etiquettes of Islam, such as praying, manners towards parents, teachers and others. This phase requires firmness rather than aggression. From the age of sixteen (16) years and above, be their friends and share with them the experience and knowledge in accordance with their thoughts and views. If the methods used are appropriate, there should not be any rift or fracture in the family and as a result, children will be easier to reprimand and are able to be nurtured well.</p>
29	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>The development of all above can increase the capacity of intellectual potential, self-confidence and values of our children. As a result, these children will be bestowed with exceptional personality, excellent knowledge and an attitude that is in harmony with the natural belief bestowed by Allah SWT.</p>
30	<p>They would feel embarrassed to do activities that are immoral and contrary to the norms of life, such as breach of trust, corruption, oppressing others and so on. It would be a reflection, and due to the practice, of Islamic values instilled in their lives since young. In due course, the quality of the society</p>



	will be improved, which, in turn, will ensure the prosperity of our country.
31	To ensure this goal is achieved, parents, schools and communities should work together and combine their energy. Even with good education and exposure to religion provided within the family, it is very difficult to nurture and develop a child's personality without the support of the school and the community.
32	These three institutions, family, school and community, cannot be separated. In fact, they are intertwined with each other. This is to ensure that the education received by children will create an individual who is emotionally, mentally and spiritually balanced.
33	Remember, these children will grow up and determine the future of our country. The security and prosperity of the nation will be preserved if our youth are forged and moulded with Islamic values.
34	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>To end the sermon today, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to invite the congregation to reflect upon the following points, as guidance and reminder for all of us:</p> <p>First: The family is the main foundation of religious education for our children. The family provides the process of character building, which will influence our children's development.</p> <p>Second: The instilling of religious values will increase the capacity of exceptional intellect, self-confidence and values within families.</p> <p>Third: Parents should strive to establish and instil religious education among children, through the creation and promotion of a harmonious environment at home, and their education through methods recommended by Islam.</p>



35	Which means: "And those who pray "Our Lord! Grant unto us wives and offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes and give us (the grace) to lead the righteous."
36	<p>بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَاِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهُ الْعَظِيْمُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ. فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِيْنَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِيْنَ .</p>