Hajj Game Activity Guide

Toddlers and kindergarteners

- Before starting the activity:
  - print out the game board and cards
  - mount them on card stock
  - laminate

The game had two components:

- teaching the rites of hajj
- memory/matching the rites of hajj

Starting the activity

MEMORY GAME

- Make sure the child is looking at you.
- Take all of the cards and turn them face down.
- Tell the child that together you will find matching cards that show the rites of hajj (i.e. what Muslims do when making hajj).
- Turn over two cards, if they match you keep them; if the cards do not match you place them face down back on the floor or on the desk, etc.
- Tell the child, "Now it's your turn." Allow the child the chance to try. Take turns until the child is no longer interested.

THE RITES OF HAJJ GAME

- Place the game board on a table or on the floor.
- Place all of the cards face up on the table or floor

- Teach the child the rites of hajj in very simple language (i.e. there are certain things that Muslims must do when we go to hajj insha'Allah. Men have to wear special clothes. These clothes are the clothes of ihram.) Show the child the picture cards that correspond to the rite you have just told them about. Place the two cards that correspond to the rite you have just taught on the game board.

- Start the game: Read the sentences to the child and ask which cards would go best there? Allow the child time to place the cards in the correct place insha'Allah. If the child misplaces the cards, re-read the sentence and ask them what the picture shows. Ask: Do you think that this is where these cards go? Allow the child to try again as many times as needed insha'Allah.
- EXTENSION: For children who are reading alhamdulillah, combine the memory game with the game board. Each time they find a match they will put the two cards in the correct place on the game board insha'Allah.
- Play the game as long as the child shows interest insha'Allah.