

Last time we talked about how Allah is above the skies.

Does Allah know everything that is happening here on Earth?



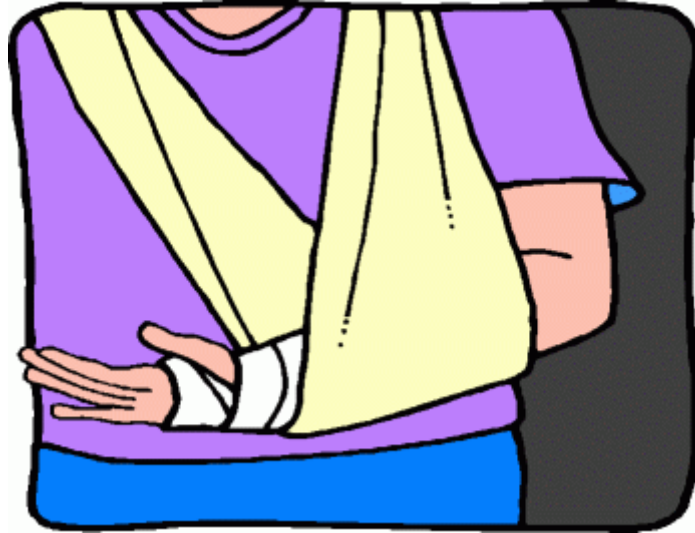
Some people think that they know a lot of things.

They know how to drive a car, or how to speak lots of different languages or do complicated maths sums.



But they don't really know that much.

When they are ill, they have to go to ask a doctor what to do.



When their car breaks down, they have to ask a car mechanic what to do.



That is because those people don't know everything. They only know some things.



Human beings don't know what is going to happen tomorrow or in 50 years' time.

We don't know what is happening on the other side of the world unless someone tells us.



We don't know very much at all.

Allah is not like us.

He knows everything.

He made everything.

He knows everything that ever happened.

He knows everything that is happening in the world and in space at this moment.



He knows everything that is going to happen in the future.

He even knows what we are thinking.

He knows things about the Universe and the planets and the stars that we will never know.



There is nothing that He does not know.

So even though He is not on Earth with us, He knows what is happening here. Allah knows everything.

So if we do good things, then Allah knows what we have done. And He will give us nice things as a reward.

Sometimes He gives us our reward in this world.



Sometimes He saves up our reward and He gives it to us when we meet Him. And that will happen after we die.

And if we do bad things, we cannot hide them from Allah.

If we do bad things, we have to say sorry to Allah and try our hardest not to do them ever again.

And if we do that, then Allah will forgive us and He won't punish us for the bad things we did.



How kind Allah is! How much He loves to help us and forgive us.

Key points for teachers:

The teacher may wish to mention that:

- No matter how much humans think that they know, their knowledge is limited
- It is very easy to find something that even the cleverest human does not know; the teacher may wish to spend a few minutes with the child thinking of examples here
- Allah knows everything, including those things which we think nobody else knows (e.g. our innermost thoughts)
- Allah knows things that we accept that we will never know
- This links in to the idea that we cannot hide anything from Allah, which should lead us to fear Him at all times
- But although we cannot hide anything from Him, Allah is the Most Forgiving, so we ask Him to forgive us when we have done something wrong
- True repentance implies feeling sorry for the bad thing done, as well as resolving to do our best not to do that wrong thing again – in the knowledge that if we do fall into that error again, we should repent again
- Allah forgives over and over again for the one who sincerely repents each time