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Muslims love Jesus, too: 6 things you didn't know about Jesus in Islam (Vox.com)

Muslims don't believe Jesus was the son of God, but they do revere him as a holy prophet.

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Christmas, as everyone knows, commemorates the birth of Jesus and is a major religious celebration for Christians around the world.

But what many people don't know is that Jesus is an important figure in Islam, too, even though most Muslims don't celebrate Christmas (though some, especially some American Muslims, do).

In honor of the holiday, here are six things you may not know about the role of Jesus — and his mother, Mary — in Islam:

1. **Jesus, Mary, and the angel Gabriel are all in the Quran** (as are Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and a bunch of other Bible characters).
2. **Muslims believe that Jesus (called "Isa" in Arabic) was a prophet of God, was born to a virgin (Mary),** and will return to Earth before the Day of Judgment to restore justice and to defeat al-Masih ad-Dajjal ("the false messiah"), also known as the Antichrist. All of which may sound pretty familiar to many Christians.

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Prophet Mohamad Birthday Commemoration

(peace & prayers be upon him & his Ahlul-Bayt)

Thank you for your dedication & generosity ♥♥♥

Parents who bought gifts for the students on the occasion of prophet Mohamad's (pbuh&hab) birthday: Mrs. Leila Beydoun, Mrs. Mona Beydoun, Mrs. Rana Hamam, Mrs. Fatima Zeitoun, Mrs. Al Khalidy.

Women committee for your lovely and creative decoration of the school on this joyous occasion.

Mrs. Fatima Zeitoun for the lovely flowers you bring to school office.

Mrs. Fareeba for her generosity & kindness in bringing special treats on the occasion of Prophet Mohamad's birthday.

Mr. Shawarma (Haj Bassem Elcheikh Ali & Haj Bilal Nasrallah) for the generous donations to support the schools.

Be merciful to those on Earth so that the One above the heavens will have mercy upon you.

Prophet Mohammad (peace & prayers be upon him & his Ahlul-Bayt)

November Events

- 2-12 Toy Drive
- 5 Birthday of Imam Hassan al-Askari (AS)
- 7 Death of Sayyedah Fatima al-Massouma (AS)
- 13 School Assembly
Parents are invited.
- 18,19 Bake Sale
- 23-Jan3 Christmas Break
- 25 Birth of Prophet Jesus (AS)

Winter Break

Our winter break starts on December 23 and continues to January 3, students return to school on January 6. Take time to relax and enjoy your winter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Donations Always Welcome ☺

If you like to sponsor a class for treats or gifts for upcoming Islamic celebrations, please contact Mrs. Haidoura.

Your continued support of our children is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the school field trips ♥

Mrs. Ruaa Motlak, Mrs. Hajar Abdullah, Mrs. Bushra El Haj Hassan, Mrs. Ibtihal Alansari, Mrs. Iman Al Abdan, Mr. Elmasry, Ms. Rawda Beydoun, Mr. & Mrs. Sadek, Mrs. Wafaa Ghanem, Mrs. Soraya Ramjohn, Mrs. Fatima Zeitoun Jaber, Mrs. Jawad, Mrs. Lubna Fawaz, Mrs. Huda Saleh.

ABIS is thankful for having such dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers! ♥

6 things you didn't know about Jesus in Islam

5. **Mary (called "Maryam" in Arabic) has an entire chapter in the Quran named for her** — the only chapter in the Quran named for a female figure. In fact, Mary is the only woman to be mentioned by name in the entire Quran: As noted in the Study Quran, "other female figures are identified only by their relation to others, such as the wife of Adam and the mother of Moses, or by their title, such as the Queen of Sheba." **Mary is mentioned more times in the Quran than in the entire New Testament.**

6. **Just as with all the other prophets, including Mohammed, Muslims recite, "Peace be upon him" every time they refer to Jesus.**

The name "Jesus, son of Mary" written in Arabic calligraphy, followed by "peace be upon him."



7. **Muslims believe that Jesus performed miracles:** The Quran discusses several of Jesus's miracles, including giving sight to the blind, healing lepers, raising the dead, and breathing life into clay birds.

8. **The story of Jesus's birth as told in the Quran is also the story of his first miracle, when he spoke as an infant in the cradle and declared himself to be a prophet of God.**

Here's the story [Holy Quran, Chapter 19 – Mariam, Verses 16-34]:

And remember Mary in the Book, when she withdrew from her family to an eastern place. And she veiled herself from them.

Then We [God] sent unto her Our Spirit [the angel Gabriel], and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man.

She said, **"I seek refuge from thee in the Compassionate [i.e., God], if you are reverent!"** He said, **"I am but a messenger of thy Lord, to bestow upon thee a pure boy."**

She said, **"How shall I have a boy when no man has touched me, nor have I been unchaste?"** He said, **"Thus shall it be. Thy Lord says, 'It is easy for Me.'"** And [it is thus] that We might make him a sign unto mankind, and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter decreed.

So she conceived him and withdrew with him to a place far off. And the pangs of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a date palm.

She said, **"Would that I had died before this and was a thing forgotten, utterly forgotten!"** So he called out to her from below her, **"Grieve not! Thy Lord has placed a rivulet beneath thee. And shake toward thyself the trunk of the date palm; fresh, ripe dates shall fall upon thee. So eat and drink and cool thine eye. And if thou seest any human being, say, 'Verily I have vowed a fast unto the Compassionate, so I shall not speak this day to any man.'"**

Then she came with him [the infant Jesus] unto her people, carrying him. They said, **"O Mary! Thou hast brought an amazing thing! O sister of Aaron! Thy father was not an evil man, nor was thy mother unchaste."** Then she pointed to him [Jesus]. They said, **"How shall we speak to one who is yet a child in the cradle?"**

He [Jesus] said, **"Truly I am a servant of God. He has given me the Book and made me a prophet. He has made me blessed wheresoever I may be, and has enjoined upon me prayer and almsgiving so long as I live, and [has made me] dutiful toward my mother. And He has not made me domineering, wretched. Peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I am raised alive!"**

That is Jesus son of Mary— a statement of the truth, which they doubt.

So although Muslims do not believe that Jesus is the son of God — a critically important distinction between Muslim and Christian views of him — Muslims do revere Jesus as an important prophet.

Merry Christmas!

Homework Packages - Concerning students who are absent from school due to vacation.

If a student will be missing school due to a vacation, a parent needs to contact the office or send a note with the dates your child will be absent to the classroom teacher.

Please note that it is impossible for our teachers to prepare a homework package for students who are absent from school due to vacation.

If parents decide to remove their children from class in order to travel, teachers may provide reading materials for students while away; however, the responsibility will be on students and parents to catch up on any work missed during their absence.

Winter is HERE ...

As you know, it is important to dress your child appropriately with winter coats, hats and gloves or mittens daily.

When snow is on the ground, students are expected to wear boots.

We will be going outside in cold weather and proper clothing will make this activity most enjoyable for our students.

Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School community values a safe and caring school for everyone. Please review the following expectations with your child/ren.

During the winter months we need to remember:

- Dress warmly wearing a winter coat, boots, mitts, and toques.
- Brush snow off your clothing before you enter the building.
- Bring an extra pair of shoes to wear inside.
- Boots and Snow pants: As long as there is snow on the ground, snow pants are mandatory to all students from JK-Gr.6.

Cold Weather Reminder

At this time of the year the weather can change drastically from morning to afternoon or from day to day. Students are expected to go outside at recess unless it is raining or the temperature condition reaches -20 degrees with the wind chill.

We will go outside in cold weather as long as the temperature and the wind chill are not below -20.

Going outside and getting a little fresh air is a nice change for the students' classroom activities. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather. Please help keep your child safe by sending winter gear with them and if possible pack an extra set of mitts and hat in their back packs.

Approximate thresholds set by Environment Canada:

- Risk of frostbite in prolonged exposure occurs when wind chill is below -25
- Frostbite possible in 10 minutes at -35
- Frostbite possible in less than 2 minutes at -60

Playground Play During Wintertime: Precautions & Consequences

- Throwing or Kicking Snow or Ice: Strictly prohibited anywhere on the playground. Snow stays on the ground. Students who fail to abide by this rule may face serious consequences including suspension from school.
- Tackling: Playground Behavior Report will be issued.
- Bullying: Suspension.
- King of the Hill game: Not allowed.
- Students should have indoor shoes at school. For safety reasons, we expect all students to remove their outdoor shoes and boots to keep the floors as dry as possible.

Cold and Illness

Many thanks for keeping your children home when they are sick. It is very easy to pass on colds and flu in a school environment.

Children, who do not feel well, do not learn well, and learning is definitely our goal!

If students are well enough to be at school, then the expectation is that they go outside for recess. Unfortunately, we do not have staff on duty inside during recess times.

Fevers Stay Home

A reminder as sickness comes in the winter season.

A child MUST be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness or if they are sent home with a fever over 100 degrees.

Thank you for helping not to spread germs.

Character Traits

Each month teachers at ABIS recognize students who display good character traits.

Each month, the school will focus on a different character trait.

Teachers will nominate one student per month from their classroom that they see displaying the character trait at school.

Over announcements, in the school newsletters, on our website, nominated students are rewarded and acknowledged for the positive contributions they make.

Students, who demonstrated Cooperation throughout the month of October, were awarded character awards.

Congratulations to the recipients of "Citizenship" character award:

JK: Jawad Bazzi

SK: Fadil Abbass El Zein

Gr. 1: Celina Saleh, Nour Shaaban

Gr. 2: Dhari Abbas, Dhurgham Alsari

Gr. 3: Yara Kassira

Gr. 4: Fatma Motlak

Gr. 5: Hadi El Haj Hassan

Gr. 6: Ali Al Akbar Hamze

Gr. 7: Noor Alhaoraa Omrani

Gr. 8: Yasir Al-Zaidi

December Character Trait is Generosity: Willing to share with others

"Generosity is giving freely of yourself and your possessions without expecting anything in return."

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need".

"The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allaah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allaah gives manifold increase to whom He pleases. And Allaah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower."
[Quran 2:261]

Parent/Teacher Interviews

On behalf of the teaching staff I would like to thank all of the parents who were able to make the Parent/Teacher conferences on November 15. Please continue to stay involved.

The success of our students is reflective upon supportive parents.

Anytime you have a question, concern or just want to share information, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Most Valuable Prayer Award

Granted to students of grades 4 - 8 who exhibit improved humbleness, focus, and respect during their daily prayers at school.

Gr. 4: Tasneem Zeitoun, Wahaj Mohammad

Gr. 5: Saheb Abed

Gr. 6: Nour Ezahraa Fahs, Ali Shaaban

Gr. 7: Reem Atwi, Mahdi Hallal

Gr. 8: Ali Al-Abdan

Courtesy Recognition Award

Granted to students from JK to Gr. 8 who consistently show courtesy towards others by greeting them with **Assalaamu Alaikum** & a **smile**.

SK: Fadil Abbass El Zein

Gr. 2: Karim Zein, Zaineb Hasak

Gr. 3: Isa Zaidi

Gr. 5: Zakaria Beydoun, Ava Rao

Gr. 6: Zehra Motlak, Mariam Zein, Nour Ezahraa Fahs, Ali Shaaban

Gr. 7: Zeinab Lezzaik

Student of the Week

JK: Tia Saleh, Hassan Karout, Muntaha Hayder

SK: Amal Hujaij, Rawanne Hajj Ali, Nadine Nasrallah

Gr. 1: Sama Al-Nourhji, Ali Bazzi, Mohamed Al-Timimi

Gr. 2: Zaher Madi, Dhari Abbas, Layan Bin Atya

Gr. 3: Jasen Rao, Khadeejah Ali, Sajjad Al-Rifaie, Adam Arfi

Student of the Month

Gr. 4: Dina Alami

Gr. 5: Kawthar Al-Abdan

Gr. 6: Syedmohammad Azhari

Gr. 7: Reem Atwi

Gr. 8: Zahraa Ammar

ABIS Annual CHEO Gift & Toy Drive

For the Love of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP)

Dear Parents, Assalaamu Alaikum,

Every year, ABIS **collects gifts and toys for sick children at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).** We invite and encourage parents to contribute to this worthy charitable cause **for the love of Prophet Muhammad (peace & prayers be upon him & his Ahlul-Bayt).**

ABIS will be collecting gifts and toys from December 2 to 12, insha'Allah.

CHEO 2018 Holiday Wish List is available at: <https://cheofoundation.com/2018-holiday-wish-list/>

To protect our patients and respect infection prevention guidelines, **only NEW, UNUSED UNWRAPPED items in ORIGINAL packaging will be accepted.**

Please ensure that your donation DOES NOT CONTAIN LATEX.

CHEO cannot accept any gently used or previously owned items.

CHEO also do not accept personal notes and handmade crafts.

Following are directions from CHEO's coordination office about their donation preferences:

Arts and Crafts Supplies: Playdoh, modelling clay, construction paper, scrapbook paper, origami paper/books, craft felt, Velcro, plastic table cloths, post-it flags, water colour paper, acrylic paints, paint brushes, small canvasses (no wooden parts), pastels, markers, pencil crayons and crayons (no more than 8 packs), pencil cases, stickers, sticker letters, glitter, self-stick foamies, mason jars, wooden crafts, birdhouse and treasure boxes.

Personal Items: Wet wipes, hairbrushes and toothbrushes, pyjama bottoms (with no strings), underwear (all sizes), newborn and infant clothing for babies up to 2 years old, T-shirts, footwear (all sizes, no strings, sandals and crocs are best), hats, mitts, warm fuzzy blankets, deodorant, personal size shampoo (No More Tangles is a favorite brand) and soaps, cotton socks and slippers (no slip/gripper for safety), hair elastics, nail polish, lip balms (for boys or girls).

Distraction Tools: Movies, board books, I Spy books, fiction and non-fiction books for all ages (English, French and Arabic), journals, children's and adult coloring books, board games (Connect 4, Candyland, Monopoly, Sorry, Blokus, Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders, Othello, Skipbo, Chess, Game of Life), puzzles for all ages, word search books, Sudoku, perla beads, matchbox cars, trucks, planes, legos, blocks, barnyard animals, zoo animals, TY beanie boots, dolls, barbies, stress balls (no latex) and fidget spinners.

Other: Strollers, bottle warmers, baby rockers, baby swings and swing covers, mobiles, gardening equipment (seeds, little spade shovels, watering cans, knee pads, bamboo sticks), bean bag chairs, fun chairs, motivational posters (wall art), kids single bed sheets in fun patterns, Keurig coffee pods.

Physical Activities: Ice skates and cross country skis and poles.

Electronics: LCD/LED projector, headphones (over the ear), timers, calculators, MP3 players, iPads, laptops speakers, USB keys, colour printer, mini speakers, personal radios, Xbox 360 and Xbox one games (E for everyone, Sports, Minecraft and Lego), Playstation 4 and E games, Xbox 360 wireless and wired controllers, portable DVD players, laptop

Gift Cards*: CHEO gift cards for meals in the Rainbow Cafeteria and Oasis Café, gas, groceries, restaurants, movies or phone calls; HMV, Dollar Store, Giant Tiger, Walmart, Winners, Chapters, Indigo, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons, Starbucks, Michaels, Toys R Us, Mrs. Tiggy Winkles, Staples, Costco. Bus tickets also come in very handy.

*Denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25 to \$50 only please.

Should you decide to make a **monetary donation**, CHEO would gladly offer a tax receipt for gifts of 20\$ or more (please send contact information for that).

Thank you in advance for your generosity,
Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School Board

