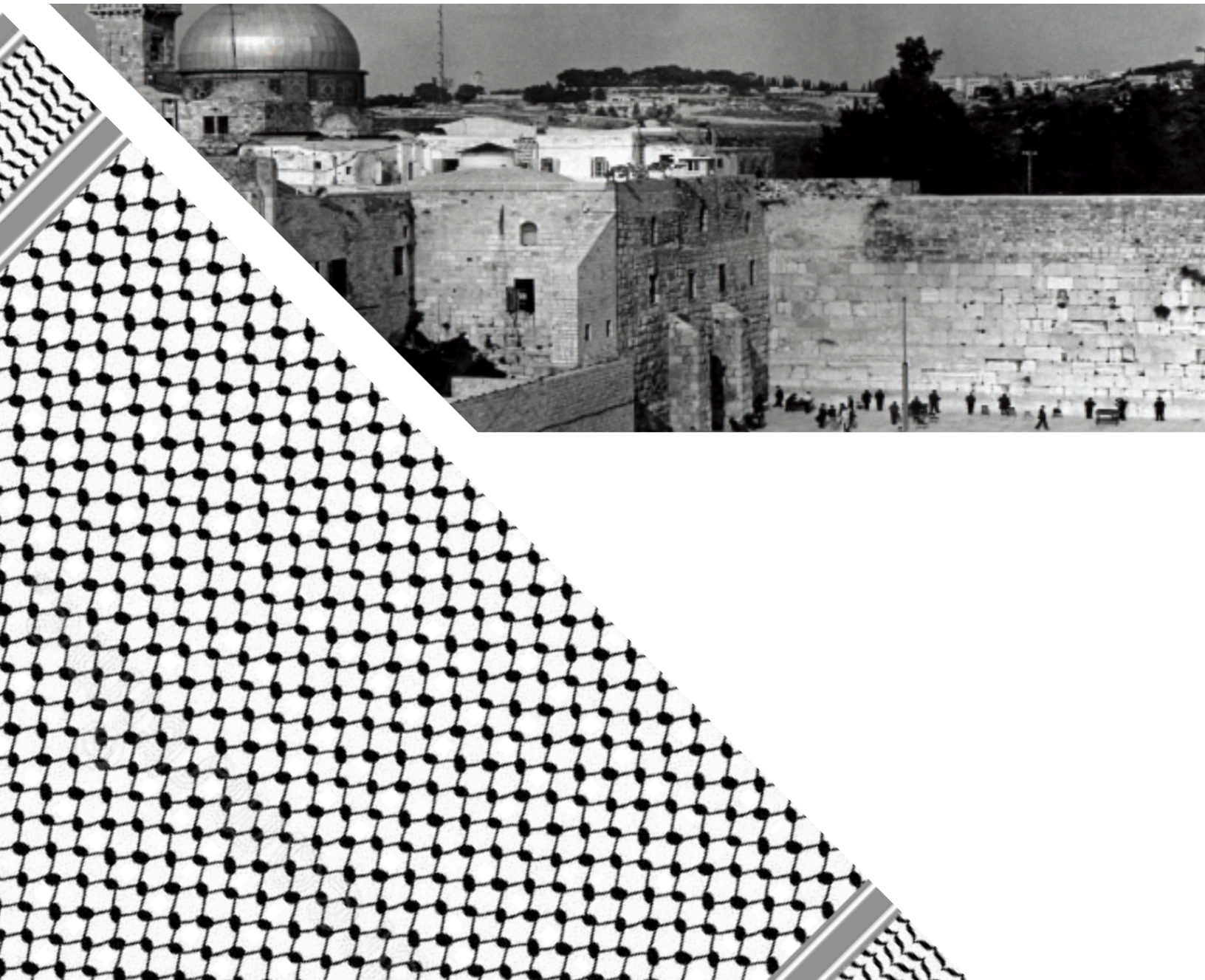




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# A GUIDE ON PALESTINIAN ADVOCACY

FOR PARENTS





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## INTRODUCTION

As Muslim parents, we are entrusted with shaping our children’s understanding of the world. Discussing sensitive global issues like Palestine with our kids isn’t just a challenge; it’s a chance to instill compassion, critical thinking, and a strong moral compass. These discussions may seem daunting, but they equip our children with the wisdom to navigate an interconnected world with grace and empathy.

## SECTION 1: UNDERSTANDING PALESTINIAN ISSUES

### 1.1. SIGNIFICANCE OF PALESTINE IN ISLAMIC TRADITION

Palestine stands as a cherished nation within Islamic history, revered for its immense significance to Muslims. This importance is rooted in multifaceted reasons that resonate deeply within Islamic teachings and scripture.

Foremost among these reasons is the explicit mention of Palestine in the Quran as the “Holy Land” and the “Blessed Land.” Allah designates its significance in Surah Al-Ma’idah (5:21), emphasizing the divine allocation of this land to the people: “O my people, enter the Holy Land which Allah has assigned to you and do not turn back (from fighting in Allah’s cause) for then you will be returned as losers.”

This sacred land served as the home to numerous revered Prophets, including Ibrahim, Ishaq, Dawud, Yaqub, Sulayman, Zakariya, Yahya, Isa, and other esteemed companions. The significance is further magnified by the presence of Masjid al-Aqsa, one of Islam’s Sacred Masjids and the third holiest site in Islam. It was the initial Qibla, the direction of prayer, for Muslims.



Masjid al-Aqsa’s sanctity is entrenched in Islamic belief and prophecy, with references in Sahih Muslim indicating its future significance during the times of Isa, the son of Maryam (AS), and the defeat of Dajjal, the anti-Christ. Additionally, Palestine holds profound significance as the site of the miraculous Night Journey of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), as explicitly mentioned in Surah al-Israa (17:1).

This historical and spiritual tapestry interwoven with the significance of Palestine within Islam accentuates its deeply cherished position among Muslims worldwide. The rich religious heritage, the pivotal role in prophetic narratives, and the promise of future events underscore its profound importance, fostering a deep connection and sense of responsibility among Muslims towards the land and its people.



## 1.2. GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT

The contemporary geopolitical landscape surrounding Palestine is a tapestry woven with historical narratives, territorial claims, and the enduring struggle for self-determination, all rooted in Palestine's profound historic right to its land. Spanning generations, Palestine's claim to its land encompasses not only legal entitlements but also deep emotional, religious and cultural connections to its territory. The inherent right of Palestinians to return to their ancestral lands, acknowledged under international law, stands as a testament to the longing and entitlement tied to their heritage.

Amidst these assertions, the quest for self-determination and statehood for Palestinians remains an unresolved and poignant struggle. This journey is further marred by limitations such as the freedom of movement (including the right to return) imposed by the Israel Occupation and Defence Forces within Palestine, which severely constrains economic development and the basic rights of its people.

Further complicating this landscape are Israeli settlements established within the occupied territories of Palestine. The ongoing construction of these settlements, coupled with land confiscations and the implementation of a separation barrier, raise substantial concerns regarding human rights violations and pose great obstacles to the creation of a viable and independent Palestinian state.

Additionally, Israel, as an occupying power, bears responsibilities mandated by international bodies such as the United Nations. The continued occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem stands as a stark reminder of the persistent struggles endured by Palestinians in asserting their right to self-determination and statehood.

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## 1.3. CHALLENGES FACED BY PALESTINIANS

Palestinians endure a multitude of challenges stemming from the ongoing occupation, marked by various violations perpetrated by Israel as an occupying power. These violations encompass illegal settlements, the blockade of Gaza, frequent raids and attacks, and the disruptive imposition of motion and travel restrictions, administered through an intricate web of checkpoints and administrative hurdles.

The situation in Gaza epitomizes the dire consequences of these actions. The severe economic hardships, compounded by high unemployment rates and inadequate infrastructure, perpetuate a humanitarian crisis. The blockade severely limits access to resources essential for a dignified life, impeding Palestinians' access to sufficient water, education, healthcare, and other fundamental necessities.



In the West Bank, Palestinians encounter daily hurdles that impede their basic rights and freedoms. The proliferation of illegal settlements and seizures represents a clear violation of international law and ethical norms, resulting in the unlawful confiscation of Palestinian land. Further, the presence of checkpoints and frequent administrative hurdles not only disrupts the flow of daily life but also serves as a constant reminder of the restrictions imposed upon the Palestinian people. These actions, together with the systemic disregard for Palestinian rights, coupled with the apartheid-like conditions and frequent violations of international law, exacerbate the already challenging circumstances faced by Palestinians living under occupation. These continuous infringements on basic human rights perpetuate a cycle of adversity further perpetuating the injustices faced by the Palestinians.



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## SECTION 2: IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING THE FUTURE GENERATION

It is pivotal to educate our children about global issues like the Palestine situation. This knowledge isn't just about facts; it's about nurturing empathetic, justice-driven individuals who understand their role in creating a better world. Encouraging our kids to explore different viewpoints and question assumptions empowers them to be thoughtful and compassionate citizens committed to positive change.

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## SECTION 3: WHAT TO DO AS A MUSLIM PARENT

### 3.1 - EDUCATE YOURSELF

First and foremost, empowering ourselves as Muslim parents through a diverse array of sources and perspectives on Palestine is vital for guiding our children effectively. One can start by exploring a wide array of sources to gain a comprehensive understanding including books, articles, documentaries, reports, etc. It would be beneficial to also engage with reputable scholars, community leaders, and organizations that offer varied perspectives, enabling a well-rounded comprehension of the historical, political, and humanitarian aspects of Palestine. This multifaceted understanding will equip us to navigate discussions with our children confidently and answer their inquiries more comprehensively.

Below are some resources that can be accessed to gain a comprehensive understanding of the history and current state of affairs in Palestine:

- Books such as *"Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History"* by Nur Masalha and *"The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine"* by Ilan Pappé offers in-depth historical perspectives;
- Documentaries such as *"Born into Gaza," "Farha," "5 Broken Cameras," "The Occupation of the American Mind,"* and *"Israelism"* provide visual narratives shedding light on the lived experiences in Palestine;
- Additional documentaries easily accessible via YouTube include *"Gaza Fights for Freedom," "Gaza Strip,"* and *"Palestine 101 with Abby Martin,"* the latter of which is especially important for debunking common misinformation and arguments often used against the Palestinian cause.
- Reports and publications from reputable organizations like the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Islamic Relief Canada (IRC), Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF), and Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), offer current insights into humanitarian concerns;
- Online resources utilizing digital space about the history and decolonization movement of Palestine such as the Palestine Academy (<https://www.thepalestineacademy.com/>);
- Websites such as Visualizing Palestine (VP) dedicated to using data and research to visually communicate Palestinian experiences to provoke narrative change (<https://www.visualizingpalestine.org/>); and
- Online platforms like the Institute for Palestine Studies or Al Jazeera which present diverse viewpoints and analyses.



### 3.2 - EDUCATE AND PREPARE YOUR CHILD

When educating our children to navigate complex global issues, it is key to adapt discussions about Palestine to our children’s ages and levels of comprehension.

For younger children, incorporating storytelling or simplified narratives can make the topic more relatable. Emphasize empathy by discussing the experiences of children affected by conflicts and encourage questions about how others may feel in such situations.

As they grow older, engage in deeper conversations about justice, human rights, and the significance of understanding diverse perspectives. Address misconceptions gently, fostering a critical mindset that questions stereotypes and biases, encouraging them to seek truth beyond surface information. Additionally, involving them in charitable activities or advocacy efforts related to humanitarian causes can empower them to make a positive impact and instill a sense of responsibility towards global issues.



Last but not least, equipping our children to navigate conversations about Palestine with others is equally important. Ensure your child engages in discussions with empathy, respect, and an open mind. Teach active listening and understanding of diverse perspectives. Emphasize maintaining respectful dialogue, even amidst disagreement. Prepare them for varying opinions and encourage informed, respectful discussions without imposing their views. These skills will help them engage constructively on sensitive global issues with peers or adults.

### 3.3 - ENSURING BALANCED EDUCATION: MONITORING YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

As parents, maintaining an active awareness of how your child’s school addresses the Palestine situation is crucial. It is important to engage with school activities and regularly check for any official statements or positions from the school board regarding Palestine. Advocate for a well-rounded perspective that encompasses diverse viewpoints. If necessary, arrange meetings with teachers and principals to discuss how they approach teaching the current state of affairs in Palestine. By actively participating in these conversations and keeping an eye on official positions, you ensure your child receives a comprehensive and an unbiased understanding of global issues, including the current humanitarian crisis in Palestine, within their educational environment

\*SEE sample template letter to Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for anti-palestinian racist language in system wide communication:

( \*ACTION ALERT ATTN TDSB Students, staff, families\*!! )

\*NOTE: See *General Letter Template for Employers & Schools* by CAIR-Arizona (CAIR-AZ) ( Letters to employers and schools )

\*NOTE: If your child is in highschool or postsecondary, please refer to Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council’s (CMPAC) *Guide for Students on Palestine Advocacy*

## SECTION 4: PROMOTING CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT

### 4.1 - FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING

Engaging in discussions with our children about Palestine comes with inherent challenges. While having such discussions with our children, it is critical to steer clear of inadvertently promoting hate or stereotypes. Instead, we ought to emphasize the importance of fostering understanding, respect, and empathy for all parties involved including the innocent civilians of Israel. In line with the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), who advocated for compassion and understanding among diverse communities, we should



similarly encourage discussions that illuminate such perspectives to encourage our children to extend care to fellow Muslims globally, especially in times of suffering, fostering a sense of shared responsibility.

The hadith, “none of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself,” highlights the value of empathy and consideration for others’ perspectives. This approach will allow children to develop a more nuanced and empathetic understanding of global situations, aligning with the core principles of our faith.

Furthermore, children inherently understand the bonds of family, love and care. Our teachings in Islam echo this concept of the Ummah through the teachings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who likened believers to a unified body, emphasizing kindness and compassion.

*\*Reference: Hadith 13, Hadith an-Nawawi: “On the authority of Abu Hamzah Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) — the servant of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) — that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: None of you [truly] believes until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.” [Al-Bukhari] [Muslim]*

## 4.2 - EMPOWERING THROUGH ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

It is important for our children to realize that while we may not be in close physical proximity to our brothers and sisters in Palestine, we can still offer our unwavering support and solidarity to them from afar. Allah SWT has instilled hope and resilience within us so the people of Palestine will always be close to our hearts and minds. Below are some simple ways that you can teach your children to make a meaningful impact while encouraging them to understand that we must do what we can for Palestine and the rest lies in Allah SWT’s hands.

### Join Peaceful Protests

Around the world, communities have gathered in peaceful protests to urge their governments to take action against the illegal occupation, oppression and devastating destruction in Palestine. Participating in local demonstrations with your children will allow them to feel part of a larger cause and will also teach them how to amplify unheard voices.



### Letter Writing

Even if your children are too young to write letters themselves, you can nonetheless inform them about your efforts in reaching out to public officials. As they grow older, this observational learning will nurture their sense of empowerment, emphasizing their civic rights and the significance of their voice.

### Support Humanitarian Efforts

Organizations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Islamic Relief Canada (IRC), Palestine Children’s Relief Fund (PCRF), Palestinian Red Crescent (PRC), MATW-Project and Action for Humanity are actively aiding in humanitarian aid and medical relief for the injured in Palestine. Engaging your children in fundraising ideas among friends and family to contribute to these relief efforts will foster a hands-on approach to support those in need.





### 4.3 - SEEKING SUPPORT

Undoubtedly, engaging in discussions about the current state of Palestine may also lead to feelings of helplessness or isolation for parents and their children. As our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) eloquently stated, the Muslim ummah is akin to one body, where when one part of the body feels pain, the entire body shares that pain.\* This concept beautifully exemplifies our interconnectedness, urging us to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters facing oppression in Palestine. Seeking out support networks, engaging with communities, and advocating for justice will not only alleviate the feeling of isolation for the parents but it will also demonstrate our unity and collective responsibility as an ummah to our children.

\*Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6011, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2586: Al-Nu'man ibn Bashir reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever."

\*Prioritize self-care and seek support, if necessary for yourself and your children. Contact, Ruh Care - Palestine Mental Health Response, for support services - (<http://www.ruhcare.com>)

### 4.4 - OPEN COMMUNICATION

One of the pitfalls to avoid when discussing the Palestine situation with our children is ignoring or dismissing their inquiries or experiencing discomfort in having open conversations with them. As parents, encouraging an open dialogue, even when the subject feels difficult or uncomfortable, is crucial when raising Muslim children in a Western society. Address your child's queries with patience and understanding to foster an environment where they feel safe expressing their thoughts and concerns. Our role as Muslim parents isn't just to provide answers but to guide our children in their journey of understanding, nurturing their curiosity while promoting empathy and a sense of responsibility towards the world around them. By engaging in these discussions openly, we not only provide them with guidance but also empower them to develop critical thinking skills to navigate complex global issues with confidence. Ignoring their curiosity might inadvertently hinder their ability to comprehend and process these important matters constructively.

### 4.5 - SUPPLICATIONS: GUIDING CHILDREN IN PRAYER

As Muslims, we must remind our children about the omnipotence of Allah (SWT) as the creator of all things and the listener of our hopes and prayers. Teaching our children about the power of prayers and how turning to Allah during tough times brings about comfort and strength is vital. We should continuously encourage them to engage in prayers and dhikr, especially during moments of sadness and helplessness.



Do not hesitate to remind your children about how our brothers and sisters in Palestine are enduring hardship but finding solace in their prayers, even when everything around them seems difficult. Our prayers, our dua, are like our strongest tool, a direct way to connect with Allah and to find hope. It is important to lead by example and show our support for Palestine by praying sincerely for them with our children. Let us make the resilience and hope that the Palestinian people showcase despite their trials and tribulations a source of inspiration for our children. We should

teach our children to learn from them and to not lose hope.

\*Dua against injustice and oppression: "O Allah, the revealer of the Holy Book, and the Mover of the clouds and the Defeater of the Clans! Defeat them, and grant us victory over them." (Sahih al-Bukhari #3024)





Below are a few supplications that can be recited as a family with your children. Make it a habit to pray for our oppressed brothers and sisters in Palestine.

O Allah! Rectify the affairs of the Muslims in Palestine. O Allah! Rectify the affairs of the Muslims in Palestine and in every place, O Lord of Majesty and Bounty.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أَحْوَالَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي فَلِسْطِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أَحْوَالَ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي فَلِسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ، يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ.

Allahumma aslih ahwaalal-muslimeena fi filisteen, Allahumma aslih ahwaalal-muslimeena fi filisteena wa fi kulli makaanin ya dhul-jalali wal-ikraam.

O Allah! They are helpless, so help them.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّهُمْ مَغْلُوبُونَ فَانْتَصِرْ لَهُمْ.

Allahumma innahum maghloobuna fantasir lahum.

Our Lord! Pour upon them patience, make them steadfast, and grant them victory over the Disbelievers.

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْهِمْ صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَهُمْ وَانصُرْهُمْ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

Rabbana afrigh 'alayhim sabran wa thabbit aqdamahum wansurhum 'alal-qawmil- kafireen.

O Allah! Plot for them, and suffice them with what You please, if You support them then nobody can overpower them, and if You forsake them, then who will be able to support them after You?

اللَّهُمَّ مَكِّرْ لَهُمْ، وَاكْفِهِمْ بِمَا شِئْتَ إِنْ تَنْصُرْهُمْ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَهُمْ، وَإِنْ  
تَخَذَلَهُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِكَ.

Allahumma makkir lahum, wakfihim bimaa shi't. In tansurhum falaa ghaliba lahum, wa in takhdhulhum fa man dhal-ladh' yansurhum min ba'dika.

There is no God but Allah, the Mighty the Forebearing, there is no God but Allah, Lord of the Mighty Throne, There is no God but Allah, Lord of the Heavens and Lord of the Earth and Lord of the Noble Throne.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبَّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ، لَا  
إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَرَبُّ الْأَرْضِ وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ.

La ilaha illAllahu adhimul-haleem. La ilaha illAllahu, rabbul-arshil- adheem. La ilaha illAllahu rabbus-samawaati wa rabbul-ardi wa rabbul-arshil- kareem.

O Allah! Whoever wants to harm us and our lands and the Muslims, then keep them busy with their own troubles, and return their plots to their own necks, and make their plans the cause of their own destruction.

اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَرَادَنَا وَبِلَادَنَا وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ بِسُوءٍ فَأَشْغَلْهُ فِي نَفْسِهِ، وَاجْعَلْ  
كَيْدَهُ فِي نَحْرِهِ، وَاجْعَلْ تَذْبِيرَهُ تَذْمِيرَهُ.

Allahumma man aradana wa biladina bi su'in fash-ghilhu fi nafsih, waj'al kaydahu fi nahrih, waj'al tadbirahu tadmeerah.



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## SECTION 5 - GUIDANCE FOR ADDRESSING CHILD HARASSMENT OR TARGETING INCIDENTS

If your child has been subject to incidents of harassment or targeting based on their race, ethnicity, religion, or stance on Palestine within their school environment, it is imperative to follow the suggested multi-step approach below to ensure swift action and support for the affected child.

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### 5.1 - DOCUMENT THE INCIDENT

- Record and gather details of the incident, including date, time, location, and any witnesses present;
  - Collect evidence such as written correspondences, screenshots, or any other relevant materials; and
  - Report the Islamophobic incident by utilizing platforms such as the Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council (<https://www.canadianmuslimpac.ca/documenting-islamophobia/>), National Council of Canadian Muslims (<https://www.nccm.ca/programs/incident-report-form/>) and Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (<https://www.cjpme.org/accountability>) ensuring to follow the outlined guidelines for accurate documentation.
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### 5.2 - REPORT TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

- Immediately report the incident to appropriate personnel at the school or school board following the institution's guidelines and procedures
  - Contact school administration, guidance counsellors, faculty deans, or equity offices, depending on the institute and its level, to ensure swift action and support.
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### 5.3 - SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL AND REPORT TO ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

- If necessary, consult legal counsel to understand your rights and seek guidance on the next steps.
  - Reach out to human rights and advocacy organizations specializing in supporting Palestinian human rights advocates and victims of discrimination in Canada, such as:
    - National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) <https://www.nccm.ca/>
    - Muslim Legal Support Center (MLSC) <https://muslimlegalcentre.ca/>
    - Arab Canadian Lawyers Association (ACLA) <https://www.canarablaw.org/>
    - The Legal Centre for Palestine <https://www.lcpal.ca/>
    - Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association (CMLA) <https://www.cmla-acam.ca/>
    - Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council (CMPAC) <https://www.canadianmuslimpac.ca/>
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### 5.4 - ADDITIONAL STEPS

- Always encourage open communication with your child to ensure they feel supported and heard.
- Explore counselling or mental health support services for your child if they require emotional assistance after the incident (See Ruh Care - Palestine Mental Health Response: <https://www.ruhcare.com/palestine>).
- Follow up with the school administration to ensure appropriate action is taken to address and prevent future incidents.



## SECTION 6 - RESOURCES AND FURTHER READING

Exploring diverse resources will be pivotal in fostering a comprehensive understanding of the current state of affairs in Palestine for our children. Below is a list of some valuable resources - books, documentaries, online platforms, etc. - that offer in-depth insights to enrich your knowledge and encourage thoughtful discussions with your children. Additionally, for a more extensive collection of organized documents and resources to delve deeper into the subject, please visit pages 5 and 6 of CMPAC's [Student Guide On Palestinian Advocacy](#). The guide herein offers a condensed list to get started while the aforementioned referenced resource provides a more extensive array of references and materials for further exploration.

- See Section 3.1 - Educate Yourself for a list of preliminary resources;
- An explanation of Palestine for kids by Zanib Mian entitled, "*Eliyas Explains What's Going on In Palestine*,"
  - Access free downloadable PDF here:  
<https://www.muslimchildrensbooks.co.uk/single-post/an-explanation-of-palestine-for-kids>
- An insight into the current dire state of our brothers and sisters in Palestine by Zanib Mian entitled, "*Eliyas Explains Why Does Allah Let Bad Things Happen*,"
  - Access free downloadable PDF here:  
<https://www.muslimchildrensbooks.co.uk/single-post/why-does-allah-let-bad-things-happen>
- A website for educators to share resources on teaching Palestine;
  - <https://teachpalestine.org/>
- How to Talk to Your Kids About Palestine/Israel and the Resistance Movement – A Resource Guide by Eram Uddin (Haute Hijab)
  - <https://blog.hautehijab.com/post/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-palestine-israel-and-the-resistance-movement-a-resource-guide>
- Extensive list of free downloadable resources for kids, access google drive below:
  - <https://ummah.com/palestine-resources-for-kids/>
  - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ySN8dxo9CwWZGoTilh9qsxsRcS4bsu2C?fbclid=IwAR1Q1niKQtOdOAEW9BObrz56LLRu17uIMAIKr8Hfoftzghz92Lok5vQXCw>
- How can I help Palestine? Blog by Yaqeen Institute
  - <https://yaqeeninstitute.ca/read/post/how-can-i-help-palestine>
- Various Instagram posts from Noor Kids - Resource for Conversations with your Child and Navigating Tough Questions
  - 5 Facts About Palestine to Teach Muslim Kids; Why Palestine Should Matter to Muslim Parents/Children; Kid Friendly Duas for times of Injustice and Oppression; How to Talk to Your Kids About Gaza; 5 Hadiths on Injustice to Teach your Kids; Answering the Question of Children to



Parents: Are Muslims against Jews?; Answering the Question: Why is Allah Doing this to Palestine?; How To Talk to your kids about Gaza; Answering the Question: Why does Allah Let bad things happen to good people?; What is Oppression Explained to Kids; 4 Facts about Al-Aqsa; Answering the Questions: When will Allah help Palestine/When will this end?; Answering the Question: Why does Allah allow bad things; Answering the Question: What's Happening in Palestine; How does Allah Tell us to Cope with Tragedy; What is Colonization; Answering: Why would Allah create so much evil; How can we be grateful in times of tragedy; Answering: Do Muslims love Jesus; Why are Muslims so Strong during Hardships; Answering: Why Does Allah Test Us; Answering: Is Allah punishing the people of Gaza; Answering: Why can't Allah just make it stop; Answering: Is Allah angry with the people of Palestine.

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## CONCLUSION

As Muslim parents, navigating discussions about Palestine with our children requires a delicate balance. It is not just about imparting information; it is also about nurturing values and fostering a comprehensive understanding of the historical, political, and humanitarian aspects of Palestine. We must broaden our own perspectives first by engaging in continuous learning about the issue, which will in turn enable us to provide a well-rounded and educated perspective to our children. We pray that actively engaging our children with patience and an open mind will serve as a platform to instill empathy, critical thinking, and open communication, and equip them with the essential skills and motivation required to navigate the world with empathy and informed perspectives. May Allah SWT grant us and our children the wisdom, knowledge, and compassion to help our oppressed brothers and sisters in Palestine and around the world. Ameen.

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## DISCLAIMER

This guide aims to provide information and insights about the current humanitarian crisis in Palestine. It is intended for educational purposes and to encourage understanding. As such, the contents of this document are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice. While efforts have been made to ensure accuracy, this toolkit does not offer legal counsel. Readers seeking legal guidance on matters related to Palestine's humanitarian issues are encouraged to consult with qualified professionals or legal experts.