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In pursuit of Allah's Pleasure



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Find all the words in the answer key. The remaining letters form a phrase. The first three people to email us the phrase at ymlink@youngmuslims.ca get a special VCD gift inshaAllah!

ANSWER KEY

Arafat	Fun	Salaah
Balloons	Gifts	Shaban
Charity	Giving	Toys
Family	Hajj	Zakaah
Fasting	Parents	
Food	Sadaqah	

THERE ARE NO DAYS MORE BELOVED TO ALLAH THAN THESE TEN DAYS OF DHUL HIJAH

Ibn 'Abbaas (R) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allaah than these **TEN DAYS**. "The people asked, "Not even jihaad for the sake of Allaah?" He said, "Not even jihaad for the sake of Allaah, except in the case of a man who went out to fight giving himself and his wealth up for the cause, and came back with nothing." (Bukhari, 2/457)

SEVEN GOOD DEEDS YOU CAN DO IN THESE TEN DAYS!

- The best deed in these ten days is to perform Hajj and Umrah.** According to the hadith, "From one Umrah to the next Umrah there is atonement of sins in between, and for Hajj which is accomplished sincerely, the reward is nothing but Paradise."
- There is great virtue in fasting in these first nine days, or some of them, especially on the Day of Arafat. There is no doubt that fasting is one of the best deeds which Allah has chosen. It is related in by Qatadah (R) that Muhammad (S) said, "**Whoever fasts on the Day of Arafah, Allah may forgive his/her sins of the previous year and of the coming year.**" (Sahih Muslim)
- Takbir (saying Allahu Akbar) and dhikr (remembering Allah often) during these days is highly recommended.** As Allah tells us, (Quran 2:203): "And remember Allah in days appointed," which refers to these ten days. It is related by Ibn Umar (R), "**Increase in these days, Takbir (saying Allahu Akbar), Tahleel (saying la ilaha ilallah) and Tahmeed (saying al-hamdu lillah),**" as already explained. (Ahmad)

Related by Ibn Umar (R) and Abu Huraira (R): they used to walk in the markets glorifying and magnifying Allah. The people used to join them. They used to say in these ten days: 'Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar, la ilaha ilallah, wa Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar, wa lillah il-hamd.' This takbir does not need to be collective, each person can individually glorifies Allah alone.

- One should make Taubah (sincere repentance) and avoid disobedience and the rest of sins.** Disobedience is the reason for our being far removed from Allah. Obedience is what brings us closer to Allah and is the way of earning the love of Allah. In the hadith related by Abu Huraira (R), Prophet Muhammad (S) said, "Indeed Allah has dignity, and His dignity demands that man should not come to Him with deeds that may be forbidden." (Agreed upon)
- We should do **as many voluntary good deeds (nawafil) e.g. salat, saddaqa, Jihad, recitation of the Quran, feeding the poor, and the encouragement of good deeds** and the prevention of bad deeds or evil within our society. These voluntary deeds are awarded twice the amount for those done in any other days.
- Do in these days **individual takbir**, in all the events of the day and the night, till the Salat-al-Eid, and **collective takbir** which is recited after every Prayer (Salat) in congregation. It begins for non-Hajjis, i.e.those not performing Haj, from Salat-al Fajr on the Day of Arafah.
- Muslims should ensure that they **pray Salat-al-Eid and listen to the Khutbah** and know the wisdom of it. It is the day of thanks and good deeds. So, do not **waste these ten days in useless pursuits e.g. music, TV and videos.**

We ask Allah to make us among those who reap the benefit of Ramadaan and Dhul Hijjah, ameen.

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

ACROSS

- Maani
- Fard
- Mubah
- Ayn
- Makrooh
- Haraam

DOWN

- Shart
- Sabab
- Kifayah
- Mustahab