

MAWLŪD · 01 OF 08 The Newborn & the Child الْمَوْلُودُ The first seven days, and the years that follow. Every child is born upon the <i>fiṭrah</i>. 2 · The first hours 3 · The seventh day — ‘aqiqah 4 · Naming the child 5 · What is said over them 6 · Nursing & the milk bond 7 · Prayer, by age 8 · Rights of the child H · M · S · Hb noted where they differ.	02 The first hours THE ADHĀN Called softly in the newborn's right ear, so that the first word to reach them is the greatness of Allah. Abū Dāwūd, Tirmidhī · hasan by its supports – the practice of the Companions and of the four schools. The report adding the iqāmah in the left ear is weak. TAHNĪK A little date, softened and rubbed on the palate by a righteous person, who then makes du‘ā for the child and asks Allah to bless them. Where no date is at hand, anything sweet. Bukhārī, Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ – he ﷺ did this for the son of Abū Talḥah and named him ‘Abdullāh. CONGRATULATING THE PARENTS بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لَكَ فِي الْمَوْهُوبِ لَكَ، وَشَكَرْتَ الْوَاهِبَ، وَبَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ، وَرَزَقْتَ بَرَّةً May Allah bless you in the gift given to you; may you give thanks to the Giver, may the child reach full strength, and may you be granted their devotion. Reported of al-Hasan al-Baṣrī, recorded by an-Nawawī in al-Adhkār. Nothing is prescribed for the first bath, the cord, or fixing the cot.	03 The seventh day Three things fall together on the seventh day: the sacrifice, the naming, and the shaving of the head. Abū Dāwūd, Tirmidhī, Nasā‘ī · ṣaḥīḥ – “Every child is pledged by his ‘aqiqah.” ‘AQĪQAH Two sheep for a boy, one for a girl — and one for a boy suffices where means are short. A sunnah mu‘akkadah per M, S and Hb; a voluntary good per H. Same conditions as the uḡḡyah: age and freedom from defect. Missed on the seventh, it may be done on the fourteenth, the twenty-first, or whenever able. Eaten, given as gifts, and given in charity. Do not break its bones needlessly. Abū Dāwūd, Tirmidhī · ṣaḥīḥ – the hadith of Umm Kuzʿah SHAVING & CHARITY The head is shaved and the weight of the hair in silver is given in charity. Shave it wholly or not at all — leaving patches is forbidden. Muwattaʿ · authentic – Fātimah weighed the hair of al-Hasan and gave its weight in silver. Circumcision of boys is from the fiṭrah, and may be done early.	04 The name A child will be called by it on the Day of Resurrection, and by their father's name. Choose with care. MOST BELOVED عَبْدُ اللَّهِ · عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ. Then the names of the prophets, and those of the righteous before us. NOT PERMITTED Any name of servitude to other than Allah. Names belonging to Allah alone — al-Khāliq, ar-Rahmān, al-Aḥad. Malik al-Mulūk, King of kings. DISLIKED Names claiming purity for their bearer, and names of ill meaning. The Prophet ﷺ changed several — Barrah he renamed Zaynab, and ʿĀṣiyah he renamed Jamilah. Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ Naming on the day of birth is also established, and the seventh day is not a condition. A child is attributed to their father; where he is unknown, they are named as one's brother in faith, never given a false lineage. Bukhārī, Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ; Q 33:5
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05 Said over them

SEEKING PROTECTION FOR A CHILD

أُعِيذُكَ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ
شَيْطَانٍ وَهَامَّةٍ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ غَيْرٍ لَامَةٍ

U’idhuka bi-kalimātillāhit-tāmmati min kulli
shayṭānin wa hāmmah, wa min kulli ‘aynin lāmmah

I seek protection for you in the perfect words of Allah,
from every devil and every creeping thing, and from
every envious eye.

Bukhārī · ṣaḥīḥ — he ﷺ said it over al-Hasan
and al-Husayn, and said Ibrāhīm said it over
Ismā’īl and Ishāq. For two, say *u’idhukumā*;
for a girl, *u’idhukī*.

AT NIGHT

Recite al-Fātiḥah, Āyat al-Kursī and the three quls over
them, blowing lightly into the palms and wiping what
you can reach of the body.

Bukhārī · ṣaḥīḥ

Amulets, threads and charms hung on a child are
forbidden, even when Qur’ānic words are written on
them — the protection sought is in the words recited,
not in an object worn.

Ahmad, Ibn Hibbān · ṣaḥīḥ

06 Nursing

Two full years for whoever wishes to complete the
nursing. Weaning earlier by mutual consent is
permitted, and no blame attaches to it.

Q 2:233

THE MILK BOND

A woman who nurses a child becomes their mother in
prohibition — and her husband their father, her
children their siblings. Marriage between them is
thereafter forbidden for life.

S and **Hb** — five separate satisfying feeds establish it.
H and **M** — any amount that reaches the stomach
establishes it.

All four require it to occur within the first two years.

Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ — “Suckling prohibits what
birth prohibits.”

Keep a record. Where a child is fed by a relative, a
friend, or from donated milk, write down who fed them
and when. Families have discovered the bond only at
the point of marriage, when it was too late to undo.

A father owes the nursing mother her
maintenance, whether she is his wife or
divorced — Q 65:6.

07 Prayer, by age

Command them at seven, and at ten enforce it — and
separate their sleeping places.

Abū Dāwūd · ḥasan

Before seven

No obligation. Let them stand beside you and imitate.
Teach al-Fātiḥah and the short sūrahs by hearing them
daily.

Seven

Instructed to pray. Teach wuḍū properly, the times, and
the words. Praise more than you correct.

Ten

Held to it firmly. Boys attend the congregation. Sleeping
places are separated.

Puberty

Now obligatory in their own right, and fasting with it.
Marked by the first wet dream, or menstruation in a girl,
or the growth of coarse hair — and at fifteen where no
sign has appeared.

Bukhārī, Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ — Ibn ‘Umar^{رضي الله عنه} was
judged of age at fifteen. Nothing a child does
before puberty is written against them.

08 Their rights

A good name, and a known lineage.

Maintenance — food, clothing, shelter and medicine,
until they can provide for themselves.

Teaching — their religion first, then what will let them
stand on their own.

Justice between them — in gifts, in attention and in
affection. “Fear Allah, and be just between your
children.”

Mercy — “He who does not show mercy is not shown
mercy.”

Not to be cursed, nor supplicated against in anger —
an hour may fall in which such a prayer is answered.

Bukhārī, Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ — the ḥadīth of an-
Nu’mān ibn Bashīr^{رضي الله عنه}; Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ

DU‘Ā FOR OFFSPRING

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً، إِنَّكَ
سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

My Lord, grant me from Yourself a goodly offspring;
indeed You hear all supplication.

Q 3:38

*When a person dies, their deeds end but for three —
ongoing charity, knowledge benefited from, and a
righteous child who prays for them.*

Muslim · ṣaḥīḥ