

# Big Sister / Big Brother Program

## A Chapter of Muslim Families Network Society

The Big Sister/Big Brother program has been developed so that children can experience the richness, excitement, and warmth of an Islamic environment, a place where children learn the importance of caring, sharing, tolerance, patience, and working with others. In addition to arts and crafts, recreational and outdoor activities (including field trips), the program will offer Islamic activities based on weekly themes.

The classes also provide the opportunity for university and high school students to gain important skills while they serve as assistants and volunteers for the program.

Each week of the program will include activities and learning based on a theme.

This year's themes are:

### **Class 1, 2, 3: A book from heaven**

This theme will focus on the Qura'an.

For younger students, the emphasis will be placed on the story of revelation, the Angel Jibreel, the Prophet (SAW) and the importance of learning to recite and memorize Qura'an.

For older students, the revelation, transmission and preservation of the Qura'an will be covered. Students will learn about how the Qura'an forms the central source of guidance for Muslims.

### **Class 4, 5, 6: Blue sky, Green grass**

This theme reflects the beautiful creation of Allah and importance of nature in Islam.

The students will learn about respecting the environment and appreciating the various bounties that Allah has given us.

### **Class 7, 8, 9: Children of Islam**

This theme will look at stories from Qura'an and Sunnah about children playing an important role in society. The theme reflects on building confidence in children.

### **Class 10, 11, 12: House of Allah**

During this week, the students will look at the architectural beauty and spiritual significance of the Houses of Allah. They will learn about the importance of the Masjid in today's society and in Islamic history. In particular, they will look at the history and significance of the Ka'abah, Masjid ul Madina and Masjid al- Aqsa.

Some other themes are:

- 1: Pillars of Islam
- 2: Attributes of Allah SW
- 3: Prophets of Allah
- 4: Islamic Celebrations
- 5: Songs and Stories

**Recreation:**

Indoor and outdoor games

**Arts and Crafts:**

- 1: Arabic writing and Calligraphy
- 2: Build a Masjid Competition
- 3: Cake Decorating

**Helping Others:**

Doing good deeds for their family and the larger community.

**Field Trips:**

1. Trips to an interesting/amusement place
2. Play Day at the Park (family activity)

**Life Skills for older students**

1. Interactive discussion
2. Topics include Identity, Leadership, Time Management

**Resource Personnel:**

A team of volunteers from the Muslim Community manages this program.

Administrator: Sr Idrees Khan

Coordinators: Srs. Ruby Qureshi, Safura, Shabnam Shah, Wendy Mitchel, Zaima Khan, Rukhsana Murad and Abida Khan

Assistants: Srs. Sana Khan, Maryam Kahlon, Maryam Sadiq

Helpers: Srs. Farah Hussein, Shama Siddique

Teacher: Sr. Sameeha Dabash

**Orientation: Saturday, April 14, 2007, 2:30 pm**

**Program Schedule**

**Saturdays, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**April 21**

**May 5, 12, 26**

**June 9, 16, 23**

**July 7, 14, 21**

**Aug 11 and 25**

**Location: NW Musalla**

**It is important that the children arrive at the Musalla on time and that they are picked up on time.**

