رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِيْ صَدْرِيْ. وَ يَسِّرْ لِيْ اَمْرِيْ. وَ احْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِسَانِيْ. يَفْقَهُوْا قُوْلِيْ

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CHOICE – INTRODUCTION

If I give you an apple and a stone, which one will you choose to eat?
 >> Ofcourse Apple

 \circ BUT, if a baby has a stone, will the baby try to put it in his/her mouth?

- >>> May be because Baby knows less than you. That's why babies try to put everything in their mouth
- So, it tells us that giving kids choice is not always good for them. Let's talk about Choice and how it should be used

CHOICE – TALKING POINTS (1 of 3)

- 1. When we have different options to choose from, this is called CHOICE
- 2. No one have choice in everything, and sometimes we get better things without choice, e.g.
 - We are not born by our choice but that's the best thing happened to us
 - $\,\circ\,$ Parents love us most and we get parents without Choice
- 3. We are born Humans without choice. Allah SWT made this choice for us and made us Male or Female
- 4. When outsiders tell you to choose what other kids or teachers like, they make you follow someone else's choice
- 5. If friends put pressure on us to become like them, never do that.
 - \circ We should choose what parents tell us, they know better than our friends
- 6. Allah knows best who gave us Parents to make good choices for us.
 - We learn to make correct choice from parents
- 7. When someone teaches us to make choice without asking parents, it means
 - They teach us to ignore parents, and not learn correct choice
- 8. We must choose what our parents think is good for us even, if we don't like it, e.g. clothes, food and friends
- 9. If children want to make a choice against parents' will, this is not a Right. This is disobeying and dangerous, e.g.
 - $\,\circ\,$ Watching a video or cartoon that parents don't know OR they think it's not good
 - Following advice of someone about personal things without parents' permission

CHOICE – TALKING POINTS (2 of 3)

10. Real stories of bad choices:

- Iblees chose to disobey Allah, so he became devil (Shaytan) and got expelled from Jannah (Paradise)
- Hazrat Adam a.s. & Hawwa a.s. listened to Iblees and ate the fruit that Allah prohibited, so they got expelled from Jannah like Iblees
- Prophet Noah a.s. asked his wife & son to board a ship because Allah ordered that but they chose to not listen.
 So, flood took them away
- 11. When a company makes a Robot, it writes a book (manual) to explain how to use it.
 - If we don't use it correctly, we can damage it
- 12. Similarly, Allah made us & gave us Quran, which is Allah's book for us.
 - \circ We must follow that to be healthy & happy
- 13. If we don't follow Quran, we make bad choices and start follow others, and become greedy, unhappy & unhealthy
- 14. Allah gave us the right to choose & parents who tell us how to do that.
 - Ignoring what Allah chose for us is a bad choice that causes trouble
- 15. If anyone (friend, teacher, coach, doctor) gives us choices to change ourselves, we must tell parents.
 - $\,\circ\,$ Only parents should guide us what to choose

CHOICE – TALKING POINTS (3 of 3)

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وَ عَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَ هُوا شَيِّا وَ هُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَ عَسَى أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيِّا وَ هُوَ شَرِّ لَّكُمُ وَالله يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُم لَا تَعْلَمُوْنَ

But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah Knows, while you don't know



GIVE ME A BREAK 5 MIN

Visuals – Storytime

LINK IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY – RUN THE VIDEO COPIED BELOW

Story of Prophet Saleh (A.S) and the She-Camel (2:30 min)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbCXdONjR5c



QUIZ

□ IF PARENTS DON'T AGREE TO OUR CHOICE, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WHEN SOMEONE OUTSIDE OUR HOME ASKS TO CHOOSE SOMETHING FOR OUR BODY, WHO WILL TELL US THE CORRECT CHOICE?

□ WHICH BOOK ALWAYS HAS PERFECT KNOWLEDGE (QURAN OR LIBRARY BOOKS)

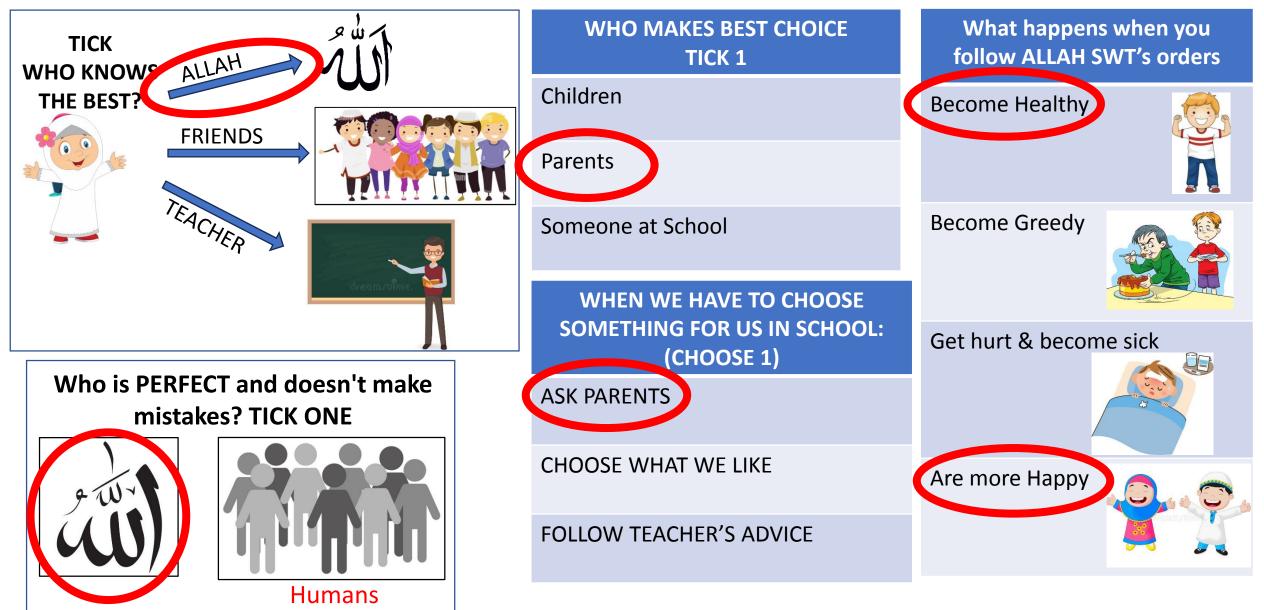
□ WHO MAKES THE BEST CHOICE FOR EVERYONE?

□ WHO AMONG HUMANS MAKE THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE CHILDREN?

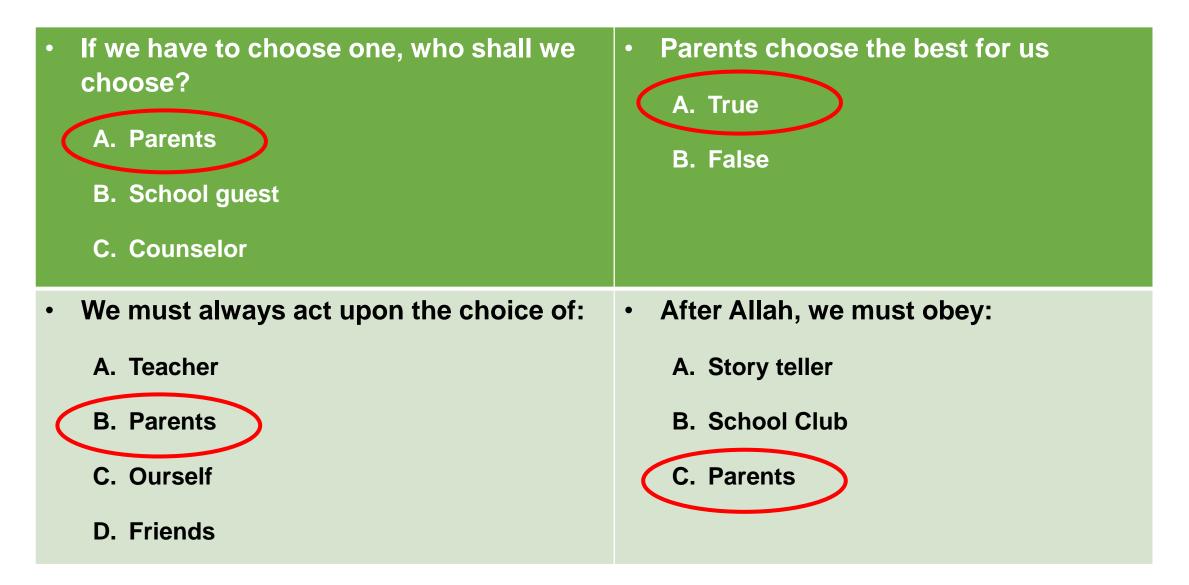
□ WHO TEACHES US HOW TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES WHEN WE GROW UP?

□ WHO CHOOSES FOR US TO BE A BOY OR A GIRL?

ACTIVITY



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CONCLUSION

- Honest people never tell children that:
 - □ They should choose whatever they want without asking parents
 - Parents don't need to know everything OR they shall not tell you what to choose
 - If someone says that, just say don't make me do anything without asking my parents
- > IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER OR DON'T REMEMBER THE ANSWER, REMEMBER FOUR A'S:
 - a) DON'T AGREE
 - b) DON'T ARGUE
 - c) DON'T LISTEN TO THOSE WHO TEACH AGAINST ISLAM & NATURE BECAUSE THAT'S WRONG
 - d) ASK YOUR PARENTS ABOUT IT WHEN YOU GO HOME

ALWAYS REMEMBER

WHENEVER WE LEARN SOMETHING, WE MUST TELL OUR PARENTS ABOUT IT

TODAY, WHEN YOU GO HOME, REMEMBER TO TELL YOUR PARENTS WHAT YOU LEARNT IN THE CLASS