

# LESSON 11: Exemplary Muslim Women

## GOALS:

- Understand some of the role's women played in the history of early Islam
- Understand the pious character, example, and service to Islam of each of the wives of the Holy Prophet (saw)
- Understand the wisdom and example of the Holy Prophet (saw) in marrying, treatment of and love for his wives.

The format for approx. 30-40 min session

TIME	ACTIVITY	SUGGESTIONS	RESOURCES
5 min	Icebreaker. Use this time to check in with the Convert(s). see how things are going and address any concerns	Ask about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- significant happenings</li> <li>- family</li> <li>- questions/queries</li> </ul>	
5 min	Brainstorm the names of the wives of the Holy Prophet (saw) known by the converts	There were 12 wives in total. The converts aren't expected to know all details about each of them, but they should by the end of the lesson gain knowledge of Hazrat Khadija (ra) and Hazrat Ayesha (ra) at least.	
25 min	Provide the Converts with a template table (appended below)  Secretary to read out facts and the Convert should identify where it belongs in the template table (appended below)	An alternative is for the Convert to fill out the table as the passage is being read out or fill it out themselves and check together as a group	Pg. 129 - 136

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## APPENDIX: TOPIC: EXEMPLARY MUSLIM WOMEN – WIVES OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SAW)

NAME	BACKGROUND / REASON FOR MARRIAGE	SIGNIFICANT FACTS
Hazrat Khadijah (ra)	Widowed twice before	<p>First wife</p> <p>15 years older than the Holy Prophet (saw)</p> <p>Had living children from previous marriages</p> <p>Wealthy businesswoman Gave wealth freely to her husband</p> <p>Passed away in the 'Year of Sorrow'</p>
Hazrat Aishah (ra)	<p>After death of Hazrat Khadijah (ra)</p> <p>Dream of green handkerchief with Hazrat Aishah (ra)'s image on it</p>	<p>Nikah done when young but Hazrat Aishah (ra) did not begin her marital life until much later</p> <p>Daughter of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)</p> <p>Only wife born as a Muslim</p> <p>Blessed with dreams and glad tidings e.g. three moons falling into her lap – fulfilled when the Holy Prophet (saw), Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Umar (ra) buried in her house.</p> <p>Excellent scholar of Islam</p>
Hazrat Saudah (ra)	<p>After death of Hazrat Khadijah (ra)</p> <p>Widow</p> <p>Poor</p>	Nikkah at same time as Hazrat Aishah (ra) but marital life commenced immediately

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Hazrat Hafsa (ra)	Widow - first husband died in Battle of Badr	Daughter of Hazrat Umar (ra)  Educated – personally annotated Quran used by Hazrat Uthman (ra) when he made copies for standardisation
Hazrat Zaynab bint Khuzaimah (ra)	Widow – first husband was a cousin of the Holy Prophet (saw) died in Battle of Uhud	Passed away a few months after nikkah aged 30
Hazrat Umi Salmah (ra)	Widow – first husband died of wounds sustained in Battle of Uhud	Advanced in age  Pioneer Muslim woman – educated other Muslim women  Related many ahadith
Hazrat Juwairiyah (ra)	Widow  Daughter of a chief of Banu Mustaliq (tribe ally of the Quraish)	Marriage helped forge an alliance between Muslims and Banu Mustaliq
Hazrat Zaynab bint Jahsh (ra)	Cousin of the Holy Prophet (saw)	Very generous
Hazrat Umme Habibah (ra)	Widow  Daughter of Abu Sufyan – enemy of Islam and chief of Makkah	
Hazrat Safiyah (ra)	Daughter of chief of Banu Nadir tribe of the Jews	
Hazrat Maimoonah (ra)	Huwazain tribe  Sister in law of uncle of the Holy Prophet (saw)	
Hazrat Maria Qibtiah (ra)	Coptic maiden gift sent by ruler of Egypt	Bore a son – Ibrahim although he died at 18 months

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