Prophet Muhammad (S) Teaching Methodology

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"If one person gets guided on your hands, it is better for you than a red she-camel."

AGENDA

- Du'a
- Teaching Strategies Used by Prophet Muhammad (S)
- Identifying strategies already in use
- Selecting strategies to implement more fully
- Timelines

Strategies used by The Prophet (S)

Take advantage of special occasions

Identify your target group

Appeal to auditory and visual learners

- Be interesting
- Vary the length of the presentation
- Use playful fun
- Smile
- Speak at the listener's level
- Use current vocabulary

Use diagrams, drawings and artifacts

Use hand movements and gestures

Call to the listener

Generalize first and then explain later

Use stories from Islamic history

Use analogies

Use cliffhangers

Answer with a question

Allow others to answer the question

Answer with more than what was asked

Turn the question into something more beneficial

Emphasize main points

Repeat, repeat, repeat

Review, test, reiterate, consolidate

Cautions:

- Avoid anger or shouting
- Avoid embarrassing students
- Avoid talking too much
- Avoid overusing humour

Techniques Already In Use

Rate the techniques you use:

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- A few times
- Never

Techniques Selected

- Record which three techniques you want to develop.
- Share your emphasis with a partner.
- Did you find any similarities? Differences?

Timelines – technique focus

- In one month:
 - Tally chart of times used in lessons
 - Keep track of lessons
- At end of term:
 - Tally chart
 - Anecdotal response to technique
 - Focus on that skill or select new skill for use

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