

RESPECT FOR PARENTS AND ELDERS

Quran – Surah Al-Isra (17:23): "And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], 'uff,' and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word."

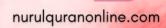




STORY OF THE GIFT OF RESPECT

In a bustling village nestled between rolling hills, there lived a young boy named Ali. Ali was known for his cheerful demeanor and willingness to help others. His parents, Amira and Hassan, were respected elders in the community, known for their wisdom and kindness. One afternoon, as Ali played by the village stream, he overheard a group of children mocking their elders. They laughed at an old man struggling with his load of firewood, making fun of his slow pace. Ali frowned and watched silently as the old man labored on, his face wrinkled with exhaustion. Later that day, Ali returned home and found his mother preparing dinner. He noticed the tired lines on her face and

remembered the old man by the stream. "Mama," Ali asked, "
why do some children not respect their elders?"





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Amira paused, stirring the pot thoughtfully. "Respect, my son," she began, "is like a precious gift. When we respect our elders, we honor their wisdom, experience, and sacrifices. They have walked paths we have yet to discover and have weathered storms we have yet to face. Respect acknowledges their value

and shows gratitude for their guidance.

Ali nodded, understanding dawning in his eyes.
From that day on, he made a conscious effort to show respect to his parents and all elders in the village. He helped his father with chores without being asked, listened attentively to his mother's stories, and greeted the elders with a warm smile whenever he crossed paths with them. One evening, as Ali helped an elderly neighbor carry groceries home, the old man patted his shoulder gratefully.
"Thank you, Ali," he said with a smile.
"Your kindness reminds me of a time when respect was cherished above all else."

Ali beamed with pride, knowing he had

made a difference. As he returned home, he found

his parents waiting for him with proud smiles.

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Amira hugged him tightly and said, "Ali, you have learned a valuable lesson today. By respecting your elders, you bring joy and honor to our community. Never forget the gift of respect, For it is a treasure that enriches both the giver and the receiver."

The Lesson of the Story

The story of Ali teaches us the importance of respecting our parents and elders.

Respect is a precious gift that acknowledges their wisdom, experience, and contributions to our lives.

By showing respect, we honor their guidance and strengthen the bonds of love and community.