

Chapter 1

Actions Have Consequences

Lesson 1

We All Need Consequences



Key Focus:

Why are consequences important?



Vocabulary:

Consequence (n): the result or effect of an action.

Motivation (n): something that makes us want to do something else or gives us a reason to act.



Get Ready, Get Set...

Talk with your partner about these questions:

If there were no tests, would you still do your homework?

If you could eat as much as you wanted without getting sick, would you still overeat?

If you never were thanked for giving presents, would you still give gifts as often?





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We have learned some choices are good and others are bad. What happens as a result of a choice is called a **consequence**. Consequences can be good or bad, just like choices.

Knowing about consequences can change our choices and behavior. We want to do things that will have good consequences, like being thanked, and avoid things that will have bad consequences, like getting hurt.

For example, some consequences are a part of nature. If you drop something, you know it will fall. If you eat too much, you will get a stomach ache. These are called 'natural consequences.'

Some consequences come from other people. For example, if you say something rude, the other person will be upset. Or if you give a present, you will get thanks.

But it is Allah ﷻ Who will give everyone the final consequences. He is Al 'Alim, the One who knows everything, including all your thoughts and secrets. He will give consequences in this life and the next life.

Allah ﷻ is the Creator of the beautiful and the simple, the good as well as the bad. Allah ﷻ also helps us understand things by showing us its opposite. For example, Allah ﷻ sometimes helps us understand what is right by telling us what is wrong, and shows us the consequences of both.



One of the ways Allah^Y tests us is by giving us choices. It is not always clear which choice will be the best, but it is up to us to decide what to do.



Show what you know!

Look at the pictures and discuss with a partner the consequences of each action.





Lesson 2

Allah is Al 'Adl



Key Focus:

Who gives consequences?



Vocabulary:

Justice (n): fair or right behavior or treatment.

Al 'Adl: one of the beautiful names of Allah^y which means "The Balance."



Get Ready, Get Set...

Have you ever noticed how most things have opposites or come in pairs?

What is the opposite of each of these things?

Dark

Good

Life

Freedom

Smooth

Friend

Now think of 3 more pairs of opposites.



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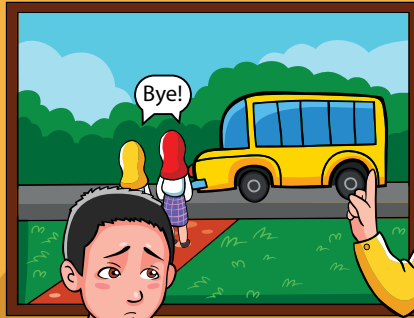
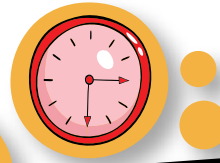
Who Cheated?

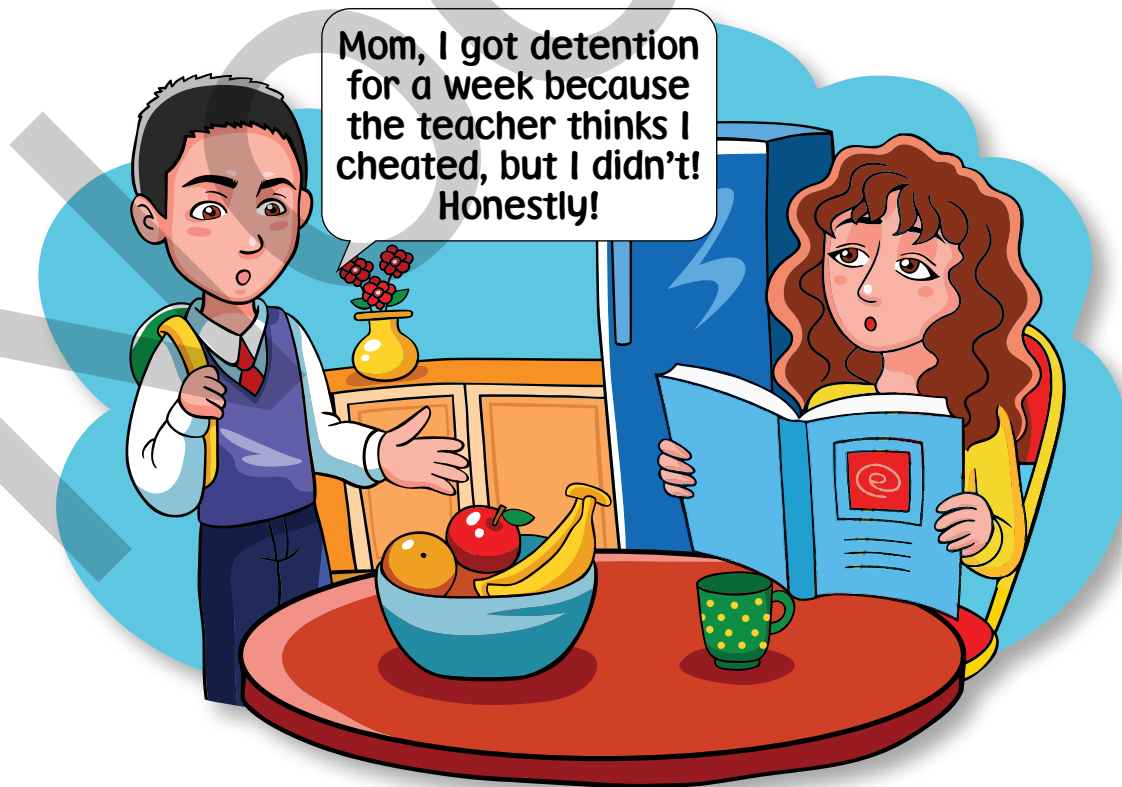
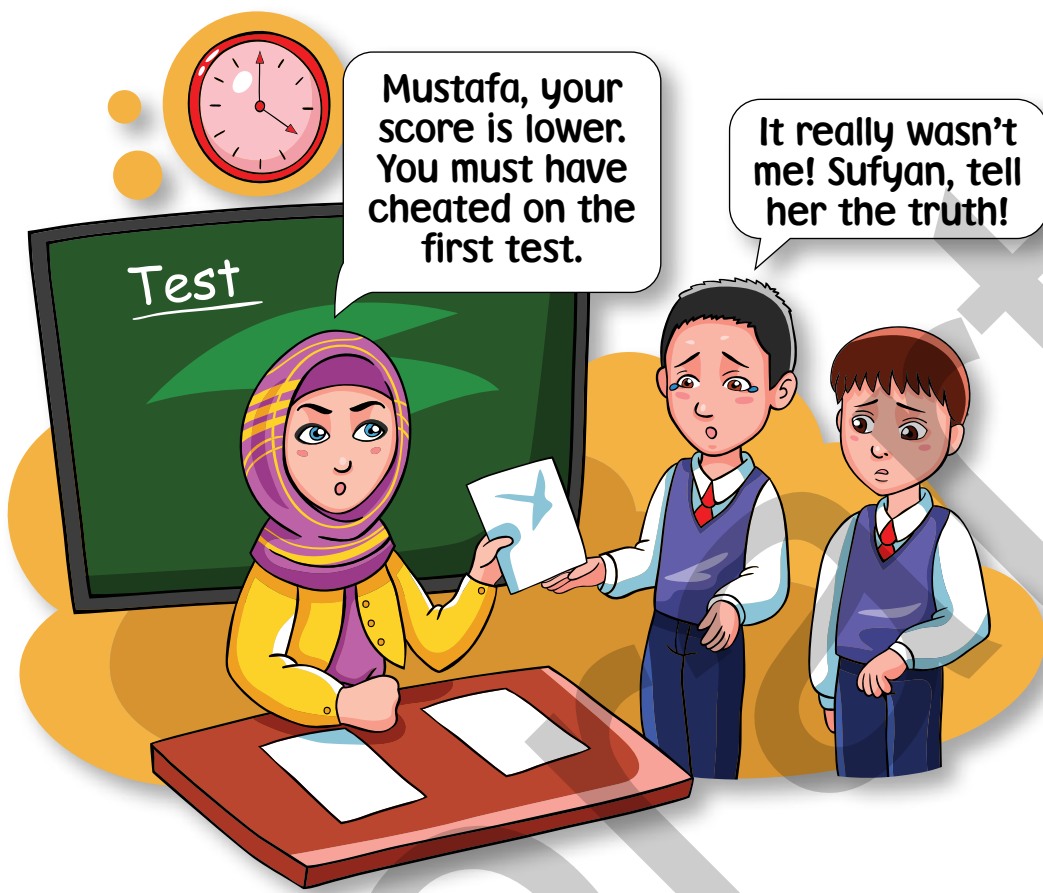


Mustafa and Sufyan, I am very disappointed. Your answers on the test are the same. One of you obviously cheated and copied from the other.



Since I don't know who cheated, you both have to do the test again, separately.





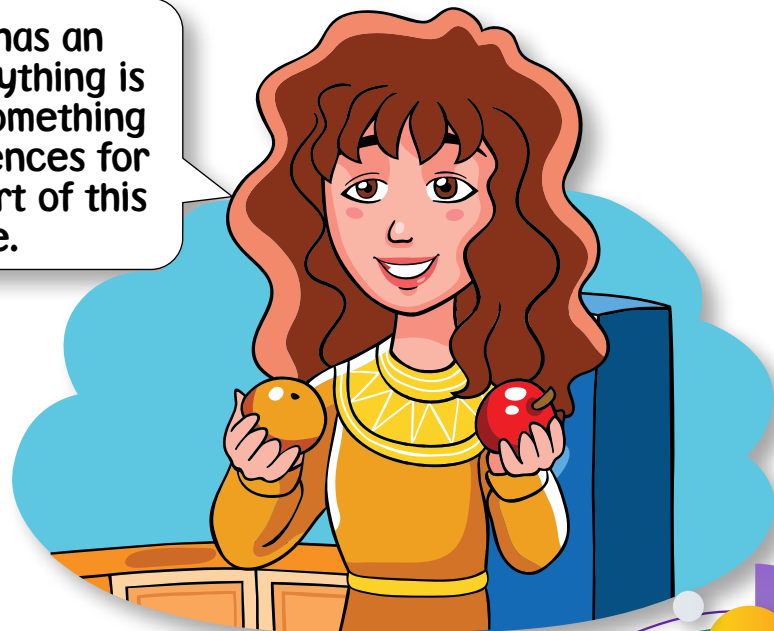
I'm so sorry to hear that! But Allah ﷻ is Al 'Adl, the Balance, and He knows the truth. If you have been punished for something you didn't do, Allah ﷻ will make it right in the next life.



But what about Sufyan? Shouldn't he be punished for cheating?



Everything has an opposite. Everything is balanced by something else. Consequences for actions are part of this balance.





It is always good for a Muslim to follow up a bad deed with a good deed. If Sufyan really wants to do the right thing, he will also tell the teacher that it was actually he who cheated and not you.

Sometimes the wrong person is blamed for an action that they did not do. To make matters worse, the innocent person has to suffer the consequences of that action, and they do not get the justice or the fair treatment they deserve! Can you think of a time when you were blamed for something you did not do? Was the person who committed the act ever punished later on?



Have you ever seen someone break a rule but somehow escape the consequences? Did it seem like they got away with their bad actions?

Even if someone seems to have no consequences for their bad actions in this life, Allah ﷻ is Al 'Adl, the Balance, and He knows. Allah ﷻ will show them what they have done later on. The people who do good deeds secretly will also be rewarded by Allah ﷻ in the next life.

Amazing Ayaat!

“That day the people will be sorted into types to be shown their actions. So whoever did the tiniest bit of good will see it, and whoever did the tiniest bit of bad will see it.”

Surat Az-Zalzala 99:6-8

﴿يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصْدُرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِّيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۖ فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ ۖ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ ۖ﴾
سورة الزلزلة 99:6-8



Show What You Know!

Reread Mustafa's story. Can you think of any words in the story that are opposites? For example: justice and injustice, friend and enemy, kind and mean.

Now, think of ten more pairs of opposite words. Write each word on a separate index card. Then, mix up the cards and place them face down in rows on your desk.

With a partner, take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find matching opposites. The player with the most correct pairs at the end wins the game!



Lesson 3

Dominoes



Key Focus:

What are the consequences of making a bad choice?



Vocabulary:

Dominoes (n): a game where you stand blocks in a row, so that if you drop one block, the rest fall down one-by-one.

Repent (v): to feel sorry about a bad thing you did and say sorry for it, either quietly to yourself or out loud.

Deceive (v): to try to trick someone.



Get Ready, Get Set...

Your teacher will show you a series of **dominoes**. Now watch as one domino is pushed. When one domino falls, all the others are knocked over too.

Now pretend each domino stands for a choice you make. When one domino falls, it affects what comes next.

- What can happen when someone makes a bad choice?
- What can someone do to stop more problems from happening?
- How can making a better choice next help?





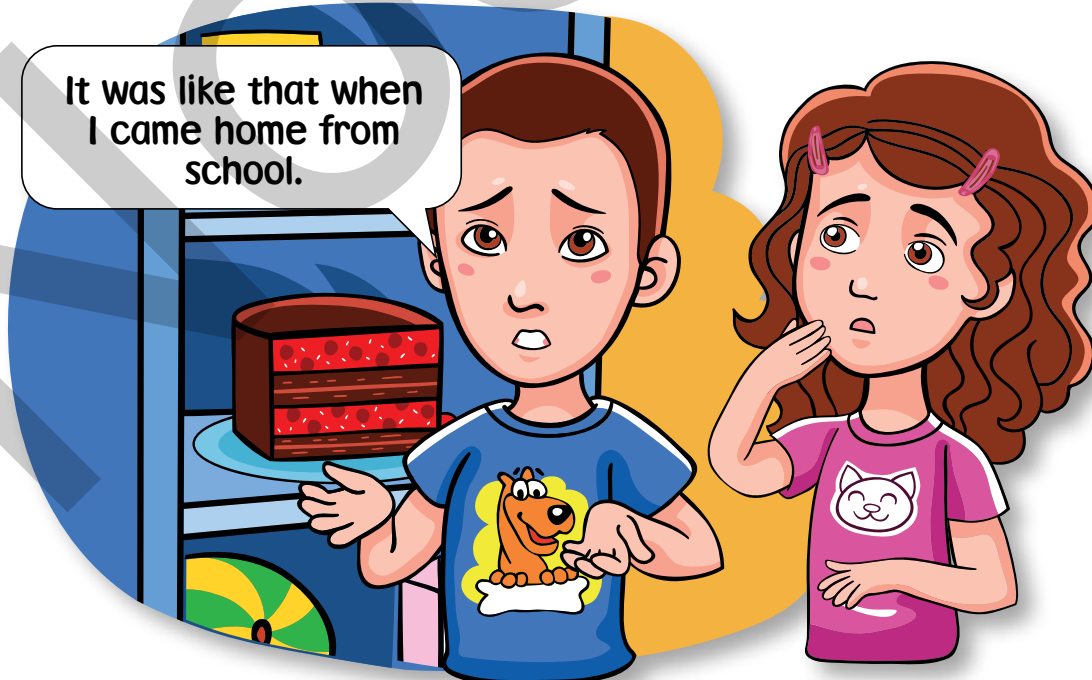
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The Disappearing Cake

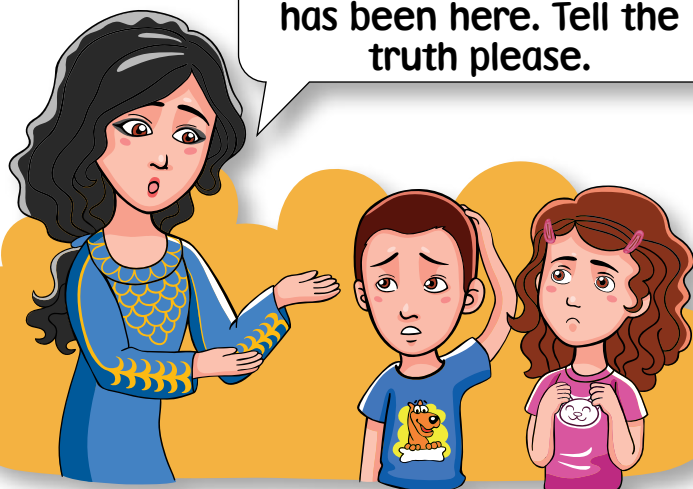
What happened with the cake? I told you it was for Aunty!



It was like that when I came home from school.



How could that be possible? Nobody else has been here. Tell the truth please.



I am telling the truth!
Sara came home
before me.



But it wasn't me!





What were Hamid's three bad choices?

When we do something wrong and we don't **repent** and say sorry, our hearts get damaged. Each wrong action adds a layer of hardness to our hearts that leads us to make more bad choices, like dominoes. We make more bad decisions because the hardness in our hearts makes us unable to hear our conscience or see the right path clearly.

The person who makes a bad choice feels the consequences first. But when we do wrong, we can also hurt other people as well.

Amazing Ayaat!

"And there are some people who say, "We believe in Allah and the Last Day," but they are not believers. They (think they can) **deceive** Allah and those who believe, but they only deceive themselves without realizing it. In their hearts is disease, so Allah has increased their disease; and for them is a painful punishment because they used to lie constantly."

Surat Al Baqara 2:8-10

﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝٨
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فَلَوْ بِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ۝١٠﴾

سورة البقرة 2:8-10

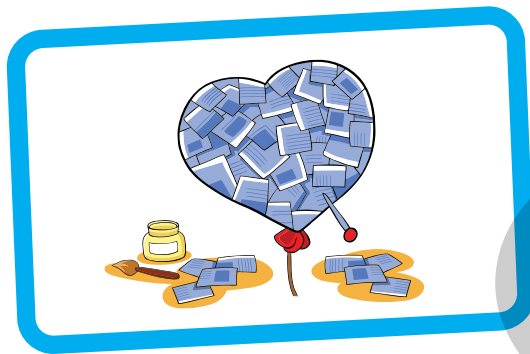


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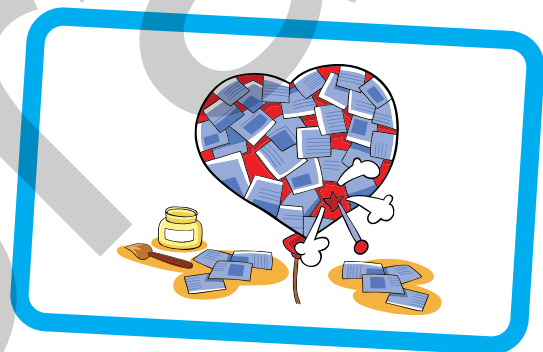
Take a balloon. Soak some tissue paper in watered down white glue. Add one layer of this to the balloon.

Now take another balloon. Add many layers of paper, putting the watered down white glue between each layer. Leave it to dry. Now try to pop the balloons.

Which one pops more easily?



Your heart can get a hard shell if you make too many bad choices. A thick layer of bad choices makes it harder for the heart to feel the pin prick of conscience or to hear good advice.



The balloon is like your heart. If you have not done much wrong, your heart is soft and can hear Allah's words and good advice.