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|  |  | **Class:** | |
| **Topic** | **Ghazzali For kids** | | |
| **Lesson Title** | The Three Things We Need Most in This Life | | |
| **Age Group** | **11-16** | **Teaching time:** | **55 minutes** |
| **Lesson Objectives:** This world is like a seedbed giving us time and a chance to grow into  our true selves.    Some people waste so much money and time going beyond their three  worldly needs—food, clothing and shelter—that they waste their opportunity to focus on their spiritual  heart and growing into their best self.  **Essential question**  How do I want to grow? Who do I want to become?  Do too many material belongings ever distract me from doing good deeds? How can I stop it? | | | |
| **Lesson summary and activity breakdown:**  **Review workbook work from chapter 6**  **Reading of Chapter 8 and chapter 9**  **Activity 1 + discussion : Connecting to the Quran Discussion**  I will Read to the children Surah 5 verse 87-88, and we will reflect upon its meaning. 87 - You who believe, do not forbid the good things God has made lawful to you- do not exceed the limits: God does not love those who exceed the limits6 88 - but eat the lawful and good things that God provides for you. Be mindful of God, in whom you believe Key question- What are the forbidden thigns? What has been made lawful? Why limits? Why would God love those? Link to wasting water, recycling, etc.  **Activity 2 – the story of stuff**  This is a fun 20-minute documentary that does a superb job of educating about material surplus in an  inspirational manner. Children tend to enjoy it and easily understand its message: https://www.youtube.  com/watch?v=9GorqroigqM  **Activity 3: Sing Dawud Wharnsby’s “Rose” With younger kids, it will be a sing along class**  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_2fcd3g0y4>  **“Rose”**  I wonder if a thorny twig even knows,  that one day it will blossom and will grow a lovely rose.  I wonder of my own life, what is it I’ll be?  The twiggy little stick I am—will I become a tree?  Roots so deep and strong, my arms up to the sky?  Bring cool shade, sweet fruits and flowers to those who pass me by?  God gives us choices to grow in better ways.  Our best is yet to come, as long as we wake to new days.  So, though today I’m small, there will come an hour.  Tomorrow may be my day, to blossom, bloom and flower.  If it’s meant to be, and God wills it for me,  I will beautify this world, like a rose bush or fruit tree.  Just be patient with me, we’ll wait and see.  Older students- present this as poetry. Let them spend some time with poetry. Will be looking to see how children react.  **+ Vitrue of the week**  Arguing is opposite to Calm, Respectful Discussion and Being Peaceful  Rasul Allah (sal Allahu alaihi wa sallam) said: “Whoever does not argue when he is in the wrong will have a home built for him on the edge of Paradise. Whoever avoids it when he in the right will have a home built for him in the middle of Paradise. And whoever improves his own character, a home will be built for him in the highest part of Paradise.” [Tirmidhi]  Would you be friends with someone who always argues with you?  مَا ضَلَّ قَوْمٌ بَعْدَ هُدًى كَانُوا عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا أُوتُوا الْجَدَلَ **No people go astray after being guided except that they indulge in arguments.**  Malik ibn Anas, may Allah have mercy on him, said:  Disputation and arguments about sacred knowledge cause the light of knowledge to extinguish in a man’s heart.  Disputation about sacred knowledge causes the heart to harden and breeds hatred. | | | |
| **Resources/equipment:**  **Projector, laptop, board, pens** | | | |
| **Homework: Review notes +** | | | |