**Ghazali Chapter 27**

**Core Lesson**: Hypocrisy is one of the most harmful vices. Even Imam Ghazali suffered from it and changed his whole life to combat it. Revise his life story from page 109 of the workbook. We must be and act the same way we advise others. We must be the same person for everyone we meet.

**Connecting to the Quran**

Surah 4 verse 142 ‘The Hypocrites – they think they are over-reaching God, but He will over –reach them: when they stand up to prayer, they stand without earnestness, to be seen of men, but little do they hold God in remembrance.’

**Connecting to the Hadith**

‘The signs of the hypocrite are three: when he speaks he lies, when he promises he breaks his promise and when he is entrusted he betrays the trust.’ (Bukhari and Muslim)

**Introduction**: show a real and counterfeit /play banknote. Both look similar but only one has any value. How can we apply this to our lives?

**Read the chapter** and discuss- do you ever correct (tell on) your brother or sister for something you do yourself? Could you try to do the correct thing yourself and set a good example?

**Activity**: draw a good and bad face on each side of the face outline you have been given. Role play some scenarios where you show the good face to others but have the bad face in private. Older children can write some of these scenarios down. Some exemplar scenarios are at the bottom of page 175 of the workbook. Children can label the faces with attributes if they prefer.

Reception can draw the face as above or write some of the following words on a heart shape to represent what sort of people they want to be: honest, loving, kind, truthful, happy, helpful, generous, thoughtful, forgiving... They might also want to write out some words then cross them out such as: liar, unkind, unhelpful, selfish, envious, argumentative, lazy, bully. I will make a list of these words for children to cut out and glue to the appropriate side of the face.

**Conclusion**: Prophet Isa also warned his people about hypocrisy and we are told that the hypocrites are large in number. We must guard ourselves from falling into the trap of hypocrisy. We must remember to do things only for the sake of Allah and not so that our parents, friends or teachers like us.

NB- I have an issue with part of the story where the mother calls the old man a hypocrite. I would be more comfortable saying the man may have a problem or weakness but that if he did it deliberately then he is a hypocrite. We are meant to make excuses for each other as much as possible and not rush to judge others. I know this is done as a teaching point but I am uncomfortable unless we make an excuse for the man first.

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