**Ghazali Chapter 8**

1. Recap of last lesson: who was happy last week? Why? What made you really happy? Do you make anyone else happy?
2. Starter: What do you want to be when you grow up? Should we spend all our time and energy planning what we want to have in terms of house and belongings? Some people work hard all their lives but never have time to see their family or help others? Some people work to earn so much money and then lose it all. Sometimes the richest people are always worried about people stealing their money or hurting them out of jealousy. Should we spend more time developing our spiritual hearts?
3. Read chapter 8.
4. What do you as children, need to grow? Highlight the things you think on the attached sheet. Older children can make their own list. Reception children can just discuss this or skip to the next stage.
5. Make sure children understand the following:

* Three needs of plants: Nutritious soil, water, Sunlight.
* Three needs of human beings: shelter, food, clothes
* Three needs of the spiritual heart: authentic knowledge of Allah, prayer to and remembrance of Allah and good deeds for the sake of Allah alone.

-Older children can illustrate the attached information sheet (maybe younger ones too?)

1. Plant your own seedling. Students decorate the pots and plant the seedlings. We could use marigold or rye grass seeds. Students will need to remember to look after their plants and watch them grow each day.
2. In groups of two role play looking after a plant. One of you is the plant and the other one needs to water and look after it so it grows. The older children may also be able to appreciate the metaphor of pruning the plant as it grows so it is a stronger and healthier plant. In the same way we need to prune out our bad habits and actions.
3. Conclusion: Dawud Wharnsby Ali song ‘Rose’. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_2fcd3g0y4>
4. Older children can read, decorate and rehearse the lyrics. Younger children can rehearse the song or sing along.

Resources needed: seeds, soil, plastic or polystyrene cups or plant pots, decoration for the pots/cups. Photocopies of the attached sheets.

**The Three Needs...**

**Three needs of plants:**

* Nutritious soil
* Water
* Sunlight

**Three needs of human beings:**

* Shelter
* Food
* Clothes

**Three needs of the spiritual heart:**

* Authentic knowledge of Allah
* Prayer to and remembrance of Allah
* Good deeds for the sake of Allah alone.

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**What do I need to grow?**

* Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables
* Eat chocolate
* Drink water
* Drink fizzy drinks
* Spend a long time trying to pronounce the Quran correctly
* Trying to learn as much Quran as possible
* Make sure I do what I want to do so I am happy
* Eat sweets
* Play for as much of the day as possible
* Don’t be bossed around by my parents
* Do dhikr
* Help others
* Don’t listen when my teacher tells me to work hard as it’s too much for me
* Teach my brothers and sisters
* Share
* Pretend I’ve done something good to make my mum happy.