

In the name of Allah, most Beneficent, most Merciful

# Mother Knows Best

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## What is the Play About?

Our play is about two Muslim families, the relationship between the mothers and their daughters and the necessity of listening to and respecting your mother.

Presentation Time:

Our play takes approximately 15 to 20 mins. To deliver including scene and costume changes.

**Introduction Narrator:** Asalamu alikum, I would like to introduce our play which is called: **“Mother Knows Best”**

**Scene one: Narrator:** We are opening our play with our first Muslim family in scene 1, where it is in the lounge room, with a daughter named Amira and her mother Tasneem.

*Amira walks into the lounge room, happily smiling and sits where her mother is sitting on the couch drinking tea and having biscuits. Amira sits next to her.*

**Amira:** Salamu alikum mum.....

Mother 1: Walaikum Salam habibti,

**Amira:** Wow, it's much cooler in here than outside.

Mother 1: Yes mashallah, it is.....Amira, habibti would you like to have a biscuit? There mummy's best.

**Amira:** Thanks mum...- *Amira takes a bite*...mmmm, what are in these? They taste so good...

Mother 1: Well I used almonds this time for a change and a touch of honey.

**Amira:** Almonds are nuts, aren't they?

Mother 1: Yes they are....You know, you did do well with your cooking skills this year.

**Amira:** Yes, Alhamdulillah, inshallah I will become an excellent cook like you.

Mother 1: Inshallah you will.

**Amira:** Mum, I wanted to ask you were does cheese come from.

Mother 1: It comes from the milk of cows, sheep and goats....You know what we can do, is get some of your homeschooling friends over... and make some cheese!

**Amira:** Oh really you know how to make cheese, that's so cool mum!

Mother 1: Oh, how about we make pizza tonight

**Amira:** Oh yum, I love pizza

Mother1: Well we need some cheese to make the pizza.... Habibti would you mind going to the shops to get me some cheese?

**Amira:** Yes, happy to do anything for you, mum.

Mother 1: Remember, When you cross the road, to look both ways and then cross the road carefully.

**Amira:** Yes mum

*Mother passes Money to Amira, Amira takes it, and walks off.*

Mother 1: Oh and darling, if there's any change you can buy yourself some lollies since your being such a good helper.

**Scene Two: Narrator:** This is scene two with our second Muslim family, with a daughter named Sara and her Mother Khadijah.

*Sara sitting on a chair reading a joke book.*

Mother 2: Sara...*-nice and calmly-*

*Sara Ignores her.*

Mother: SARA!!!! *- A little louder -*

**Sara:** YEAH!?

Mother 2: You say yes mum when I call you!

**Sara:** err...Yes mum *- Sara rolling eyes rudely -*

Mother 2: Today I'm making some kebab and I need you to go to the shops and get me some Lebanese bread.

**Sara:** Oh mum, I really want to read this, I have to try and impress this so called popular girl at school, with a better joke.

Mother 2: That's very silly, and I need you to go, now.

**Sara:** Alright I'm going!! - *She runs to the door* -

Mother 2: NO! Wait...firstly I need to give you the money and secondly, you need to remember, that when you cross the road to look to the right and left, then right again. Do you understand? (*Mother emphasises*)

**Sara:** Ok..... I mean yes mum.

Mother 2: Please remember to bring home the change - *She gives Sara the money.*

**Scene three: Narrator:** Amira and Sara are now going to the shops for their mothers.

*Amira is at the crossing looking from side to side, like her mother had said. As the car stops, she crosses the road.*

*Shortly followed by Sara who is chewing her gum, she runs across the road without looking, she trips, and gets hit by the car.*

The driver: Oh my god. I'm so sorry, You Just ran in front of my car!! You should never run on the road. Why didn't you look before you crossed?! Huh? Didn't your mum teach you how to cross the road properly, or do you not listen to her?

**Sara:** MuUuUuUuM -*screaming*-

The driver: I need to call the ambulance - *gets phone, dials the ambulance number* -

The driver: - *On the phone* - Hello, um I accidentally hit a girl, She just came out of no where, and ran in front of my car, I had no time to stop, the girl is in severe pain and I think she has hurt her leg. I am at Elizabeth St, Please come quick!

**Scene Four: Narrator:** This is scene four, where Sara's Mother is talking to her daughter, explaining what happened, and how she should think about what she did and to always listen to mum.

Mother 2: Don't worry sweetie, you are going to be Okay, the doctor said to rest for three weeks, ANNND that's what you're going to have to do.

Mother 2: - *Sighs* - You know none of this would have happened if you had just listened to me. You should always listen to your mother.

Narrator reads:

According to a hadith narrated in Bukhari and Muslim by Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him),

The Prophet (Pbuh) was once asked who amongst all the people was the most worthy of his respect and compassion.

The Prophet (Pbuh) replied “your mother”; the man wanted to know who should be next, the Prophet (Pbuh) said “your mother”.

The man enquired, who next? the Prophet (Pbuh) replied for the third time “your mother”, again the man asked who next?

The Prophet (Pbuh) replied “and then your father”.

Mother 2: So do you understand how important it is to be obedient to me, because I know what is best for you and I don't want you to get hurt that's why I warn you about some things.

Sara: What does obedient mean?

Mother 2: To do what you are told....

Sara: I'm so sorry mum, I should have listened to you, and I will listen to you from now onwards - *her mum gives her a kiss on the forehead* -

**The End**