

Dear Anisa,
ASA.

You may have gone to a dozen Sunday schools already, but I can guarantee you this class is unlike all the others. It is not for everyone, but if you think you are up for the challenge, we welcome you. This class is not going to attempt to teach you everything about Islam, but it will, if done right, give you a strong foundation in Islam. You will hopefully grow an interest in Islam, so that you will take initiative and learn for yourself. Still, no one will guarantee success in this class except for you. In order to gain the full benefit from this class, you should give your full effort. This class is a forum for you to be able to express yourself, your concerns, and find answers (or at least, get a little closer to your answers) to your questions. You will gain a new, fresh perspective on Islamic (and non-Islamic) issues, and you will learn how to distinguish yourself as a goat from the flock of sheep.

Hope to see you soon Inshallah!

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Dear Dad,

I remember you saying that father's day should be just another day. I remember you said that father's day is the saddest day in the world for so many children without someone to call dad. I guess I fell into that group now, the group of kids without dads, and that this should be the saddest day of the year for me. And, in some ways, I guess it is, and in others - it's a happy day, because I can reflect on what a wonderful father I had - and still have, only now in my heart rather than by my side. You are the most loving, intelligent, wise father I could ask for. I wish you were still with me physically, but you've given me enough strength and love to live peacefully even without your physical presence. And I want to thank you for that. Thank you for the car rides, the long conversations, the trips and all the smiles I love you, and I hope you are having a peaceful, wonderful father's day today.

Love,

Tahmina Achekzai