

Salah Al-Jama'ah

Play some group games with the students to show how much fun it can be to play as a whole class rather than individually. Below are a couple of examples but you can play any group game.

Bowl game

1. Cut up pieces of paper about 2 in squares. There should be a few more than the number of students in the class. On the pieces of paper write down any words that can be used for guessing, such as objects, famous people, places and so on
2. Fold the pieces of paper and put them in a bowl
3. Each student gets a turn to come up in front of the class and pick a piece of paper
4. He should try and have everyone guess the word on the piece of paper by acting, he must not say the word on the piece of paper
5. Everyone should be engaged in the game and be enjoying themselves

Hot Seat

1. Set a chair at the centre of the class and call it the 'Hot Seat'.
2. Pick a student randomly to sit on the hot seat
3. The rest of the students take turns to ask him some questions (no personal questions, otherwise he can pass)
4. The questions can be serious and silly (some examples):
 - a. What three words would you use to describe yourself
 - b. What is your favourite sport
 - c. If you had a chance to meet someone famous who would you pick
 - d. What was your most embarrassing moment
 - e. What is the silliest thing you have ever done
5. Repeat a few more rounds with different students in the hot seat

After the students are settled back into their seats in the classroom, generally talk about the benefits of Salah al-jama'ah.

Read out the following scenario:

Ahmad was unsure whether he should go to the mosque to perform his salah as salah- al jama'ah. He thought about it and went back and forth in his thoughts. He finally decided to go.

Mention to the students that there are many benefits of him attending salah al-jama'ah that we cannot even visualise; however there are many benefits that we can see and feel when we attend salah al-jama'ah.

Ask the students to think of all the positive things that could have happened to Ahmad since he decided to attend the salah al-jama'ah at the mosque and write these on the board for everyone to read.