

## MY FATHER

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### PART 1: READ

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا  
أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٌ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا (الاسراء)  
وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

17:23 (Y. Ali) Thy Lord hath decreed that ye worship none but Him, and that ye be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in thy life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor.

17:24 (Y. Ali) and, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say: "My Lord! Bestow on them thy Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood."

### PART 2: LEARN



When I was 4 Yrs Old : My father is THE BEST

When I was 6 Yrs Old : My father seems to know everyone

When I was 10 Yrs Old : My father is excellent but he is short tempered

When I was 12 Yrs Old : My father was nice when I was little

When I was 14 Yrs Old : My father started being too sensitive

When I was 16 Yrs Old : My father can't keep up with modern time  
When I was 18 Yrs Old : My father is getting less tolerant as the days pass  
When I was 20 Yrs Old : It is too hard to forgive my father, how could my Mum stand him all these years

When I was 25 Yrs Old: My father seems to be objecting to everything I do

**When I was 30 Yrs Old: It's very difficult to be in agreement with my father, I wonder if my Grandfather was troubled by my father when he was a youth**

**When I was 40 Yrs Old: My father brought me up with a lot of discipline, I must do the same**

**When I was 45 Yrs Old: I am puzzled, how did my father manage to raise all of us**

**When I was 50 Yrs Old: It's rather difficult to control my kids, how much did my father suffer for the sake of upbringing and protecting us**

**When I was 55 Yrs Old: My father was far looking and had wide plans for us, he was gentle and outstanding.**

**When I became 60 Yrs Old: My father is THE BEST**

**Note that it took 56 Yrs to complete the cycle and return to the starting point 'my father is THE BEST'**

**Let's be good to our parents before its too late and pray to Allah that our own children will treat us even better than the way we treated our parents.**

#### **References:**

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### **PART 3: THINK & CONNECT**

Why do children change their views about parents?

What does this lesson tell you about the attributes of Allah?

With reference to the photo above, design an Islamic "Mug"?