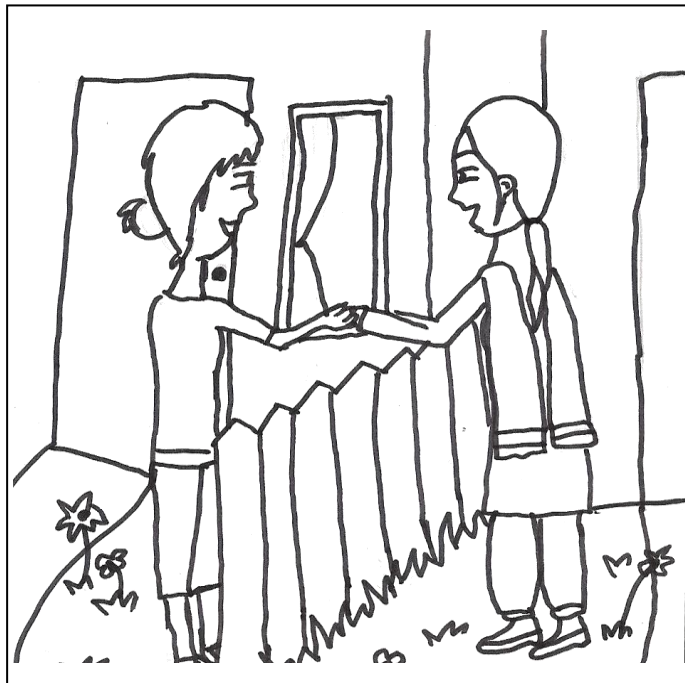


Hadith: Good treatment of neighbours.

Hadith means: The words actually spoken by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) or the words that describe an incident related to the Holy prophet's life. If a hadith does not contradict with *any* verse of the Holy Quran, it is our duty as Muslims to act upon it throughout our lives



مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلَا يُوْذِ جَارَهُ

Whoever believes in Allah and the day of judgement
should not hurt his neighbour.

When we read this Hadith you can't help thinking why good treatment to neighbours is particularly mentioned. If you really think about it, you can see that it is quite easy to be nice and helpful for a little while to friends you meet occasionally or people you don't see very often because it is *only* for a little while. But when you live closely near someone day after day you cannot pretend to be nice for long, you can easily get angry and irritated with each other. There are so many stories about neighbours who argue over little things then these arguments get worse and worse and the whole street starts taking sides.

So you can see why this Hadith is so important not only for individuals but for whole neighbourhoods, communities and nations. It teaches us to be mindful that we treat each other with mutual respect and in this way we can live together in harmony, in a peaceful society and a peaceful world.

The Holy prophet (PBUH) laid so much emphasis on the good treatment of neighbours that the companions of the Holy prophet (PBUH) thought they would also be given the rights of inheritance from their neighbours.