

The Role of Mothers in Building Children's Character According to an Islamic Perspective

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Abstract

The main key in providing direction in teaching moral learning to children, then positive and negative morals are praiseworthy, good ethics depend on the mother when providing positive moral character education, building children to become children with beautiful personality qualities. This study aims to describe how mothers educate children according to an Islamic perspective. And how do mothers make children's attitudes or characters? And how do mothers apply characteristic education according to Islam to children? The type of research is library research, in which data is collected from library materials. The study was carried out on secondary data collection with concrete steps as follows; The author reads reviews of books, journals, articles, websites or the internet, and so on. Mothers have an important role in educating children, especially in the creed of knowledge, the most important thing introduced to children is tawhid, which is the child's effort to understand and believe in the existence of God.

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Introduction

Mothers have a very valuable contribution in influencing the life and attitude of children. The position and function

of the mother is very important, because the mother is a place for the formation of a good character and morals, then becomes the first example for children.¹

¹ Safa, 'Peran Ibu Dalam Membentuk Kepribadian Anak (Analisis Pemikiran Zakiah Daradjat)'.



A mother is a more mature person, must be respected and appreciated, but in general in the eyes of citizens the view of mothers is the human being who has given birth to us in this world. So the mother becomes the highlight of religious examples for her child, because every child's attitude and mindset ultimately gets the results of her mother's upbringing. Therefore, the mother has the main center in the formation of the child's character and is very influential in the education of her child.²

Whether the child is born into the world, a central mother is most important to build a good environment when the child grows up. When I first heard what he said, the first thing he heard was his mother. Scenery, for example, what he sees when the child first sees what he sees. Word meaning thrown when the child first speaks. So the initial sphere heard against memories that a child does not yet understand is his home. Whatever was in her house was what she first remembered, especially the one closest to her was a mother. So according to that, women or mothers are the main madrassas for each child.³

To achieve a good character building, Islamic teachings must be introduced and practiced from as early as possible to children, then exemplify praiseworthy morals both to

the family and among the community, so for a mother it is very important to pay attention to the development and growth of her child. because Islam itself is the main source of values, the most perfect instructions and guidelines for life, explaining the principles of right and wrong, halal and haram, obligatory and sunnah, makruh, mubah and so on.⁴

The main key in providing direction in teaching and providing moral learning to children, then positive and negative morals are praiseworthy, good ethics depend on the teaching of a mother when providing positive moral character education. Then in building the child to become a child with beautiful personality qualities, as explained in the hadith below as follows:

إِنَّ مِنْ أَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَيَّ وَأَقْرَبِكُمْ مِنِّي مَجْلِسًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَحْسَنُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا

It means: "Surely among those whom I love most and closest to my seat on the Day of Judgment is the one who is best in morals." (HR. Tirmidhi)⁵

Being a mother should be a good primary model for her child, because an example is a key foundation for setting a positive example. Therefore, if you want a quality child, you must avoid negative attitudes, because the main point of a mother is very important as a first-time educator. In addition, a mother must set an example of a

² Safa.

³ Nurlina, 'Peran Wanita Dalam Pendidikan Anak Perspektif Islam'.

⁴ Ginanjar, 'Keseimbangan Peran Orang Tua Dalam Pembentukan Karakter Anak'.

⁵ Penaugu.com, 'Penaungu.Com (Dalam Catatan Islam)'.

good attitude so that children can emulate the kindness of their mother. Because in human activities requires a gradual procedure in the formation of a character through monitoring and education from an early age possible. The direction of attitude or character learning can be carried out with three main education, namely: family scope (informal), school scope (formal), and community scope (non-formal). However, the main and very important place in building attitudes towards children is in the scope of the home and the teachers are both parents, most importantly the mother.⁶

According to Rianawati in educating children, mothers are expected to provide knowledge about the beliefs of a religion as a guideline for life. Mother at least tells that life is not only in the world but also the existence of life after death. You should also let you know that life is for worship as we feel good about being in the world.⁷ According to Yayah Fauziah, the importance of education for children gets a large portion. However, the problem arises that the majority of people do not really understand about the priority scale in children's education in Islam. Most parents and new education prioritize the worldly side

of education. Though besides that there is more important.⁸ According to Siti Qomariah, being a mother is a noble profession throughout life. Mothers in child education and household arrangements are very important. As the main and first educator, it is highly demanded the professionalism and skills of a mother. The progress and decline of children as an Islamic generation depends on their upbringing.⁹

Therefore, the difference between researchers and previous studies is that mothers have a very valuable contribution in influencing children's lives and attitudes towards their character, so mothers become the highlight of religious examples for their children, provide direction in teaching and providing moral learning to children, then positive and negative morals are praiseworthy, good ethics depend on the teaching of a mother when providing positive moral character education. Religion as a guideline for life. Mother at least tells that life is not only in the world but also the existence of life after death. You should also tell you that the life of the world must be balanced with the afterlife. Build children to become quality children with

⁶ Munirah Munirah, "Peran Ibu Dalam Membentuk Karakter Anak Perspektif Islam," *AULADUNA: Jurnal Pendidikan Dasar Islam* 1, no. 2 (2014): 253–64.

⁷ Rianawati, "Peran Ibu Dalam Pendidikan Karakter Anak Usia Dini Menurut Pandangan Islam?"

⁸ Fauziah, "Peran Ibu Terhadap Pendidikan Anak Dalam Islam Menurut Abdullah Nashih Ulwan'.

⁹ Qomariah, "PERAN IBU DALAM MENDIDIK ANAK PADA SURAH AL-AHQAF (46) AYAT 15 DALAM TAFSIR IBNU KATSIR'.

beautiful personalities in an Islamic perspective.

Based on the description above, the problem is aimed at knowing how mothers educate children according to an Islamic perspective? And how do mothers build children's attitudes or characters? And how do mothers apply Islamic characteristic education to children?

Method

The type of research used is library research, which collects research data obtained from library materials. Therefore, a study was carried out on secondary data collection with concrete steps as follows; The author reads reviews books, journals, articles, websites or the internet, and so on. Qualitative research is research that intends to understand the phenomena experienced by research subjects such as behavior, perception, motivation, action and others. Qualitative research is a study that is used as a complex picture, examining words, detailed reports of respondents' views, and conducting studies on the situation experienced. So qualitative research is research to discuss a clearer picture of social situations or social events by analyzing and presenting facts systematically so that they can be easily understood and

conveyed without doing statistical calculations.¹⁰

Discussion

Allah SWT Almighty places the mother in the most glorious place, one of the many glories of a mother is among them, the glory of the mother figure is as the most important person who is obliged to receive filial piety from a child. Al-Qadhi Iyadh mentions that the mother has greater importance over the father as in the hadith which means:

"From Abu Hurairah, he said: A person came to the Prophet PBUH. and say, O Messenger of Allah! To whom should I serve the first time? The Prophet answered, your mother! The guy asked back, then who else? He answered, your mother! The guy asked back then who else? The Prophet answered, then to your father." (Bukhari, 5971 and Muslim, 2548)

Imam al-Qurthubi explained that the hadith shows that our love and affection for a mother should be three times greater than for a father. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) mentioned the word mother three times, then the word father only once. If understood, another fact can reinforce this troubling understanding if breastfeeding and childcare are performed only by the mother These three

¹⁰ Utomo, 'Peran Ibu Sebagai Pendidik Agama Islam'.

forms of honor belong only to the mother, even though the father does not have it. The most important thing is that children must try their best to devote themselves to both parents, especially their mother. Children should try to take care of themselves as best as possible, so that the mother does not say bad words to him. The mother plays the role of educator first and foremost, no matter what job she is still a mother whose main responsibility is to raise her child. For example, Khadijah the wife of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was a successful businessman, but she is still a mother who follows her husband and raises her children well if the role of the mother's main duties is handled as well as possible, then the mother can give birth to direct her child to be a character that brings out good and good qualities in her child. The story of a man who came to meet God's messenger. when he asked him for permission to wage jihad, he asked: Are you? Are there other mothers? The man replied, yes still, Then the word Messenger of Allah means: "Take care of him, for the sky is under his feet." This is the wonderful side of motherhood. The inescapable statement of the son confesses his sincere devotion to his mother. If a child

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¹¹ Munirah, 'Peran Ibu Dalam Membentuk Karakter Anak Perspektif Islam'.

¹² Fabiana Meijon Fadul, "Strategi Ibu Menanamkan Pendidikan Karakter Dalam Lingkungan Keluarga," 2019, 24–36.

attitude from childhood towards her child, then become the main example in terms of carrying out all the commandments of God and avoiding all His prohibitions.

Mothers have an important role in developing a good attitude according to Islam, therefore mothers should pay attention to the education of children as early as possible, even though children are born in a state of fitrah (holy). Then humans have two potentials, namely: can be good because of proper education and can also be bad if not educated, even far from religious norms and have bad character due to wrong education. So an educator who is smart, firm, trustful, and mentally strong is needed in dealing with various attitudes of children. The main educator who is the backbone of the success of character education is the mother.¹³

Mothers have the responsibility to make their children happy, from opening their eyes to closing their eyes. Not to pamper him all the time, or even obey all the wishes of the child, but to lead him to be able to achieve happiness in the world and in the hereafter by teaching his child to study religion properly, always be grateful for all the pleasures obtained and always be patient with the problem faced. Then the importance is to build character for children to grow into mature humans who are strong in facing the problems

that exist in life. Therefore, in building children's character, several things can be done by parents, especially to mothers, namely; The first gives the child a positive name, so that it becomes an effort in prayer for the child to be the meaning of the given name. The second maximizes the development of children's mindsets so that children have good quality intelligence. Third, practicing independence from within the home is an important mental situation. With independence, children have the nature of responsibility towards themselves and understand that to get the desired thing must require strong persistence in getting it. The fourth is interacting healthily with children, do not let communication show bad actions, as well as communicated healthily. In order for the atmosphere to be beautiful and comfortable, a situation that children really need. The fifth makes nature a school for children, the meaning of nature here is the vast world, which he continues to pass through in his position as a wanderer who travels around to devote himself to efforts to eradicate evil and defend humanity. Therefore, educate our children with full awareness that he is part of nature, he is responsible for his life.¹⁴

Mothers have an important role in educating children, especially in the creed of knowledge, the most important thing

¹³ Sri Mulyani, "Peran Ibu Dalam Pendidikan Karakter Anak Menurut Pandangan Islam," *An-Nisa* 11, no. 2 (2019): 511–25.

¹⁴ Fabiana Meijon Fadul, 'STRATEGI IBU MENANAMKAN PENDIDIKAN KARAKTER DALAM LINGKUNGAN KELUARGA'.

introduced to children is about tawhid, which is the child's effort to understand and believe in the existence of God. They must find out who gave him life, who created them. Akidah is the most important factor in this life, because faith is fundamental.¹⁵ Family is a small group that has an important role in building good character, Family is the first and foremost place where children learn. From the family, they learn the nature of faith, noble qualities, communication and social interaction, as well as good life skills to provide themselves.¹⁶

Therefore, it must be based on a strong creed, so that children understand the conformity and fortress of the creed will not just waver in the midst of the rampant flow that appears to the surface of the earth. So children must be introduced to the creed globally first, which is in the form of an explanation of the creed that must be known by every believer and other pillars of faith. Then instill moral traits in young children to have a very good level of intelligence in order to capture something in their environment. His care and grasping power are able to mimic what he sees. Good behavior from parents in everyday life can be the most important factor

in the development of a child's character and a good personality for the child. Therefore, start small, exemplify getting children to greet when going and shaking hands with their parents, reading basmallah before eating, using the right hand when picking up and holding something. So morality is a character inherent in the heart, it is habits that will shape him into a good person. So harmonious conditions in the family environment are very desirable for the formation of a moral and dignified generation.¹⁷

Mother is also the initial madrasa in educating or teaching worship, especially prayer because the most important thing in establishing communication with the Divine Rabbi, another thing is that we must not exclude social life. The most basic worship is the introduction of prayer from an early age and intense learning is also needed from an early age. With the aim of training to get used to it and not too heavy when it is an adult. Parents' attention is expected not only to focus on general education, religious education must also be balanced to form a generation with good morals because it is the main foundation in educating children from an early age, it is hoped that it can produce a

¹⁵ Utomo, 'Peran Ibu Sebagai Pendidik Agama Islam'.

¹⁶ Kartini and Maulana, 'MODEL PENDIDIKAN KARAKTER DALAM KELUARGA Pendahuluan'.

¹⁷ Heru Mahmudin and Abdul Muhid, "Peran Orang Tua Mendidik Karakter Anak Dalam Islam," *Jurnal Darussalam: Jurnal Pendidikan, Komunikasi Dan Pemikiran Hukum Islam* 11, no. 2 (2020): 449.

generation that has good character according to Islam.¹⁸

In Islam teaches us to have good characteristics in terms of patterns, thoughts, behaviors, actions and others that are positive, then in terms of building good characteristics must begin with a good example, the role of mothers is included primarily in building character from an early age and the family sphere that helps so that children can model and apply good things in order to form good character according to Islam. Both morally and rationally.

Conclusion

Based on the discussion of the description above, the following conclusions can be drawn; First, you became the initial madrasa in teaching worship, especially prayer, because the most important thing in interacting with the Divine Rabbi, besides we also should not exclude social life. In addition, mothers have an important role in educating children, especially on creed, so children must be introduced to creed globally first, which is in the form of an explanation of the creed that must be known by every Mu'min and other pillars of faith. Then instill moral traits in young children to have a high enough level of intelligence to catch something in their environment. His sensitivity and grasping

power are able to imitate what he sees. Second, the role of mothers in building children's character are several things that can be done, namely; Give a positive name to the child, try in prayer so that the child is like the meaning of the name. As well as maximizing it in the development of the child's brain so that children have good quality intelligence. Practicing independence from within the home is an important mental situation. Interact healthily with children, do not let communication show bad actions, as well as communicated healthily. Making nature a school for children, the meaning of nature here is a wide world, which he continues to pass through in his position as a wanderer who travels around to devote himself to efforts to eradicate evil and defend humanity. The three mothers can apply good character, behaviorally, morally, good actions, and have positive thinking.

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¹⁸ Nurlina, 'Peran Wanita Dalam Pendidikan Anak Perspektif Islam'.

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