



## Education - October 2017

### Activity: AKDN Trivia

#### Purpose

To learn about the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) as a modern expression of Muslim values

#### Description

1. Start by watching the video [\*\*AKDN Values in Action\*\*](#)<sup>1</sup>. As you watch, write down as many values that you can pick out from the video (e.g. diversity, dignity)
2. As a family, read about [\*\*AKDN's Approach to Development\*\*](#)<sup>2</sup>, focusing on the Ethical Foundations section.
3. Next, use small pieces of paper or cue cards inviting each family member or friend to develop three trivia questions related to AKDN's approach. Questions can include "Complete the Sentence: AKDN's ethical framework arises out of ..." or "True or False: AKDN relies on the Ismaili tradition of volunteer service to assist in the implementation of projects."
4. Play trivia as a family or group of friends, with each person taking turns to ask the questions they created. Keep score if you like giving one point per correct answer.
5. Throughout the month, be sure to look at the websites of all the AKDN agencies (e.g., Diamond Trust Bank, Jubilee Insurance, Serena Hotels, Aga Khan Academies, Aga Khan Museum, Aga Khan Health Services, Aga Khan University, Aga Khan Award for Architecture, etc.) for detailed information about that agency.

#### Reflection and discussion questions

- What is the most surprising thing you learned about AKDN?
- Why do you think our Imam has spent so much time and effort on building AKDN? What connections do you see between AKDN's work and the role of the Imam? Refer to the Ethical Framework.
- Speak with an elder in the Jamat who can recount what life was like in 1957—socially, economically, and politically.
- Use the information you gathered from talking with the elder to discuss the challenges the Imam and the world faced in 1957. How are they different than today? How are they the same? How does AKDN address some of these challenges?
- What do you think your role is or can be in contributing to the success of AKDN?

#### Resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqYy-N20fb01>
- <http://www.akdn.org/about-us/akdns-approach-development2>
- [http://www.akdn.org/sites/akdn/files/media/documents/various\\_pdf\\_documents/akdn\\_ethical\\_framework.pdf](http://www.akdn.org/sites/akdn/files/media/documents/various_pdf_documents/akdn_ethical_framework.pdf)
- <http://www.akdn.org>
- <https://the.ismaili/>
- <http://www.akdn.org/video/canada-and-akdn-partnership-advancing-human-development-africa-and-asia>

**Bonus activity:** Look at the logos of the various AKDN agencies on the AKDN website and read about their symbolism. How do you feel the logos reflect Muslim art and values? Remember back to the July and August activities. What do the logos tell you about Islamic art and architecture?

**Share your experiences:** Please text or email photos and your AKDN Trivia questions to [JubileeInfo@usaji.org](mailto:JubileeInfo@usaji.org) as part of the wider North American Jamat's experience.

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