

The Importance of Islamic Education for Early Childhood in the Digital Age

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Abstrak: Pendidikan merupakan tonggak pertama dalam mewujudkan manusia yang berkualitas, pendidikan tentunya harus dimulai sejak usia dini (Golden age). Saat itu penting bagi orang tua sebagai sekolah pertama bagi anak untuk mendidik dan membimbing anaknya menjadi generasi yang cerdas dan berakhlak mulia. Dengan pendidikan, anak juga diajarkan tentang pendidikan Islam, sehingga anak dapat menerapkan nilai-nilai moral, budi pekerti yang baik, dan etika yang baik dalam kehidupan sehari-hari.

Kata kunci: Pendidikan Anak Usia Dini, Pendidikan Islam, Era Digital

Abstract: Education is the first milestone in realizing quality human beings, education must of course start from an early age (Golden age). At that time it was important for parents as the first school for children to educate and guide their children to become a generation of intelligent and noble people. With education, children are also taught about Islamic education, so that children can apply moral values, good manners, and good ethics for daily life.

Keywords: Early Childhood Education, Islamic Education, Digital age

INTRODUCTION

Basically, education is the first asset in life (Tabroni, 2019). Because education is very important to create quality human resources (Imam Tabroni & Ismiati Ismiati, 2021). That way humans will be able to keep up with the development of an increasingly advanced era and technology is growing so that future generations will not deviate (Imam Tabroni, Rini Purnama Sari, Rahmat Apendi, n.d.). Early childhood education is mandatory because at that age children are in a critical phase so that children need good stimuli to form and create good characters, and that will be a provision for children in the future (Tabroni, n.d.), (A. R. B. Imam Tabroni, n.d.).

Early childhood education is very important to be taught about Islamic education In the al-Qur`aoran we find how Allah tells Luqman's advice which is a form of education for his children (Tabroni, Munajat, Uwes, & Rostandi, 2022). Likewise, in the hadiths of the Prophet Muhammad, we also find many forms of education for children, both from his orders and actions to educate children directly (Imam Tabroni, Rendy Afrizal, Elsa Nurmawati, Siti Nurlatifah, & Siti Nurlatifah, 2021), (Imam Tabroni, Jamali Sahrodi, Ulfiah, & Lindawati, 2022). An educator, both parents and teachers should know how big their responsibility before Allah

SWT to the education of their children (R. P. S. Imam Tabroni, n.d.-a).

Understanding children is not an easy thing, God entrusts children to parents, so parents play an important role for children (Masruria et al., 2021), (Imam Tabroni, Alvioni Nadea Fikriah, Dida Nurbaida, & Fadila Qoulana Sadida, 2022). The first world owned by children and their environment is the family, which means that the family is very influential for the child (Imam Tabroni, Alya Siti Nurhasanah, & Vina Maulidina, 2021). Because the family will educate him. There is a lot of moral damage caused by juvenile delinquency, whose initial fault was from the family environment and the playing environment, so parents should be serious about the events that are circulating at this time (Tabroni, Imam, Romdhon, n.d.). Of course, parents must be able to place an education that really leads to a good path (Sutanto et al., 2022)

According to Mansur (An-Nahlawi, 1996) states that PAUD is a comprehensive development process for children from birth to six years of age which includes both physical and non-physical aspects. Early Childhood Education is a coaching effort aimed at children from birth to the age of six which is carried out through the provision of

educational stimuli to helping physical and spiritual growth and development so that children have readiness to enter further

education (Imam Tabroni, 2022), (Imam Tabroni, Hana Ihzan Nazillah, n.d.).

RESEARCH METHODS

In this study, the authors use library research methods, namely the arrangement of activities related to the method of collecting library data, reading and taking notes and then processing research materials from primary and secondary sources which will

later support the research objectives.

Based on data analysis, this research uses qualitative research and data presentation is carried out through descriptive methods, namely the preparation of data through narrative texts (Zed, 2004).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

According to Ki Hajar Dewantara, education is a demand in the life of the growth of children, as for the meaning, education is to guide all the natural forces that exist in children so that they as humans and as a society can achieve the highest happiness and safety. The continuous (eternal) process of higher adjustment for humans who have developed physically and mentally, who are free and conscious of God, as manifested in the intellectual, emotional and human surroundings of humans (Horne: 2015).

Thus it can be concluded that education is one way of educating adults to children in order to achieve a goal based on Islamic education (M. Fahmi Hidayat, Siti Nurul H Imam Tabroni, n.d.). So as to deliver the children into a quality and Islamic generation. Islamic education is an educational system that includes all aspects needed by children in their daily lives and their obedience to Allah SWT (Tabroni & Juliani, 2022). And of course make the al-Qur'an and hadith as a guide (R. P. S. Imam Tabroni, n.d.-b).

The al-Qur'an is a guide for all people, various kinds of life instructions can be found in the al-Qur'an and the instructions are perfected with hadith so that humans are able to understand and be able to practice it. Including in the field of early childhood education, it has been explained in the al-Qur'an how the obligations of parents and the surrounding environment in forming a generation that have good morals and are able to become obedient servants of Allah (Imam Tabroni, Muhammad Naafi'ul, n.d.). the following hadith, from Abu Hurairah ra said, Rasulullah saw. said: 'No one is born except in a state of fitrah, then his parents make him a Jew, Christian or Magian.' (Narrated by Bukhari).

Based on this hadith, humans are born with abilities. That ability is called innate or potential (Imam Tabroni, Ayit Irpani, et al., 2022), (Tabroni, Nasihah, & Bahijah, 2021). Mother's

father mentioned in the hadith above is the environment, as meant by education experts (Tabroni, Bagus, Uwes, Drajad, & Bahijah, 2022). In addition to the hadith, several discussions regarding early childhood education are also listed in the Qur'an, including in Surah Luqman verses. 12-19.

As we already know that children are a mandate given by God to every parent who has been trusted to educate the child according to the good or bad that is taught to the child. As in Surah Al-Anfal verse 27 which reads "O you who believe, do not betray (the mandate) of Allah and the mandate of the Messenger, and do not betray the mandates that have been entrusted to you, while you know." (Yusuf, 2012).

According to Hasan (2009) happy parents who make religion as the initial capital of education for their children, because if education is not based on religion, the child may leave the nature of embracing the religion of monotheism. Islamic religious education would be better taught from an early age to build and form good morals for the future life of children. So in this case, parents and teachers play an important role in making it happen in a better direction. In this case, it is reinforced by the words of the Messenger of Allah. which reads: 'Parents do not give their children a more important gift than a good education' (HR. Tirmidhi & Thabrani). In another hadith it is also explained: 'No parental gift to their child is more important than the gift of good character'. (HR. Tirmidhi).

In the process of achieving this, we as parents or teachers must determine the right method to teach children according to the al-Qur'an and Hadith. There are 4 ways or methods that can be practiced. First, educate by using the al-Quran and Prophetic tales like stories from ancient times so that Muslims can take lessons

and lessons from the past (Nurpita Sari, Rita Ratnasari Tabroni, n.d.). Second, education through parables. Making parables when teaching material has a very big impact in providing clarity and understanding to students. "The Messenger of Allah. often use this method on many occasions, because it makes it easier for students to understand what he is saying" (Musbikin, 2010). Third, education by example.

Parents or teachers can teach education to children through good examples or examples such as the example taught by the Prophet Muhammad, Fourth, education with practice and experience. Providing training to children about something that has a good impact on children will make a good experience that will be absorbed by children and applied in their daily lives.

CLOSING

Children are a mandate from God that must be taken care of as best as possible, God has trusted every parent who has been entrusted with educating their children with a strong foundation of faith and piety so that the child can use the Qur'an and hadith as a guide for his daily life. Having children who have noble character is highly desired by every parent, therefore parents must be smart in educating their children so that

their children grow up as individuals with good character. Thus parents or teachers can apply several teaching methods such as those contained in the Al-Quran and Hadith. Such as teaching with the stories of the Quran and the Prophet, teaching with parables, teaching by good example and teaching with practice and experience.

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