

Naeema Zaman

My name is Naeema Zaman, and I am the teacher for the teen girls at the FNO. Thank you for entrusting your daughters to me for a couple of hours every week. It is an amanah from Allah, and I take it very seriously. I have four children myself and as a parent I can understand how anxious we all are to raise our children with deen.

We discuss various topics during our lively sessions, but the underlying theme is maintaining a strong identity as Muslims. We often discuss current events and in what way they impact us as American Muslims. We draw on stories of prophets from the Qur'an, the sahaba, and famous Muslim personalities of the past to try to understand our role. We try to make the Quran come alive as we discuss what these great role models would have done.

I have been teaching for more than 20 years. I taught Economics and Accounting at high-school and undergrad level for many years. I also began teaching Quran and Islamic studies to my nieces and nephews and the neighborhood kids. I have been engaged in teaching Sunday School for many years, at the Muslim Community Association MCA in Santa Clara, California, as well at ICEV since 2007. I also helped my two daughters memorize the entire Quran.

My passion with the Qur'an began in my teens, when I began memorizing portions of it. I finally completed memorizing the entire Quran a couple of years ago, alhamdulillah. I have been trained in tajweed from Sheikha Nasrin Ragab of Egypt in California. I also studied Tafsir, Hadith and Fiqh at Seekers Guidance. I started studying Quranic Arabic at the Zaytuna in California in 2005, and since then have continued my studies through various programs including the online institute called Qibla.com based in Jordan.

I have a professional degree in Management Accounting from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK. I also did graduate studies in Islamic Economics from International Islamic University of Malaysia.