
What to say when a child sneezes

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

As for the child when he sneezes it is not said to him: ‘May Allaah have mercy upon you’. But rather Du’aa is made for him that he will have blessings. It is said to the child: ‘May Allaah bless you.’ This is because a child sneezed in the presence of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹ and he said: (بَارَكَ اللَّهُ فِيكَ) May Allaah bless you.² And the child is taught to praise Allaah (when they sneeze) from the standpoint of education.³

¹ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² Collected by Al Haafidh As Silafee

³ <http://www.sahab.net/forums/index.php?showtopic=146520>