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**Question:** My children's ages range between nine and eleven years. I wake them up for Fajr (Dawn) Prayer when it is very cold. Some Shaykhs told me that it is wrong to wake young children in the cold weather. I want to ask if I am really sinful or not? Please answer me. May Allaah reward you best!

**Answer:** If the situation is as you mentioned, then you have done well, and may Allaah reward you best and make you a good example for other mothers.

The people who told you that it is wrong to wake children up for prayer, are truly incorrect. We hope Allaah (Exalted be He) will forgive them and guide them to encourage what is right. It is narrated by Ahmad, Aboo Daawood, and Al-Hakim on the authority of `Abdullah ibn `Amr (رضي الله عنهم)<sup>1</sup> that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>2</sup> said: "**Command your children to perform Salaah (prayer) when they are seven years old, and beat them for (not offering) it when they are ten, and separate them in bed at the time of sleep.** This report is applied to all times; winter or otherwise.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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<sup>1</sup> (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu 'anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them

<sup>2</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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