

Improving Interest in Learning the Quran Among Teenagers in Bunta I Village Through Community Service Program

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ABSTRACT

This article discusses the interest of the younger generation in learning the Qur'an with a focus on the PKM strategy. The background reveals facts as well as the special features of the Qur'an and the increase in adolescent activities in reading. This article aims to detect how learning or interest in the Qur'an among adolescents, especially in Bunta I Village, is designed as well as possible using PKM in the hope of increasing the interest of young people in learning. Through survey methods, questions and answers, and participation of MPPL students in Bunta I Village, this study is expected to provide a positive contribution. The steps involve an initial survey, contact with the local government, scheduling, and interaction with the community. Alhamdulillah, the results of the study showed an increase in the interest of adolescents in reading the Qur'an, while PKM focuses on survey results, technical learning and the formation of Islamic character. The conclusion confirms PKM as a comprehensive effort to form individuals with strong religious knowledge and Islamic character

INTRODUCTION

As we all know, teenagers are the next generation who play an important role in building society in the future. One aspect that needs to be considered in forming their character is religious education, especially learning the Qur'an. However, in the modern era like today, teenagers' interest in the Qur'an often decreases due to the influence of technology, social media, and lifestyles that are increasingly far from religious values. Therefore, we also need to make strategic efforts to increase interest in learning the Qur'an in teenagers. One effective way is through a community service program that involves collaboration between educational institutions, the community, and religious leaders, especially in the Bunta I sub-district. The article we have created will discuss the importance of this program and how its implementation steps can increase the motivation to learn the Qur'an in every teenager. On this occasion, we as researchers will try to explain tips to arouse the interest of teenagers to be more enthusiastic about learning the Qur'an compared to war strategies. The skill of reading the Qur'an is a very important ability in the early stages of understanding the verses in the Qur'an. Doefer in his research in Islamic life experience schools in Priangan explained that the main cycle of a person in learning religion is by reading the Quran (Ngaji Al-Quran), teenagers who are in puberty are expected to reach adulthood. (Triana et al., 2020).

This holy book, the Quran, is not just an ordinary book, but the Quran is a very special and extraordinary book. It is indeed fun to interact with the Quran, but telling it cannot fully convey the pleasure. Unprecedented joy if we are truly immersed in understanding it. Those who read, understand, and practice the Quran earnestly enjoy it. To build adolescent interest in reading the Quran, it is necessary to interact sincerely and earnestly (Icha Resita Ningtyas et al., 2022).

Basically, every Muslim is required to be able to read the Qur'an so that the Qur'an can be useful in everyday life, Muslims should not only read it but also understand its meaning and try to follow all its commands and prohibitions. The Qur'an is a holy book for Muslims which can be used as a legal basis in every aspect of life. Apart from all that, the ability to read the Qur'an is a basic asset that must be taught to the younger generation, especially among teenagers as part of Islamic Religious Education. According to Safi Hasan Abu Tholib, the Qur'an is a revelation revealed by Allah SWT to the Prophet Muhammad SAW through the intermediary of the Angel Gabriel. The meaning of the Qur'an comes from Allah SWT. Given the importance of concentration in studying the Qur'an, interest in learning must be instilled in the younger generation. Reading the Qur'an with an interesting method is easier to understand than reading the Qur'an without an interesting method (Lamadang 2024)

Desire or interest is a sense of being called to engage in an activity with a specific purpose, and the higher the interest, the stronger the hope of achieving it. Learning is basically a process of interaction with the individual's environment. It is considered a goal-directed process, involving interaction with various situations. In the concept of learning, there is an effort to acquire knowledge or skills that have not been previously possessed. By learning,

humans can gain new understanding, knowledge, and skills, which enable them to carry out tasks or have deeper insights into various things. (Khotimah, 2020).

The ability to read the Quran is one of the wisdoms of Islam which is seen as a form of love and is closely related to the lifestyle of Muslims in Indonesia. Reading the Quran has been a tradition in this country since Islam entered. This is usually done at the home of a kyai or ustadz or in various places of worship such as prayer rooms, mosques, or Islamic boarding schools. Traditionally, religious studies are often held in the afternoon after the Asr prayer or after Maghrib, which makes the place of worship crowded with the voices of children, teenagers, and even adults who are learning to read the Qur'an properly and correctly. However, as time goes by and the times develop rapidly, adolescents' knowledge of Islam and their interest in learning to read their readings are weakening, as evidenced by their memorization of prayers which are still lacking and their agility and fluency in reading the holy verses of the Qur'an are not fluent.

LITERATURE REVIEW

In order to make it easier to teach the Qur'an, it is necessary to use interesting learning media (Lamadang et al. 2022). Moreover, in the eyes of the public, the reading of the holy verses of the Qur'an is rarely heard in mosques and prayer rooms because the younger generation now knows or has utilized the impact of technological advances that have soared, especially cell phones. The increasingly advanced technological changes have caused the younger generation to mostly neglect learning to read the Qur'an because of the impact of these technological advances. (Batubara et al., 2022). Based on the data above, we as authors are very interested in focusing on aspects of interest in learning the Qur'an in the community through community service, especially for teenagers in Bunta I Village. So, the title of our research is Increasing Interest In Learning The Qur'an In Teenagers In Bunta I Village Through Community Service Program.

METHODOLOGY

This type of research is community service research using a qualitative descriptive method that focuses on the approach, in-depth understanding of a phenomenon or problem being studied. Data collection techniques used are interviews, observations, documents, or field notes. This research was conducted through community service methods in the Bunta I sub-district area. The participants were selected intentionally by considering problems that were in accordance with the focus of the research. The group that became the subject of the research were teenagers who were originally domiciled in Bunta I sub-district.

The data collection tools used in this study involved interview guidelines and observation sheets. In qualitative research, an in-depth understanding of this kind of phenomenon is obtained through the data collection process.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of this Community Service Program include:

Community service programs are activities carried out by institutions or individuals to make a direct contribution to society. In the context of religious education, this program aims to:

1. Increase Awareness

Teenagers are often unaware of the importance of learning the Qur'an as a provision for life, both in this world and the hereafter. Through community service-based activities, they can be introduced to the benefits of studying the Qur'an in an applicable manner.

2. Build Community Involvement

This program involves teenagers in a community that actively studies and teaches the Qur'an. With a supportive environment, they will be more motivated to learn.

3. Instill Positive Values

In addition to learning to read and understand the Qur'an, this program also aims to instill Islamic values, such as honesty, discipline, and compassion.

A. Program Implementation Strategy

To increase interest in learning the Qur'an among teenagers, community service programs can be designed by involving various elements such as the local government, existing youth communities, the involvement and support of each parent and religious-based educational foundations.



Figure 1. Learning Process

The research we conducted shows that the implementation of strategies to Increase Interest in Learning the Qur'an in Teenagers in Bunta I Village Through Community Service Programs that have been developed can significantly increase the understanding of the Qur'an towards the understanding of teenagers, especially in Bunta I Village. The approach emphasized by the activity guides focuses on understanding the context, fluency, and speed in reading the

verses of the Qur'an that are studied properly and correctly. The results of our study also show that this method creates a fun learning experience for teenagers, actively involving them, applying a creative approach.

With the community approach method, *alhamdulillah* a significant increase was seen in the enthusiasm for studying the Qur'an according to the predetermined target. A structured learning system, supported by the guidance of fellow MPPL students, especially the quality Bunta I Village Post, provides positive results in forming and stimulating the interest of young children in Bunta I Village to get closer to the Qur'an. The importance of the role of fellow students in providing good guidance cannot be ignored, because all of them without exception have played a key role in forming a deep understanding and application of the verses of the Qur'an.

In our opinion, there is one thing that makes our program and research even more unique, namely there was a young man who when interviewed he said that he was very interested in studying the Qur'an. However, according to him, when he was already holding the Qur'an, suddenly drowsiness came over him.

Thus, we conclude that the method of approaching the community is not only a means of learning, but also a comprehensive effort to form individuals who not only have good religious knowledge, but also a strong Islamic character. This method provides high motivation to study the Qur'an and brings positive benefits in forming a generation that loves and understands Islamic teachings. "Our research activities can generally be carried out according to plan, although there were delays in their implementation due to schedule adjustments between us MPPL participants. However, in the end, thank God the implementation of this research can be completed according to the work strategy that has been determined together.

The response from the surrounding community, especially the village head, to the research activities that we have made is very positive. There is high enthusiasm from the community and the village government, especially from the village head himself. Thus we conclude that activities like this need to be carried out continuously in order to further improve the quality and interest in learning the Qur'an for every teenager. Although there was a delay in the implementation of the activity, good cooperation between fellow students and the Bunta I village has ensured that this research continues according to the initial plan. The process of adjusting the schedule as needed can be considered a reasonable step to achieve the research objectives.



Figure 2. Discussion with Figures

In carrying out our research, we saw such great and high enthusiasm from fellow MPPL students, especially at the Bunta I sub-district post, the sub-district officials are a positive indicator that this research provides a valuable contribution to efforts to improve the quality of Al-Qur'an learning in Bunta I sub-district. Therefore, we strongly recommend continuing similar activities and research on an ongoing basis so that the benefits can be felt more widely, especially in improving the quality and interest of teenagers in learning the Al-Qur'an in each region. Thus, this research activity is not only an achievement in understanding the Al-Qur'an, but also a real step in improving the quality of Islamic religious education in the madrasah environment. We hope that concern for the research results and active involvement from related parties, especially fellow MPPL students and the Bunta I sub-district government, can be the basis for ongoing efforts to improve Al-Qur'an learning in the future, God willing."

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding the results of our research with the theme Increasing Interest In Learning The Quran In Teens In Bunta I Village Through A Community Service Program. Alhamdulillah, we have succeeded in increasing interest in learning the Quran in teenagers in Bunta I Village. Through a methodology that emphasizes understanding the importance and insight of the verses of the Quran.

Through an innovative and structured community service program, interest in learning the Quran in teenagers can be significantly increased. This program not only provides religious knowledge, but also builds a strong Islamic character in the younger generation. With support from family, community, and religious leaders, it is hoped that teenagers can become a generation that loves the Quran and is able to practice it in everyday life.

This community service strategy also emphasizes the development of Islamic character in every teenager through understanding and learning about the Quran. We cannot deny that students have a very important role in providing quality guidance, forming a deep understanding, and exemplifying Islamic

morals to every society. Alhamdulillah, the result is that this strategy is more than just a learning tool; it is also a comprehensive effort to foster individuals with Islamic character and solid religious knowledge.

FURTHER STUDY

This study still has limitations, so further research is needed related to the topic of Improving Interest in Learning the Quran Among Teenagers in Bunta I Village Through Community Service Program in order to perfect this study and increase insight for readers.

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