



Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "The Salaah performed after using the Miswaak is seventy times more rewarding than the Salaah performed without using the Miswaak." (Musnad Ahmad #26340). As many as seventy benefits have been mentioned for using the Miswaak. One of them is that a person would remember to recite the Kalimah at the time of death.

Likewise the Tasbeeh helps one to keep count when making the Zikr of Allah Ta'ala. It also serves as a reminder to engage in the remembrance of our Allah Ta'ala all the time. The one who always takes the name of Allah Ta'ala throughout his life will Insha-Allah take the name of Allah Ta'ala at the time of death as well.

Thus we should always use a Miswaak and a Tasbeeh. Also encourage our children to keep a Miswaak and a Tasbeeh with them. Tell them light heartedly that the Miswaak is their gun and the beads on the Tasbeeh are the bullets. These are our weapons of protection. The child should realise that the commands of Allah Ta'ala and the Sunnat of Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) are the guaranteed means of protection.