## What does Islam say about "mothers"?

Q: How is a mother figure in Islam?

A: Yeah I am a mother... (Laughs). It is like being a wife. There is no longer me, it's us.

I remember one of my friends. She gave me this advice when I had my first daughter and I am trying my best to follow her advice. She said," A mother means that you love your children more than yourself." And when I think about that...well it's very difficult. You sometimes say that," No I want to get my PhD and then you see your child needs you. Sometimes you say," I want to go on this trip, I want to do this, I want to do that or I want to buy that and then you see your child needs you. So it is no longer me. It's we.