



### **TERM 2: K - 6 Syllabus 2022**

# Guidance Through Stories of Islam

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#### **Important Teacher Notes:**

- Please **ABIDE** by the syllabus
- You need to make sure your lessons for that week corresponds with the topic.
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### **!** IMPORTANT NOTE TO TEACHERS:

#### As-Salamu 'alaykum Dear Teacher,

Inshaa' Allah you are in the best of health and Iman. May Allah SWT reward you immensely for your teaching efforts. We encourage you to make scripture lessons as relevant and interesting as possible so that students enjoy coming to scripture! Please try to support the participation of each student.

**Da'wah** (spreading the message of Islam) is recognised by most scholars as being **OBLIGATORY** for all Muslims. The Prophet SAW instructed us to "convey from me, even one verse" (Bukhari). As scripture teachers, we are fulfilling this obligation Inshaa'Allah.

#### The Benefits of Da'wah

- 1. Achieving the pleasure of Allah SWT (Glorified and Exalted is He).
- 2. You are following in the footsteps of the greatest man, Muhammad SAW, as a Da'ee.
- 3. You are an ambassador of Islam, inspiring others weekly.
- 4. "Allah (SWT), His angels and all those in the Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their ant-hills and fish in the water, send blessings to those who instruct others to beneficial knowledge" (Tirmidhi).
- 5. You are being part of the change you want to see in the world! Your incredible efforts are continuing to inspire and improve future generations.
- 6. You are strengthening your own relationship with Allah SWT. The knowledge you read and share weekly increases your knowledge and spiritual growth.
- 7. By giving Da'wah we are protecting ourselves from the punishment of Allah SWT
- 8. Gaining a Sadigah Jariyah Inshaa' Allah.

#### **NOTES on ABBREVIATIONS**

\*\*\*Please explain the importance and meaning of these salutations and encourage students to use these regularly. Please say these words **in their entirety** (e.g. *"Sub-hanahu Wa Ta'ala"*). Do **NOT** say the lettered abbreviation (e.g., "SWT").

- **SWT-** Subhanahu wa Ta'ala May He be Glorified used after Allah's glorious name.
- **PBUH-** (*Peace be upon him*) or **SAW-** SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam (May Allah SWT's peace and prayers be upon the Prophet). Used after the Prophet Muhammad's name as a mark of respect. (**PBUH a**nd the **SAW** are used interchangeably in the Syllabus).
- **AS-** Alayhissalam- May Allah SWT peace be on them used after the name of other Prophets.
- RAA- RadhiAllahu'anhu / RadhiAllahu'anha- May Allah be pleased with him/her.

#### **Teachers are kindly reminded:**



✓ Follow the Syllabus closely

Encourage worship by instilling the love of Allah SWT and our Deen (religion).



× NOT to discuss sects, politics or other religions.

× NOT to discuss hellfire, hate, the grave, punishment, jinn's/Devils.



#### **STARTING YOUR LESSON**

1. **SALAMS**: We know that teaching scripture may sometimes be challenging, and that a good start to each lesson is important, so teachers should start each lesson enthusiastically, using the Islamic greeting:

"As-salamu 'alaykum..."

"peace be upon you"

Encourage students to respond with the reply of "wa-alaikum Assalamu wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu," (and may the peace and mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you). Please explain the meaning. Try to always use this greeting, as spreading this greeting was described in hadith as one of the best things that a Muslim can do!

2. **DUA:** Teachers may find it helpful to then begin their lesson by reciting and explaining the following Dua of Prophet Musa AS with students. Teachers should explain that this Dua can be used to help with important tasks, speeches, to improve confidence and communication. Teachers can mention how saying it helps calm you as you start your lesson.

Rabbishrah lee sadree, Wayassir lee amree, Wahlul 'Uqdatam-mil-li saanee, Yafqahoo qawlee (Surat Ta-Ha, verses 25-28)

"O my Lord! Expand for me my chest (grant me peace, contentment and confidence); ease my task for me; and remove the impediment from my speech (remove incorrectness from my speech/ help me say the right things), so that they understand what I say."

**3. AL FATIHA/BISMILLAH:** Teachers may find it beneficial to start each lesson with Surat Al-Fatiha, or by saying "Bismillah" (in the Name of Allah) with students. We want students to understand that we start every good thing remembering Allah SWT. The syllabus aims to always include some discussion of Allah SWT's Glorious 99 Names each term in order to help increase an awareness and love of Allah SWT in our lives and in every act we do.

**ENDING THE LESSON:** At the end of each lesson, try to conclude with the following closing Dua. The Prophet SAW informed us that if this Dua is said at the end of a gathering, Allah SWT will forgive us for any intentional or accidental mistakes we might have made during the gathering.

Subhanaka Allahumma wa bi hamdika ashadu an la ilaha illa anta astaghfiruka wa atubu ilayk

O Allah! You are free from every imperfection; praise be to you. I testify that there is none worthy of worship except you; I ask Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance.

SYLLABUS STRUCTURE: Lessons may contain the below structure/information and icons to assist:

LESSONS LEARNT / REFLECTIONS		ATTENTION TEACHER / PLEASE NOTE	! or ***
DEFINITION/IMPORTANT KEY POINT/ BENEFITS	$\mathbf{Z}$	STORY (optional)	÷:
WHITE BOARD ACTIVITY (optional)	<b>2</b> /	VIDEO LINKS (optional)	<b>₽</b>

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**KINDY** 

Yr 1 & 2

Yr 3 & 4

Yr 5 & 6

### LESSON 1: The Last 10 Nights, Laylat al Qadr & Eid Al-Fitr

- Students learn the importance of the Last 10 nights of Ramadan and Laylat al Qadr (the Night of Power/ Decree).
- •Students learn what Dua (supplication) is.
- Students practice making Dua together.
- •Students learn about Eid al-Fitr.
- Students develop understanding of the importance of the last 10 nights and Layat al Qadr and good deeds to do during this time.
- •Students learn the importance of Dua and practice making Dua.
- •Students learn what Eid al-Fitr is and how to prepare for it.
- Students extend understanding of good deeds to do during the last 10 nights and Laylat al Qadr.
- •Students practice making Dua, including the recommended Dua for Laylat al Qadr.
- Students learn the importance of the Eid prayer and learn some etiquettes of Eid al-Fitr
- •Students extend understanding of Dua to be said during the last ten nights of Ramadan.
- Students are introduced to Surat (chapter) Al Qadr (Night of Power) (87, Qur'an) and its English meaning
- Students understand the importance of Eid prayer and etiquettes of Eid al-Fitr.
- Students learn about Zakat al-Fitr.

The Last 10 Nights of Ramadan are like the last bit of a race – we try to put even more energy in; we've worked so hard – we can't give up when we're so close to the finish line – we push ourselves harder and try to get over the line or win the race! Likewise, we put extra effort into the last 10 days and nights of Ramadan, we do even better – we can't waste our Ramadan or all the good effort we've put in so far! The Prophet SAW worked harder to do more good deeds than in the first part of Ramadan! He would give more charity, pray more, and told his family to do more good deeds too.

#### Laylat al Qadr

**Laylat al Qadr is the most important night of the year.** It is in the last 10 nights of Ramadan. **Laylat al Qadr,** or in English, the Night of Power, is the night when the first verses of the Qur'an were sent to our Prophet SAW! Allah SWT said it is better than 1000 months! That's more than 83 years! On this night, the entire **world is packed with angels!** Over billions and billions of Angels doing all sorts of jobs for Allah SWT!! Even Jibril AS, the biggest Angel and the one in charge of all the other angels - will come down on this special night. Laylat al Qadr is also called the Night of Reward or Night of Decree (decision) because it is when Allah SWT sends us lots of good blessings, when He accepts all our Dua, when He forgives anyone asking Him for forgiveness and when He tells the angels all that will happen for us in the next year!

**So, when exactly is this special night?** We don't know exactly which night in Ramadan Laylat al Qadr is - but we do know it is <u>in the last ten nights</u> of Ramadan! So that we don't miss out on getting the rewards and forgiveness on offer during Laylat al Qadr, we need to try to do as much good as we can during each of these last 10 nights of Ramadan!

What good deeds can you do (or do more of) during these Last 10 Days so we don't miss the rewards of Laylat al Qadr? (\*\*\*Allow students to make some suggestions; acknowledge all good deeds are useful and that some can give endless rewards).

- ✓ Put \$1 each of these 10 nights night in a charity box
- ✓ Help someone at home every evening



- ✓ Say Astaghfirullah and tasbih
- ✓ Avoid fighting or arguing
- ✓ Give a friend a compliment each day
- ✓ Put away the iPad/PlayStation (if you haven't already this Ramadan!) and use your time wisely.
- ✓ Learn something new each day
- ✓ Help with Iftar/ clear the table every night
- ✓ Recite/listen to/or teach someone Quran each day
- ✓ Call a grandparent/aunt or uncle to tell them you love/miss them
- ✓ Pray extra prayers
- ✓ Make Dua this is one of the best things we can do during this time!

What things would you like to ask Allah for during these special last 10 nights? Dua is when we ask Allah SWT for something. We can ask Allah SWT for anything. He listens to everyone, every time. Sometimes people get annoyed when we keep asking them to help us - but Allah SWT actually loves us to and rewards us for remembering Him!

**Let's Practice making Dua together**... (E.g O Allah, you are the Most Kind, our Best Helper, please help everyone in the class, their families, our scripture teachers, all Muslims around the world, and give peace to all the world! O Allah, bless the Prophet SAW and let us meet him in Jannah! Ameen!)

<u>Eid !!!</u> Allah loves rewarding our hard work. And so, after a whole month of fasting and doing extra good deeds and worship, Allah SWT rewards us with the celebration of Eid. We have two Eids - **Eid ul-Fitr** is the one after Ramadan. Muslims everywhere will be celebrating! The celebrations involve thanking Allah SWT, giving and receiving gifts, food and fun!!! May your Eid be a blessed and happy one!

### **STAGES 2 & 3**

#### **YEARS 3-6:**

#### The Last 10 Nights

Any long-distance runner will tell you, you start off slow and steady to preserve you energy and stamina and then increase your speed and give it your all towards the end.

The Last 10 nights of Ramadan are like the last bit of a race – we try to put even more energy in; we've worked so hard – we can't give up when we're so close to the finish line – we push ourselves harder and try to get over the line or win the race! We can't waste our Ramadan or all the good effort we've put in so far! The Prophet SAW worked harder to do more good deeds than in the first part of Ramadan! He would give more charity, pray more, and told his family to do more good deeds too.

Remember, Ramadan is about developing self-control and these last 10 night are about intensifying your training! It is the time to really quit any bad habits and strengthen new good ones. For example, if you are a person who usually finds it difficult to control your speech, try staying away from others that encourage negative talk or speech that has no benefit. Try only using your devices to access lectures on topics that interest you or stories of Prophets and not so aimless talk on social media, at least during these last 10 days. Remember, "if one does not abandon falsehood in words and deeds, Allah has no need for his abandoning of his food and drink." (Al-Bukhari). This is the time to make sure your focussing on praying on time, building your Khusho (concentration) and doing your Fard (obligatory)



prayers slowly and correctly. Use the odds nights of Laylat al Qadr as a chance to read and understand as much Quran as possible.

#### Laylat al Qadr

The last 10 nights of Ramadan and among them is a special night called **Laylat al Qadr. Laylat al Qadr**, or in English, the Night of Power, marks the night when the first verses of the Qur'an were sent to our Prophet SAW!

**Does anyone know the Chapter/ Surah in the Quran about Laylat al Qadr???** Allah SWT says in this surah that the Qur'an came down on this night – a night better than 1000 months! That's more than 83 years! If we do some calculations, we can figure out how amazing the rewards on this night might be!

- E.g., If you spent the night reading Quran, it could equal about 83 years of reading Quran.
- If you do good for just 1hr = Allah SWT gives the reward of doing good for 9.8 years
- 1 minute of Dua could equal 58 days of Dua
- 1 second of Dhikr could equal 23 hours of Dhikr!

In Surat Al Qadr, Allah SWT tells us that there will be peace until the sun comes up for those who worship Allah SWT on this special night. The weather is always peaceful on this night; not too hot and not too cold and the entire world is packed with Angels, doing jobs for Allah SWT! Even Jibril AS, the biggest Angel in charge of all the other angels, comes down to our heaven!

Laylat al Qadr is also called the Night of Power and Destiny and the Night of Reward because it is when Allah SWT sends us lots of good blessings, forgives all who are asking for forgiveness and when He tells the angels all that will happen for us in the next year!

**So, when exactly is this special night?** We only know it is **in <u>the last ten nights</u>** of Ramadan and is likely on **an ODD night**. So, increase your worship on these last nights; a night on which peace will descend on the world, and your every Dua will be answered, and your sins will be forgiven.

What good deeds can you do during these last 10 nights? Allow students to suggest ideas, e.g.:

Make the decision to be a better Muslim	Learn about Allah SWT's Names	
Put \$1 each of these 10 nights night in a charity	Put away the iPad/PlayStation if you haven't	
box	already this Ramadan and use your time wisely	
Avoid fighting	Say Dhikr and Istaghfar	
Give a compliment a day to a friend or post a	Watch an Islamic video	
hadith on your status each day		
Learn something new each day	Help with Iftar/ clear the table every night	
Pray extra prayers	Read a story about a Prophet	
Read the meaning of/ recite/ listen to/ or teach	Call a grandparent/aunt or uncle to tell them	
Qur'an	you love/miss them	

#### Make lots of DUA on LAYLAT AL QADR!

Dua is especially important on Laylat al Qadr and these last 10 days. It is one of the best times to make Dua and ask Allah SWT for what we want, as the angels descend to the skies and report to Allah SWT. Allah SWT loves it when we ask Him and rewards us greatly for remembering Him! Make Dua for yourself, your family, and everyone else. Pour all your emotions out while asking Allah SWT for help, be



sincere. Ask Allah SWT for anything in your **DUA**. He listens to everyone, every time. The Prophet SAW said, **whoever believes in Allah SWT and spends this special night praying and asking Allah SWT for forgiveness and hoping for reward, then all their sins will be forgiven (Al-Bukhaari, 1901; Muslim, 759). So, the Last 10 Nights are an excellent time to ask Allah for forgiveness!** 

The best Dua to say for forgiveness on Laylat al Qadr is: (\*\*\* Please repeat this in English and Arabic with students).

#### Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun, tuhibbul-'afwa, fa'fu 'anni

"O Allah, You, are the Most Forgiving, You, love forgiveness; so, forgive me." [Al Tirmidhi].

What other things would you like to ask Allah SWT for during these special last 10 nights? (Remind students to make Dua for all the sick and unwell people around the world and that Allah SWT protect us all. Remember to have a positive assumption of Allah SWT and to ask Him for whatever you need).

#### **Optional LAYLAT AL QADR DUA ACTIVITIES:**

- 1. Select some students or ask students to pair up and discuss what they will make Dua for on Laylat al Qadr or have students write up a Dua List (things they want to ask Allah SWT for) to use during the last 10 nights of Ramadan.
- 2. Put the Laylat al Qadr Dua up on the board. Separate the Dua into parts and repeat. (E.g. say: Allahuma.... O Allah... innak afuwwun .... You are forgiving..... tuhibbul-'afwa ....... You love forgiveness....... fa'fu 'anni....... So, forgive me!).

Divide your class into halves and get half to say the Arabic "Allahuma" and the other half to say the English "Oh Allah" and continue with the Dua in both English and Arabic. Swap the groups – those who said the Arabic now say the English translation.

#### EID:

**Eid al-Fitr is after Ramadan!!!** Allah loves to reward our hard work and so Eid is our time to celebrate! We have two Eids - **Eid ul-Fitr** is the one after Ramadan. Muslims everywhere celebrate! The celebrations last for three days and involve thanking Allah, giving and receiving gifts, food and fun!!! May your Eid be a blessed and happy one!

#### What to do for Eid:

- 1. Help clean, tidy and decorate your home! It's time to celebrate!
- 2. Have a bath/shower before or on the morning of Eid smell nice and look good!
- **3.** Wear your very best, nicest clothes for Eid. Remember, you just need to wear you BEST clothes, not necessarily *new clothes*!
- 4. Eat some **dates** before going to the Eid al-Fitr prayer
- **5.** Go to **Eid prayers at the park or Masjid** (in usual circumstances).
- 6. Repeat the Eid takbir.
- 7. Make sure someone in your family has paid Zakat al -Fitr (a special charity paid by every Muslim household, usually around \$5-\$10 per person in your family) before the Eid Prayer.
- 8. Perform the Eid prayer and listen to the Eid talk after the prayer.



- 9. Make lots of **Dua** for everyone, especially people who are suffering or sick and yourself also.
- 10. If you receive gifts or money, **remember your manners** and say **"jazaakum Allahu khairan"** (or **"thank you!".** You may like to give a portion of the money/ gifts you receive to charity.
- 11. Don't over-eat!!!

### \*\*\*<u>EXTENSION FOR</u> YEARS 5 - 6

Do you know the Chapter/ Surah in the Qur'an about Laylat al Qadr??? It goes like this:

(\*\*\*Play link <a href="https://youtu.be/3RLNnB4-0aQ">https://youtu.be/3RLNnB4-0aQ</a> Surat Al-Qadr (The Power) | Mishary Rashid Alafasy or read out):

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful (Bismillahi Rahmani Rahim)

- 97:1 Inna anzalnahu fee laylati alqadri
- 1. Verily! We have sent it (this Qur'an) down in the night of Al-Qadr (Decree)
  - 97:2 Wama adraka ma laylatu alqadri
  - 2. And what will make you know what the night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is?
    - 97:3 Laylatu alqadri khayrun min alfi shahrin
- 3. The night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is better than a thousand months (i.e. worshipping Allah in that night is better than worshipping Him a thousand months, i.e. 83 years and 4 months).
  - 97:4 Tanazzalu almalaikatu waalrroohu feeha biithni rabbihim min kulli amrin
- 4. Therein descend the angels and the Ruh [Jibrael (Gabriel)] by Allah's Permission with all Decrees,
  - **97:5** Salamun hiya hatta matlaAAi alfajri
  - 5. Peace it is until the appearance of dawn.



#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

• Make the last 10 nights and Laylat al Qadr count: You may have wasted some time earlier, but this is your chance to make this Ramadan be of real benefit for you. Take these last days as an opportunity to really connect with Allah SWT, to connect through your Dua, prayers and Qur'an, to sincerely repent from your bad habits and deeds and to promise Allah you will try your best to stay away from them from now on. Reflect on what you have done and where you want to go in life. Sincerely pray and ask this month to be accepted from you and others. Don't give up on this amazing opportunity you have to turn your life around and seek the reward and love of Allah SWT: 'He who fasts during Ramadan with faith and seeks his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven; he who prays during the night in Ramadan with faith and seeks his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven.' (Bukhari and Muslim).



### **LESSON 2: Celebrating Eid al Fitr**

K	•	Students review their Eid al-Fitr experiences.
Yr 1 &	•	Students review their Eid al-Fitr experiences.
Yr 3 &	•	Students reflect on their Eid al-Fitr experiences.
Yr 5 &	•	Students reflect on their Eid al-Fitr experiences.
Yr 3 & 4 Yr 5 & 6		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

\*\*\*Attention Teachers: Depending on the day you have scripture this week, Eid may or may not have already occurred. Please adjust your lesson accordingly.

#### EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1

#### KINDY – YEAR 2

**Eid Mubarak** or Happy Eid! Does anyone say Eid Mubarak a different way, for example, *Mutlu Bayramlar* - commonly used in Turkey or *Selamat Idul Fitri* - used in Indonesia.

The beautiful month of Ramadan has come to an end. Its Eid! Eid is a time of happiness and blessings where family and friends get together to celebrate! We know that Muslims all around the world will be celebrating Eid. The celebrations last for three days and involve praying, eating yummy foods, giving and receiving gifts and charity. Alhamdulillah, Allah SWT gifted us with Ramadan and Eid!

<u>ASK:</u> What is your favourite thing about Eid? OR How did you/will you celebrate your Eid? (You can prompt students with the following questions. Remember to **praise** each student when they answer).

- Decorate your home? What did/would it look like? Any bright and colourful Eid posters?
- Your best clothes? Remember, we wear our best clothes not necessarily new clothes.
- the Eid Takbir? Does anyone remember it?

  Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Great) say three times, Lailaha illa Allah (There is no God but Allah) –
  say once, Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Great) say twice, Walilahil Hamd (To Him belongs all Praise) –
  say once.
- **No fasting on Eid!** We should also not overeat and should leave 1/3 of our stomach for food, 1/3 for water and 1/3 of air.
- **Giving something this Eid?** Remember to give something and not just receive! What can/did you give or receive? Eid cards? Baked food? Did they give some money for charity?
- Say "jazakum Allahu khairun!" Remember to thank Allah SWT for everything He gave us and this special time!

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#### **STAGES 2 & 3 YEARS 3 - 6**

**Eid Mubarak** or Happy Eid! Ask for some other common sayings on Eid. For example, Mutlu Bayramlar - commonly used in Turkey or Selamat Idul Fitri - used in Indonesia.

Alhamdulilah, Allah SWT gave us the honour and pleasure of fasting another Ramadan and making it to **Eid al-Fitr** which means, "Festival of the Breaking the Fast." It marks the end of sawm/fasting in the month of Ramadan. Eid is a time for reflection and starting afresh, and a time for remembering those who are less fortunate. After fasting the 29/30 days of Ramadan, more than one billion Muslims all



around the world give thanks to Allah SWT and celebrate the special day of Eid al-Fitr. It is a time of happiness and blessings.

\*\*\*Ask students to share their Ramadan and Eid stories. Try to include all students and be enthusiastic in praising them when they describe their experiences. You can use the following prompts to start the discussion.

- 1. Congratulations on your fasting. What was the hardest part of the fast? Waking up for Suhoor? Feeling hungry and thirsty?
- 2. Reflect on your Ramadan achievements. What did you learn about yourself in Ramadan? Did you achieve what you had aimed to in doing idabah/worship? What did you gain and love about Ramadan?
- 3. Think about your Eid al-Fitr experience. What is your favourite Eid memory? Do you decorate your home and wear your best clothes? Do you eat some dates and say the Eid Takbir before going to the Eid al-Fitr prayer?
- 4. Do you remember how the Takbir goes?

Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Great) – say three times, Lailaha illa Allah (There is no God but Allah) – say once, Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Great) – say twice, Walilahil Hamd (To Him belongs all Praise) – say once.

When we say the takbir we are announcing that Allah SWT is the greatest and He is even greater than our desires to eat and drink. We practiced this for a whole month in Ramadan, let's not forget it the rest of our year!

- 5. Remember Ramadan and Eid are a time of giving remember to give and not just receive! What can/ did you give Eid cards? Baked things? Money for charity? Say "jazakum Allahu khairun" if they received a gift!
- 6. Remember to thank Allah SWT for everything He gave us and this special time! Remember to grateful to Allah SWT and others whether you received a gift on Eid or not having Allah SWT's love us is the biggest gift of all!



Teachers can play some Anasheeds to help get students into the spirit of Eid and/or play in the background while students work in their Workbooks.



### **LESSON 3: Adam AS**

KINDY

- Students review what a Prophet is and characteristics of Prophets and Messengers in Islam.
- Students are introduced to the first Prophet and man, Adam AS

Yr 1 - 2

- Students understanding of role and characteristics of Prophets and Messengers.
- Students learn more details about this Prophet.

Yr 3 - 4

- Students reflect on how Allah SWT wants the best for people and sends Prophets as guides for us.
- Students understand some lessons learnt from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.

Yr 5 - 6

• Students reflect on characteristics of Prophets and can relate lessons learnt from the story of Adam AS to their everyday lives.

#### <u>EARLY STAGE 1 – STAGE 1</u> <u>KINDY – YEAR 2</u>

Prophets are **special people** picked by Allah SWT to teach others about Allah SWT. Prophets are always nice, honest, kind and well-mannered people. Prophet Adam AS was not only the **first human being**, but he was also the **first Prophet** ever. He taught all his children about Allah SWT and how to be good and love Him, Allah SWT. This is what all Prophets after Adam AS had come to teach the people, and that's why Muslims respect all Prophets by saying 'alaihi-salam', after their names which means 'peace be on them'.



The Story of Adam AS, the first Prophet and Man...

A long, long time ago, Allah SWT created everything in the entire universe, including the world that we live in. Allah SWT created the beautiful Earth, the sky, the land and the water. He made all the trees and plants, the animals big and small – Allah SWT created them all!

Allah SWT is our Creator and Owner of everything we see around us. We love and obey Allah SWT, because He is the Greatest!



But even after making all the things in the earth and sky, there was one more thing that Allah SWT wanted to create ....

Humans. Just like you, and me!

Allah SWT made Angels that obey Him too, He told His Angels to do a special job. The Angels had to collect soil from all across the Earth. The Angels came back with many different soil colours – black, brown, yellow and white. Allah SWT added water to the soil to make sticky clay, just like play dough! And using the clay, Allah SWT moulded it into the shape of a man.

Allah SWT then breathed into the man, and the man came to life! Do you know his name? It was ADAM AS!

Adam AS first sneezed as he opened up his eyes... A... A...A...ACHOO! That's right – he sneezed! The first word he said was 'Alhamdullilah' as he was born wise, and Allah SWT taught him everything about life!





**QUIZ:** [Answers are next to the question. Please remember to praise students who participate/ or answer correctly].

- 1. Who created the first human being? [Allah SWT].
- 2. What are some other things Allah SWT created? [Earth, universe, sun, moon, animals, plants].
- 3. What was the name of the first Prophet? [Adam AS].
- 4. What was the first word Prophet Adam AS said? [Alhamdulillah].
- 5. Tricky question: What is the meaning of Alhamdulillah [All praise and thanks is for Allah SWT].

#### **EXTENSION YEARS 1 & 2**

- 6. What do we say after a Prophet's name is mentioned? [alaihi-salam / 'peace be on them'].
- 7. What did Allah SWT command the Angels to do? [collect soil from all over the Earth].
- 8. What did Allah SWT do with the soil? [made and moulded the shape of the first man].

#### STAGE 2 & STAGE 3 YEARS 3 - 6



Allah SWT has always sent Messengers and Prophets to guide people and teach others about Allah SWT. Prophets were **special people** chosen by Allah SWT to spread His message and guide the people. Allah SWT gave all Prophets good characteristics such as honesty, persistence, courage, leadership, patience, and wisdom, so that the people they led would trust and love them.

Allah SWT gave them different jobs to carry out and tools to help them, but all Prophets and Messengers all taught the same thing – Allah SWT is One with no partners and the purpose of life is to worship Allah and to do good. So, whenever we hear a Prophet or Messengers name, we say *alaihi-salam* which means 'peace be on them' after their names to show respect.

There are two different types of Prophets:



- Nabi: These are Prophets that followed the rules of the Prophets that came before them, and
- Rasool: These are extra special Prophets that were also given new messages or Books from Allah SWT.

For example, Prophet Haroon AS was a Nabi, but Prophet Musa AS was a Nabi AND a Rasool, because he was given a special book, the Torah, to teach the people new rules and commandments about how to please Him. Now, we understand that Prophet Muhammad SAW was also a Rasool as Allah SWT gave him the Quran. Today we will talk about the first Prophet/Nabi Allah SWT created. Does anyone know the name of the very first Prophet/Nabi? Yes – it was Adam AS!

Not only was Adam AS the first Prophet, he was actually the very first human being to ever be created. Let's travel back in time... to the story of Adam AS's creation...



A long, long time ago, Allah SWT created everything in the universe. He made the sky, the planets, moon and stars. He also created the beautiful Earth, and everything in it! The clouds and the sun, the moon, the mountains and the trees, flowers and fruits, all the animals, and much more.

One day, Allah SWT decided to create the first human being. Allah SWT ordered his Angels to collect soils from all different parts of the Earth. Have you ever collected soil from your garden and compared



it to the sand at the beach or anywhere else? Do you notice how it's all different colours? The soil from the beach is light yellow or white, the soil from your garden may be different shades of brown. Allah SWT took all the different coloured soils and mixed them with water to form a clay. Allah SWT is Al-Khaliq (The Creator). He moulded the clay into the shape of a human being, and breathed a soul, or 'rooh' into it. The clay person became a human being, the very first human being ever, Adam AS.

Adam AS then said his first words when he sneezed: "Alhamdu lil Lahi Rabbil Alamin ("All praise is for Allah, Lord of the worlds"). Allah SWT replied "Rahimaka Rabbuka" ("Your Lord has mercy for you!"). Do these words sound familiar? Yes, that's because when we sneeze, we too, should say Alhamdulillah! And the person who hears us should reply, "Yarhamuk Allah" (May Allah have mercy on you).

Adam AS was created with wisdom, knowledge and a special position above all other creations. Allah SWT told the Angels and His other creations to bow to Adam AS, as a sign of respect for this new miraculous creation. All the Angels obeyed and bowed down except for someone who wasn't very happy with this new creation. In fact, this someone was extremely jealous of Adam AS, so much so that he refused to follow Allah SWT command.

This was Iblis. Iblis was arrogant and proud, and argued with Allah SWT, saying, "I am better than him, I was created from fire, and I will not bow to a creation made of clay!" Iblis was so stubborn and proud, that Allah SWT commanded and banished Iblis from Heaven/Jannah forever, never to return! This was the first time anyone had disobeyed Allah SWT!

Iblis was so angry and filled with rage that he swore to Allah SWT that he would spend the rest of eternity trying to persuade Adam AS and his children, and his children's children, to commit sins and disobey Allah SWT, just like he had. Allah SWT accepted the challenge, knowing that human beings would love and cherish Him even if Iblis tried his hardest to lead them astray.

Allah SWT later created Hawa, the first female so Adam AS would have a companion and they lived happily in Jannah. Allah SWT told Adam AS and Hawa that they could both do whatever they wanted in Jannah, anything except eat the fruits from a particular tree in Jannah.

Many years passed, and Adam AS and Hawa lived happily enjoying all the beautiful things in Jannah. They forgot about Allah SWT's warning and the tree with its forbidden fruit. But Iblis did not, he was still angry and was waiting for his chance to trick Adam AS and Hawa. So, he did something very sneaky, he started to whisper to them lies, encouraging them to eat from the forbidden tree! Iblis kept doing this and after a while, both Adam AS and Hawa got caught up in Iblis's whisperings, and before they knew it, they had plucked a fruit from the forbidden tree, and taken a bite.

Suddenly, the atmosphere around them changed, they felt uncomfortable and ashamed of their actions. Allah SWT reminded them that He had warned them about Iblis and the forbidden tree. Adam AS and Hawa realised their **mistake** and made a Dua, begging for Allah SWT's forgiveness.

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not **forgive** us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers. [Quran 7:23]

Allah SWT is al Ghafoor (most forgiving) and forgave them, but they now had leave Jannah to go down and live on Earth. Allah SWT told them they will live on Earth as a test (not a punishment!). The test is



to avoid bad choices and obey Allah SWT, so they can earn back their place in Jannah! Allah SWT reminded them that Iblis was their enemy, and to be careful that he doesn't get them in trouble again.

Adam AS lived for over 1,000 years! And he and Hawa had many, many children, and they always taught them to stay on the straight path and follow the commands of Allah SWT and not listen to Iblis's whispers of disobedience.

After Adam AS and Hawa passed on, their children grew and spread throughout the earth. From among them, more Messengers came, such as the Prophets Saleh, Musa, Dawud, Suleiman and Ibrahim, and of course, our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW, to guide people towards the path of Allah. They came from all parts of the world, with different coloured skin, speaking different languages. Allah SWT's message is for everyone.



#### **LESSONS LEARNT**:

- ✓ **Allah SWT doesn't like arrogance:** We shouldn't show off, or think we are better than others. Iblis was the first one to disobey Allah SWT **because he was proud,** and thought that he was better than Adam AS. If you are good at sport, or art, or at your studies, remember that it was Allah SWT that gifted you with those talents. It is okay to take pride in your achievements, but not if it means that you think you are better than someone else.
- ✓ **Notice your thoughts**: We all have bad thoughts, which sometimes pop into our heads because of the whisperings of Iblis. **Whenever a bad thought comes into our mind, say 'Astaghfirullah'** (I seek forgiveness from Allah SWT) and try to shift our thinking to more grateful or helpful thoughts. Remember to pray and do dhikr, because these actions are like forcefields against Iblis!
- ✓ **We all make mistakes:** We are all human, and so not perfect, and even when we try our best, we still might make mistakes or fail. Remember that Allah SWT is All-Merciful and kind. All you have to do is sincerely ask for Him to forgive you and just try your best again just like Adam AS and Hawa did.
- ✓ **Be grateful:** Allah SWT loves us very much, and He gave us a beautiful planet to live in, filled with everything we need to eat, drink, and lead happy lives, Alhamdulillah. Always remember everything you have and own was given to you by Allah SWT so for the blessings Allah SWT has given. Don't always compare yourself to others and worry about all the things you don't have, this made Adam AS lose what he had and it will make you miserable too.
- ✓ We're one big family: Although we all look different, we now understand, all human beings started from one man and woman; Adam AS, our father and his wife Hawa, our mother we are all their descendants subhan'Allah! So treat your family everyone in this world with kindness and care!



### **LESSON 4: Prophet Saleh AS**

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Yr 1 -
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• Students are introduced to this Prophet.

Yr 3-

• Students learn more details about this Prophet.

• Students understand some lessons learnt from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.

Yr 5-

• Students can relate lessons learnt to their everyday lives.

#### **EARLY STAGE 1 – STAGE 1**

#### KINDY - YEAR 2

A long time ago, there lived a group of people in a rich land called **Thamud**. The people of Thamud had lots of money, strong and enormous houses which were built inside mountains.



But there was something wrong with the people of Thamud - instead of praying to Allah SWT and thanking Him for everything they had been given, they prayed to statues made from rocks and wood!

Allah SWT told **Prophet Saleh AS** to send them a reminder message; stop praying to statues, and to pray to Allah SWT! Reminding them that it was Allah SWT that gave them everything they loved and owned, not their statues. But the people of Thamud didn't want to hear the message and made fun of Prophet Saleh AS. They said 'if your Allah is so great, prove it! Make a camel come out of that rock' and pointed to the biggest rock in the town.

Prophet Saleh AS prayed to Allah SWT for help so that people would believe him. Well, Allah SWT accepted his Dua, made that very rock crack open, and a special and gigantic camel walked out! Not only was she, the biggest camel they had ever seen, but she also produced enormous amounts of milk - enough to feed the entire town! Subhan Allah – this was an amazing miracle from Allah SWT! Some people decided to follow Prophet Saleh AS's message but there were still a few wicked people who did not believe.

One day, a group of bad men attacked the poor came!! Because of their nasty actions, Allah SWT told Prophet Saleh AS to give the people of Thamud one final warning to repent or in 3 days, their town would be destroyed.

Prophet Saleh AS and his followers quickly packed up and left the town, but all the bad people stayed in the town, ignoring Saleh AS yet again. So, after 3 days, a terrible punishment came and destroyed the town Thamud! If only the people of Thamud had listened to Prophet Saleh AS's message and believed in Allah SWT! They would have been forgiven and given Jannah/paradise.



#### QUIZ:

- 1. What did the People of Thamud do wrong? (They did not believe in Allah SWT and prayed to
- 2. Describe the gift/miracle that Allah SWT gave Prophet Saleh AS? (Special and gigantic camel came out of the rock).
- 3. What happened to the bad people of Thamud? (Allah SWT destroyed their town).
- 4. What did you learn from the story of Prophet Saleh AS?
  - a. Believe in Allah SWT alone (reflect part A of Shahadah).
  - b. Allah SWT does not like it when you are mean to animals.
  - c. Always be thankful to Allah SWT for everything.
  - d. All of the above



#### STAGE 2 & STAGE 3

### <u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>



Today's Prophet is mentioned over 26 times in the Qur'an. Surah Ash-Shams (in Juza- Amma) is one of the places he is mentioned. Prophet Saleh AS was a prophet sent to the people of Thamud. The people of Thamud were **huge** in size and they were incredibly rich, smart and skilled. In particular they had an amazing skill in construction. The people of Thamud were able to carve palaces/castles in the mountains. Their homes were incredibly detailed with rooms, corridors and beautiful designs. However, they forgot that all their blessings came from Allah SWT. They were so arrogant and proud that they worshipped and prayed to wood and stone statues/idols they had made instead.



Prophet Saleh AS was a very smart and honest man. Saleh AS told the people of Thamud to stop praying to rocks, idols and to pray to Allah SWT! Saleh AS warned them that if they don't worship Allah SWT, Allah SWT will take away all their blessings and bring them a terrible punishment.

The Thamud people did not believe Prophet Saleh and made fun of him, in fact they called him a "madman!" They asked Saleh AS to show them a miracle to prove that he was a messenger of Allah SWT!

Do you know what they asked him? They asked Prophet Saleh AS to make a **gigantic camel appear magically from a large rock!** They wanted a special brown girl camel to be carved out of the rock and be so huge that her milk could feed the whole town! When they made this request, they laughed amongst each other and thought there was no way Saleh AS could do this miracle.

Prophet Saleh AS raised his hands up and made Dua to Allah SWT. Suddenly the rock split open and a huge, gigantic camel appeared! The people of Thamud were shocked - they couldn't believe that their wish was answered! The camel was a sign/miracle from Allah SWT! Some, of the people of Thamud started to listen to Prophet Saleh AS and began to believe in Allah SWT! But others didn't - instead they wanted to harm the camel!

Saleh AS warned the people of Thamud that the camel was a special sign, the "Camel of Allah SWT", (Nekat- Allah) (91:13) and that no one should harm her. And if they did, a huge punishment would come. Saleh AS also told them that because the camel is so huge, it needed to have a whole day to drink from the water springs on its own and so the people of Thamud should share the water springs and take turns with the camel.

The camel also fed the whole town with its milk, just like the people had wanted! Masha'Allah! But some people were still not happy. They wanted people not to believe in Allah SWT or follow Prophet Saleh AS and so the wicked people of Thamud came up with a horrible plan to destroy the poor came!



One day when the camel went out to drink water, a group of 9 terrible men attacked it and killed it. When Prophet Saleh AS found out he was very angry and upset. Saleh AS told the wicked people of Thamud that they had 3 days to ask Allah SWT for forgiveness or else a terrible punishment will come to them (by Allah SWT) and Saleh AS and the believers left and went to a land called Palestine.

The people of Thamud were very stubborn and refused to repent and ask Allah SWT for forgiveness. They thought they were secure in their fancy homes in the solid mountains, and that there was no way any harm will reach them. The first day Allah SWT sent a punishment where their faces became yellow, the second day their faces became red and the third day their faces became black! — all of this and still they did not regret their actions or ask for Allah SWT forgiveness! The people of Thamud went to bed



that night thinking they were safe in their mountain homes. In the early hours of the morning Allah SWT sent a loud sound wave that destroyed some of the homes and shook the ground. The sound wave was so powerful it destroyed all the people of Thamud in seconds as if they never existed.

Prophet Saleh AS came back heart-broken over his people, as he saw what had happened. If only the people of Thamud had listened to him and believed in Allah SWT, they would have been forgiven and given Jannah/paradise. But instead, they were arrogant and proud. Saleh AS returned to Palestine in a city called Ramla, where he later passed away.

<u>Fact:</u> Although the city of Thamud was destroyed, Allah SWT allowed some of the rocky buildings to stay as a sign for people to remember the consequences of disbelieving in Allah SWT. The city is in Saudi Arabia- but is not a tourist site as the Prophet SAW said do not enter the places where Allah SWT has sent his punishment. You can google it and see it (**please refer to syllabus links/videos**).



#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

- Never forget the blessings of Allah SWT. The people of Thamud were so blessed in everything that they thought they were too good for Allah SWT, they even made their own Gods! When Allah SWT blesses you, it should make you more humble and grateful not a show off! We need to always say Alhamdulillah (All praises and all thanks is to Allah). Remind yourself that any talent you have, any wealth, health, everything comes from Allah SWT and without him we are nothing. Allah SWT tells us, if you thank Me, I will give you more... and always reminds us not to disbelieve by being ungrateful!! If we disbelieve and become ungrateful Allah SWT can take away our blessings like he did for the people of Thamud, to help us remember we need to turn to Him.
- Every creation has rights! The people of Thamud were cruel and killed the camel for no reason except their selfish pride. Allah SWT has warned us not to be cruel to any living creature. The Prophet SAW tells us many stories of the consequences of animal cruelty. He SAW narrated a story about a lady who did not feed or look after her cat, and as a result she will be punished by Allah SWT. As we learn from the story of Thamud an entire town was destroyed because of their cruelty to the camel also. Although it was the 9 people who did it the rest of the town did not stop it or speak up. As Muslims we must always speak up if we see something unfair happening, if we ignore it, we are just as guilty? Remember, Allah SWT will ask us why we didn't try to help...

#### **EXTENSION POINTS YEARS 5 - 6**

Being arrogant/stubborn can destroy you! The people of Thamud were rude when they asked Prophet Saleh AS for a sign and arrogant when they received it. Then they were rude in their attitude towards Allah SWT. How many signs and miracles does Allah SWT show us every single day and we sometimes ignore them and are stubborn? We are being stubborn and ignoring His signs when we put our wants before praying for example. How many times has Allah SWT answered our Dua and as soon as we are OK, we forget to do what Allah SWT asked! Let's not be like the people of Thamud - they promised to worship Allah SWT if they saw a sign but turned away and forgot their promise!!

**Don't wait to repent:** The people of Thamud were given 3 days to ask Allah SWT to forgive them yet they ignored this chance. Sometimes when we make a mistake, we might think that we have a lot of time to fix it, but we never know what will happen tomorrow. So, as soon as we make a mistake, we should immediately ask Allah SWT to forgive us! Always follow a bad action with a good action. Know that Allah SWT always sees your efforts and will help you when you try to improve.



### **LESSON 5: Prophet Musa AS**

K	Students are introduced to this Prophet.
Yr 1-2	Students learn more details about this Prophet.
Yr 3-4	Students understand some lessons learnt from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.
Yr 5-	Students can relate lessons learnt to their everyday lives.
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#### EARLY STAGE 1 – STAGE 1

#### KINDY - YEAR 2

Our Prophet today is Prophet Musa/Moses AS. Prophet Musa AS was born in Egypt from a tribe called **Bani Israel**. In Egypt at the time, lived the cruellest and most terrible person called Firaun/Pharaoh. Firaun believed that he was better than God and people should pray to him (AstaghfirAllah!). Firaun thought he could boss around whoever he wanted.

Today we will talk about how Musa AS is told (by Allah SWT) that he was a Prophet, and he has to go and tell Firaun to stop causing trouble and to stop being mean, and to believe and pray to Allah SWT.



Let us begin... One night, Musa AS was walking in the desert with his family when he noticed a bright light in the valley... Musa AS went to check it out. When Musa AS got closer, he found it was not a fire but an extremely bright light! And when he got even closer, he heard a call "O Musa (Moses), Indeed I am your Rabb/lord!" (20:11). Allah SWT spoke to Musa AS from behind a hijab/veil of bright light and told him that He had chosen Musa to be a Prophet! His first job was to go to Firaun and kindly tell him to behave and stop using his power and money to harm people. Musa AS asked Allah SWT to allow his brother Haroon AS to come with him to help him out (Haroon AS/Aaron is also a Prophet).



Musa AS used to carry a staff/stick in his hand, (something shepherds use to herd their sheep). Allah SWT gave Musa's stick a special power to do cool tricks! The stick could turn into a massive snake! And he was going to use it to show Firaun Allah SWT's Power! Just before Musa AS went to Firaun, he made a special Dua ... He asked Allah SWT to help him stay calm and make his task/mission easy for him.

Rabi shrahli sidri, Wa yasirli amri.... Which can be translated as:

Oh, My Lord, calm for me my chest (grant me confidence/ courage, calm my heart),

And ease my task/job for me.... (\*\*\*Teachers, please repeat with class).

Allah SWT also reminds Musa AS, "Fear not (don't be afraid). Indeed, I am with you both; I hear and I see" (Quran 20:46). Remember Allah SWT can hear and see everything, so Musa AS does not need to be afraid of Firaun!

#### Musa and the Magicians!



Musa AS and Haroon AS meet Firaun and tell him to change his ways and free Bani Israel (his people). Musa AS threw his special stick to prove to Firaun that he was a Prophet - and it turned into a massive snake/serpent (as it had before). Firaun laughed at Musa AS and told him this is nothing more than a magic trick and that he had magicians that can do the same thing! Firaun then dared Musa AS to a competition between him and his top magicians. Musa AS agreed to the competition. Firaun collected



70 top magicians. On the competition day, the entire town gathered to watch! Firaun was excited for the grand show, he thought everyone would think Musa AS was silly and that he would win! Before the show the magicians asked Firaun, what will we get if we win? Firaun told them they will be rewarded with many gifts and prizes! Firauns' magicians went first with their magic trick and sneakily made ropes look like snakes! The whole stage was filled with what appeared to be slithering snakes - the audience was tricked by the magic spell!!

Musa AS then threw his stick confidently and the huge snake was created!! To everyone's surprise it ate up *all the other fake snakes* of the magicians! The magicians were in shock! They knew **this was not magic it was a miracle from Allah SWT**. Instead, the magicians all bowed down and **made a sajdah** and said in front of the whole entire crowd "we believe in the god of Musa AS" (meaning: we believe in Allah!!). Firaun was angry!! He ordered them all to be destroyed! The magicians didn't care - they knew Allah SWT would give them something better for believing in Him - Jannah/paradise! After seeing this, some people watching also believed in Allah SWT. Firaun was the silly one and his awful plan failed!! Musa AS went on to save Bani Israel and free them from Firaun, who later drowned in a flood.

#### QUIZ:

- 1. What did Firaun do wrong? (He did not believe in Allah SWT and he treated people mean and unfair, he thought he had all the power, but the real power is with Allah SWT!).
- 2. What was the gift/miracle that Allah SWT gave Musa AS and what did it do? (Musa AS staff/stick could turn into a real snake!).
- 3. Why did the magicians make a sajdah? (Because they knew Musa AS was not doing a magic trick instead it was the real power of Allah SWT that made the snake! They believed in Allah SWT and bowed down to Allah SWT!).
- 4. What did we learn from this story? (Have trust in Allah SWT because he is the All -powerful and he will save those that believe in him and reward them with Jannah! Never be afraid because Allah SWT can hear and see everything!).

### STAGES 2 – 3

#### <u>YEARS 3 – 6</u>

Our Prophet today is the most mentioned Prophet in the Quran - Prophet Musa/Moses AS! Prophet Musa AS was born in Egypt from a tribe called **Bani Israel** which means the tribe of Israel (they were the offspring/children of Prophet Yacoub AS's 12 sons, including Prophet Yusuf AS). Egypt at the time was controlled by the cruellest and most terrible ruler called Firaun/ Pharaoh.

Firaun believed himself to be God (AstaghfirAllah!). He had a powerful army of about 1.5 million soldiers! Firaun thought everyone – in particular, Bani Israel, were his slaves. The people of the Bani Israel were treated unfairly and over worked, (in fact a lot of the pyramids you see in Egypt today are the result of these poor slave's hard work!).

The Quran tells us many parts of Musa AS story. Today we will discuss when Musa AS is told (by Allah SWT) that he is a Prophet and given his first mission!



One night... while travelling back to Egypt (with his family) Musa AS became lost. Musa AS noticed a strong light- like a fire coming from one side of a valley (Tuwa). Musa AS told his family to wait for him and went to check it out. When Musa AS got closer, he found it was not a fire but an extremely bright



light. When he got even closer, he heard a call "O Musa (Moses), Indeed I am your Rabb/lord!" (20:11). Allah SWT called Musa and told him that he has been chosen to be a Messenger. "And I have CHOSEN you, so, listen to what is revealed (to you)" (Quran 20:13). (Note: Allah SWT spoke to Musa AS behind a hijab/veil of bright light).

Allah SWT then commanded Musa AS to throw his staff (walking stick/ shepherds stick) and He showed Musa a miracle- the staff turned into a massive snake and then went back to its original form (when Musa AS picked it up again). Musa AS is then given the mission of warning Firaun- to stop his evil ways and believe in Allah SWT.



What a mission! Musa AS is commanded to speak kindly to the most powerful man on Earth, and shut him down. What would you ask Allah SWT for? An army of Angels to match Firaun's army maybe? Instead, Musa AS said a powerful Dua/prayer...... He asked Allah SWT to help him stay calm and make his task/mission easy for him.

#### Rabi shrahli sidri. Wa yasirli amri....

Which means: Oh, My Lord, calm for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, courage/ calm my heart)

And ease my task for me....

Alongside his special staff and Dua, Musa AS also asked Allah SWT to allow his brother Haroon AS to come with him as support. (Haroon AS/Aaron was a Prophet also). Allah SWT reminded Musa AS, "Fear not. Indeed, I am with you both; I hear and I see" (Quran 20:46).

#### Musa and the Magicians!



Musa AS and Haroon AS meet Firaun and confidently warned him to change his ways and free Bani Israel. Musa AS threw his special staff again to prove he was a Prophet- it turned into a massive snake/serpent (as it had before). Firaun made fun of Musa AS and told him this is nothing more than a magic trick- and that he had many magicians that can do the same thing. Firaun challenged Musa AS to a competition between him and his top magicians. Firaun sent a message throughout the whole of Egypt, calling for the best magicians. Firaun collected up to 70 magicians- the best of the best! The entire town was present to watch the show on the day of the (town) festival. Firaun was excited for the grand show, he wanted everyone to see what he thought would be the humiliation of Musa AS.

The magicians asked Firaun, what will we get if we win? Firaun told them that they will become **close to him** (remember Firaun is the most powerful man in the world at the time) and be rewarded with many gifts and prizes! Musa AS warned the magician to *fear Allah SWT* and *not to trick people* with fake magic but they ignored him Musa. The magicians went first and through the use of ropes they tricked the people's eyes and made them look like snakes. The entire stage was filled with what looked like slithering snakes - the audience was spell-bound with the magic spell!!

It was now Musa AS's turn. Allah SWT told him "Do not fear! It is certainly you who will be victorious/ (you will win!)", (20:68). Musa AS then threw his staff confidently and the huge snake was created!! To everyone's surprise it ate up *all the other snakes* of the magicians! All the magicians were in shock! They knew every trick-of magic and that **this was not magic, it was a miracle from Allah SWT**. So, to Firauns' horror, they bowed down (**made a sajdah**) and said in front of the entire crowd "we believe in the God of Musa AS!" Firaun was furious!! He ordered their death for their betrayal- but they stood firm in their



faith. The magicians knew they would return to Allah SWT and did not care what Firaun scared them with. After seeing this, some people in the audience also believed in Allah SWT. Firaun was the one humiliated as his plan failed!! Musa AS went on to save Bani Israel and free them from Firaun. Firaun was later destroyed in the miracle of the sea splitting (where Allah SWT saved Bani Israel and drowned Firaun and his army).

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#### **LESSONS LEARNT**

- Fear nothing when Allah SWT is with you: Musa AS's mission seemed impossible, he had such a difficult task with Firaun. But when you stick up for the right/ truth Allah SWT will help and guide you. Musa was reassured that Allah SWT will protect Him. You too will go through many difficult tasks in life. Stay confident Allah SWT is always by your side guiding and protecting you. You can ask Allah SWT to make your task easy with the Dua of Musa AS. ("Rabbi- shrahli sadri wa yassirli amri..."). Dua is a powerful tool for a Muslim! Don't underestimate it!
- We all need support and help sometimes: Musa AS asked Allah SWT for help first and then for help from his brother too. If a Prophet was not too shy or proud to ask for help, then we should ask for help for others when needed too.
- Allah SWT is always on the side of the oppressed/those who are treated unfairly. Firaun thought
  his money, power and high statues gave him the right to treat people unfairly. In the end he lost
  everything. Allah SWT has warned us to NEVER, ever be unfair or do wrong to others.
- Think bigger picture: At the start, the magicians wanted to be close to the most powerful person on Earth/ Firaun. But they gave up on being rich and famous to be closer to the Ultimate King, Allah SWT because they knew that Allah SWT would give were much bigger and better than anything this world has to offer. Don't waste your chances in this life you can still have good things in this world but don't forget the bigger picture. Jannah/paradise awaits Insha'Allah!!
- Always speak kindly: Musa AS was asked by Allah SWT to speak and advise Firaun kindly. This tells us that whenever we have to advise someone about their mistakes, even if they are tyrants, we should try and speak to them in a kind and gentle manner first. Manners are important, no matter who we are talking too!

## **LESSON 6: Maryam AS**

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• Students are introduced to this Islamic figure and why she is important.

Yrs 1-2

• Students learn more details about Maryam AS and some lessons Muslims learn from her story.

Yrs 3-4

Students understand lessons learnt from this story for their everyday lives.

Yrs 5-6

•Students can relate lessons learnt to their everyday lives.



#### **EARLY STAGE 1 – STAGE 1**

#### **KINDY - YEAR 2**

Today our story is about one of the most special women in Islam. She was so special that Allah SWT named an **entire Surah (Chapter 19)** after her. Can you guess her name? It is Maryam AS/Mary the mother of Prophet Issa/Jesus AS.



Once there was a woman named Hannah who was married to a man named Imran. They were very good people and they worshiped and prayed to Allah SWT a lot. One day, Hannah RA found out she was going to have a baby! She was very excited, and she made a special prayer to Allah SWT that her baby will worship Allah SWT and be an extremely good Muslim!

When Hannah RA had her baby, it was a girl! She called her Maryam! (But many people know her as Mary). Allah SWT answered Hannah RA's prayer and Maryam RA grew up in the masjid (house of Allah)- where she spent all her time worshiping and praying to Allah SWT! Mariam was an outstanding Muslim who everyone loved and respected.

Maryam had an uncle called Zachariah AS, who was also a prophet of Allah SWT. Zachariah AS would look after Maryam AS in the Masjid (in Al Aqsa/Palestine).

Zachariah AS built a special room in the masjid for Mariam AS to live in and pray to Allah SWT and read the scriptures. One day Zachariah AS went to check up on Maryam AS. To his surprise he found a lot of beautiful, fresh fruit in the room. He was confused - no one could visit Maryam AS except him. He asked her: 'O Mary, how did this come to you?' She said: 'It is from Allah (Quran 3:37). Maryam AS was not surprised and explained to her uncle that Allah SWT gives and provides without limits to whoever He wants!

Prophet Zachariah AS was so inspired by Maryam AS's strong faith and how Allah SWT was sending her fruits! Zachariah AS was encouraged to make his own Dua/special prayer. You see, Zachariah AS was very old and so was his wife, but he really wanted to have a child. After he saw what Allah SWT gave Mariam AS he knew that **nothing was impossible for Allah SWT**- so he asked Allah SWT for a son. Allah SWT gave Zachariah AS a son called Yahya (John), who also became a Prophet! Subhan'Allah anything is possible with Dua!

Maryam AS was also given a son by Allah SWT. His name was Issa AS/Jesus AS. Issa AS was a very special prophet! We will talk about him next week, inshaa'Allah.



#### <u>QUIZ</u>

- 1. What did Hannah, the mother of Maryam AS ask Allah SWT for? (A special baby, that would grow up and believe in Allah SWT).
- 2. **Why was Maryam AS special?** (She was always praying, remembering, and worshipping Allah SWT all the time!).
- 3. What special miracle did Allah SWT send to Maryam AS? (Food, fruits).

  What do we learn from Maryam AS? (We learn that Allah SWT can do anything you just have to believe in Him and ask Him (Dua/Salah)!!



Today our story is about one of the most honoured women in Islamic history. As a matter of fact, Allah SWT has named an **entire Surah (Chapter 19) after her** - Maryam AS the mother of Issa/Jesus AS.

Maryam AS's family were all honoured by Allah SWT. The third Surah/chapter of the Quran is named after them – Surah Aali'-Imran, (the family of Imran). (Imran RA is the father of Maryam AS).

Maryam AS's story begins with her mother Hannah RA, who was a good lady who loved Allah SWT. Hannah was pregnant and she was hoping that she would have a baby boy-who could grow up and serve Allah SWT in Masjid Al-Aqsa. This role was a 24/7 job and was done by men who would help worshippers in the masjid. Instead, to her surprise, she gave birth to a girl, Maryam AS!

When Hannah had the baby she said, "My Lord, I have delivered a female." And Allah was most knowing of what she delivered, "And the male is not like the female. And I have named her Maryam." (3:36). Hannah AS was still grateful to Allah SWT, she made a special Dua that Maryam AS would be protected from all harm.

Imran (Maryam's father) and her mother soon passed away. A guardian was needed to look after Maryam AS. Allah SWT made Prophet Zachariah AS, Maryam's uncle, her guardian and her teacher! Zachariah AS built Maryam AS a special private room in the masjid where she could dedicate herself to the worship of Allah SWT and learn the scriptures - and so Hannah AS's Dua came true! Maryam was the first female to dedicate her life to Allah SWT by living in the masjid and praying all the time. She was always in a state of worship and always in continuous Dhikr/remembrance of Allah SWT. One day, Zachariah AS came to check on Maryam AS... When he entered her room, he noticed there was fruit in there that was not in season, "He would find her with fruits of the summer during winter, and the fruits of winter during summer". (Tafseer Ibn Kathir). He asked, 'O Mary, how did this come to you?' She said: 'It is from Allah. Allah provides nourishment to whom He wills beyond all calculation.' (3:37)

Subhan Allah Maryam AS had no doubt in Allah SWT and knew the power of Dua for all things. In fact, in that moment, she actually inspired her teacher Prophet Zachariah (who was very old at the time) to ask Allah SWT for a son. Allah SWT sent him Yahya/John, who also became a Prophet!

One day, Maryam AS was alone and suddenly, a beautiful man appeared before her! Maryam AS was cautious and told him not to come close to her if he fears Allah! The man explained that he was Angel Jibril (the messenger Angel who was disguised as a human) and he had a special message for Maryam AS! He told her; 'O Mary! Behold, Allah has chosen you, and made you pure, and exalted you above all the women in the world. (3:42)

Angel Jibril told Maryam that she will have a baby who would be a special Prophet. She said: 'O my Lord! How shall I have a son? Maryam was confused because she was not married... The angel answered... 'Allah creates whatever He wills. When He decides something, He simply says: "Be" and it is.' (3:47). (Remember, Prophet Adam AS he was born without a mother or father; it is not hard for Allah SWT to create a baby without a father. This is the miracle birth of Issa AS).

Maryam AS trusted Allah SWT plan for her and when she was ready to give birth. She was very nervous, but Allah SWT sent her a message, "Do not be sad" and He provided Maryam AS with a water stream to drink from, and told her to shake the trunk of the palm tree - when she did she was showered with dates to eat!



Then came the harder part of the test - Maryam AS had to go back home with the baby. (Maryam AS was in Bethlehem (Palestine) when she gave birth, and now she had to return back to Al- Aqsa). The town people were shocked by Maryam AS holding a baby and said: "O Mary, you have certainly done a thing unexpected!".

But Maryam AS stood strong and she pointed to the baby Issa AS, as Allah SWT instructed her to. The people looked at her in amusement and questioned how can they speak to a baby? Then Issa AS/ Jesus performed his first miracle and spoke as a baby! Defending his mother he said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah! He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet." Allah SWT did not allow anyone to speak badly about Maryam AS or gossip about her. Maryam AS then went on to raise Prophet Issa AS and witness the many miracles that Allah SWT allowed him to do. Whenever Issa AS is mentioned in the Quran, Allah SWT always honours Maryam AS and mentions her too. This is Issa ibn Maryam AS. Jesus the son of Mary, (not the son of Allah SWT!).

Do you know Surat al Ikhlas/ Qul huwal laahu ahad? It tells us how Allah SWT doesn't have children.

Qul huwal laahu ahad: He is Allah, [who is one], Allah hus-samad: Allah, the Eternal, Absolute;

Lam yalid wa lam yoolad: He is not born, nor does He give birth (have kids),

Wa lam yakul-lahoo kufuwan ahad: And there is nothing like Him.



#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

- Women can be spiritual figures too! Maryam AS mother thought having a boy was better to serve Allah SWT. Instead, Allah SWT gave her more blessings with Maryam AS. Maryam AS outdid most men in her worship and obedience to Allah SWT- she even surprised her uncle! (Prophet Zachariah AS). Maryam AS had amazing strength in worship and showed us being a girl or boy does not limit your worship or make you better. What makes us better in the eyes of Allah SWT is our faith and character! Maryam AS is the ultimate role model for all Muslims around the world her modesty, obedience, perseverance, purity, humility and Taqwa!!! (Being always aware of Allah SWT).
- Maryam AS was in isolation, yet connected: She was connected to Allah SWT, constantly praising
  and thanking Him. Allah SWT sent her fruits, fed her and took care of her because she took care of
  her relationship with Him. How is your relationship with Allah SWT? Do you take care of your
  salah, your manners? Do you remember Allah in every action you take? When we take care of this
  relationship Allah SWT, He will look after you as he did for Maryam AS.

#### **EXTENSION POINTS FOR YEAR 6**

• Maryam is the ultimate role model of modesty/ Haya in actions, speech, dress: What does Haya or modesty mean? Haya is a shyness from Allah SWT to do the wrong thing. It is a characteristic that encourages modesty, dignity and decency. Haya is extremely important because without it, people have no care or awareness that Allah sees their actions. "Haya (modesty) and belief are together. If one of them is removed, the other is removed." (Al-Hakim). When Jibril AS came to Mariam AS in the form of a man, Maryam AS reaction was one of haya and she immediately asked him not to come closer. When we have shyness/Haya towards Allah SWT we do the right thing even when no one is around. Maryam AS was all alone but, in every moment, she demonstrated complete Haya and respect for Allah SWT. How is your Haya on social media or when others aren't around? Are you shy from Allah SWT? Are you showing modesty and haya in what you share and



the photos or videos you take? There is a lot of pressure out there to look and act a certain way, especially online, and to boast, but often these ways do not show any Haya or belief.

• Maryam AS showed good character is a part of worship. Good character allows you to get closer to Allah SWT. Allah SWT honours and rewards those of high character with His love, blessings, mercy and hasanat. Having good character today is extended to your online behaviour. How do you present yourself online? What is your reputation? Do you remember your Muslim identity? Remind yourself that Allah SWT is always watching and do things that please Him before others?

### **LESSON 7: Prophet Issa AS**

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- Students are introduced to this Prophet.
- Students learn more details about this Prophet.
- Students understand some lessons learnt from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.
- Students can relate lessons learnt to their everyday lives.

#### **EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1**

#### KINDY - YEAR 2

Allah SWT created Prophet Issa (AS)/Jesus in a very special way. If we remember from last week, he was the son of Maryam AS! And he was the cousin of Yahya/John AS. Allah SWT had big plans for Prophet Issa AS. Issa AS was to go to the people of Bani Israel, who had forgotten about Allah SWT!!!

Allah SWT gave Prophet Issa AS a special book called the Injil (Gospel). In the Injil the message was the same as all the prophets- the message of **Tawheed; to worship Allah SWT alone!** Meaning Allah SWT is the creator of everything, and Allah SWT does not have a family and he is not like us. Allah SWT is not in need of anyone! Instead, **we need** Allah SWT help!



Prophet Issa AS, (like all the prophets), could do many special, amazing things. Allah SWT gave Issa AS the power/miracle to make people better if they were sick. All Issa AS had to do was wipe his hand on the person and ask Allah SWT to make the person better! Subhan Allah! Issa AS (with Allah SWT help) made peoples diseases go away, he even helped a blind person see again!

Issa AS could also make dead animals come back to life! Allah SWT gave him many special powers so he could show the people how powerful Allah SWT was! Allah SWT wanted the people of Bani Israel to know that it is Allah SWT, who makes you feel better when you are sick. (When we take medicine, it is Allah SWT that makes that medicine work and make us better!)

Prophet Issa AS spent many days and nights teaching people about Allah SWT from his book the Injil. But some people were just stubborn/rude and did not want to listen to Prophet Isa AS. They even tried to harm Issa AS but Allah SWT protected him. Issa AS told everyone that a special prophet will come after him. Can you guess who this may be...? Yes, Muhammad SAW!



Issa AS's mission was to teach everyone to be nice, kind, fair, good to orphans/poor people. He taught about peace and belief in one God only; Allah SWT. Remember, we have a special Surah about this? Surah Ikhlas!

**QuI huwal laahu ahad**: He is Allah, [who is one], **Allah hus-samad**: Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; **Lam yalid wa lam yoolad**: He is not born, nor does He give birth (have kids), **Wa lam yakul-lahoo kufuwan ahad**: And there is nothing like Him.

\*\*\*Stop here for K-2 and go to QUIZ questions, or depending on the comprehension of your class you may continue with the story of Issa and the 3 loafs of Bread (in Years 3-6)\*\*\*.



#### QUIZ:

- 1. Who is the mother of Issa AS? (Maryam AS).
- 2. What special powers/miracles could Issa AS perform? (e.g., cure people, raise dead animal...).
- 3. What did we learn from the story of Issa AS? (Students to offer ideas...).

#### <u>STAGE 2 – 3</u>

#### **YEARS 3 - 6**

Allah SWT created Issa (AS)/ Jesus in a very special way. If we remember from last week, he was the son of our respected mother Maryam AS. Allah SWT had big plans for Prophet Issa AS. Issa AS was sent to the tribe of Bani Israel, who had lost their way and stopped believing in Allah SWT.

Prophet Issa AS was given a special book called the Injil (Gospel). Issa AS message was the **same as all the prophets - the message of Tawheed; to worship Allah SWT alone!** Prophet Issa, (like all the prophets), was given the ability to perform many miracles. In the time of Issa AS medicine was a big thing and his miracles involved curing people from many terrible diseases, healing the blind, he could even bring dead people back to life again! Subhan'Allah, all Prophet Issa AS had to do was simply put his hand on diseases or any illness **by the permission of Allah SWT the person was fixed!** All of these miracles were to prove to people that the **true power of healing is from Allah SWT**, and nothing is impossible for Allah SWT.

There are many stories of Issa AS miracles, today we will talk about one of them...



#### The story of the three loaves of bread.

One time Issa AS was travelling with some companions/friends. They got hungry and Issa AS sent one of the companions to get some bread. The companion bought **3 loaves of bread** but ate one alone. When he got back, he gave Issa AS and the others **2 loaves of bread**. Issa AS looked at the man and asked "Who ate the 3<sup>rd</sup> loaf of bread?". The man was shocked, he thought no one had saw him... He knew Issa AS was a Prophet and Allah SWT gives them special insight but he replied with "there was only 2" and pretended he didn't know anything. Issa AS didn't say anything for now....

Later on, the companions were hunting, and they caught a deer. They enjoyed the meal of the deer, then when everyone finished Issa AS performed a miracle and brought the deer back to life. Issa AS, again hoping the man would fear Allah SWT, asked him again "Who ate the third loaf of bread?', the man again replied there was only 2 loaves of bread.



Then the group came across flooded riverbank. Issa AS told the companions to all hold hands with him while he performed another miracle and they all walked over the water and crossed the river safely. Issa AS then asked the man again hoping for the truth, 'By the one who allowed us to walk over the water and cross the river, who ate the third loaf of bread?' The man again replied that there were only two loaves.

Then they came to a desert, and Issa AS made three piles of dirt, and asked Allah SWT to turn them into gold. Issa AS knew the man's greed will make him tell the truth and said to the man, "one pile is for me, one pile is for you and the third pile is for the one who ate the third loaf of bread", (what do you think the man said?). The man finally admitted it was him. Issa AS then gave the man the three piles of gold and told him to leave the group because he was not honest. The man didn't care he was just interested in his new treasure, thinking about what he was going to buy.

After Issa AS left the man, **three thieves** had seen him with his three piles of gold, they decided to kill him and take the gold! The three thieves were also greedy, and they too fought over the gold, and in the end, no one got anything! Instead, all of them ended up dead next to piles of gold.

Shortly after Issa AS returned and saw the man who was with him, and the 3 thieves all dead surrounded the three piles of gold. He was saddened and told his companions; this is the life of this world and what it can do for you if you chase after it only - you will end up losing!



#### **LESSONS LEARNT**

- Tawheed: Issa's message was one of belief in only one God Allah SWT. Issa AS said "Indeed, Allah SWT is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path" (3:51). .Allah SWT is Ahad/One! Allah SWT does not need anyone's help and is the only one that can be the creator as He showed us with the special birth of Issa AS (the son of Maryam AS). The firm belief in Allah SWT alone will get us into Jannah. We should always remember that it is only Allah SWT who has control of the entire universe, and that we only pray to Allah SWT for help (just like all the prophets did).
- Be honest and fix your mistakes: Be honest when you make a mistake and fix it quickly by repenting. Allah SWT for forgiveness immediately! Try fixing mistakes as soon as you can, especially if you have hurt someone else! The longer you leave it the more problems and trouble you can create for yourself. Not being honest about mistakes will harm you and others in the end. We need to try our best to do better and learn from our mistakes so that we can avoid making the same mistakes again.



### **LESSON 8: Prophet Muhammad SAW**

• Students learn more details about Muhammad SAW.

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- •Students are introduced to the last and final Prophet, Muhamad SAW.
- Yr 1-2 Students learn some lessons from the life of Prophet Muhamad SAW
- Yr 3-4
- Yr 5-6
- Students can relate lessons learnt to their everyday lives.

\*\*\*TEACHERS: Please encourage students to say SallAllahu alayhi Wassalam (May Allah SWT's peace and blessings be on the Prophet) after the Prophet Muhammad's name as a mark of respect.

• Students can discuss lessons learnt from the life of Prophet Muhamad SAW story for their everyday lives..

#### **EARLY STAGE 1 - STAGE 1**

#### KINDY – YEAR 2

Prophet Muhammad SAW was the last and final messenger of all the Prophets! Muhammad SAW, like the other Prophets called people to believe in one God and to do good. Prophet Muhammad SAW has a special place with Allah SWT. He was the last Prophet ever sent and finished the mission started by all the other Prophets (peace be on them all). Prophet Muhammad SAW was extremely handsome. He had dark wavy hair, and a thick beard. He had dark eyes, long eyelashes, rosy cheeks and an amazing smile.



Prophet Muhammad SAW was born in the same land that Prophets Ibrahim AS and Ismail had built the Kaabah. But now, many, many years later, people had forgotten the message about One God. So, Allah SWT sent Prophet Muhammad SAW, to teach them what Ibrahim AS had taught earlier: There is only one God, Allah SWT!

To help explain this message, Allah SWT gave Prophet Muhammad SAW, and all of us, the Quran! The Quran is a special book and miracle that we still have today alhamdulillah! It explains about Allah SWT, what He wants and how we should live. Everything Allah SWT tells us to do in the Quran is good for us - since Allah SWT made us, He knows what is best for His creation. The Prophet SAW showed us the way to live according to the instructions given in the Quran. And because Islam is the best way to live, the Prophet SAW was the best man and role model there ever was! Allah SWT says: "... in the Messenger of Allah, you have an excellent example..." (33:21) and "We have sent you (O Muhammad) as a mercy for all the worlds" (21:107). The Prophet SAW always showed goodness, mercy and kindness to all. Even before he become a Prophet, they used to call Muhammad SAW, "The Truthful, The Trustworthy!" (Bukhari) and would go to him for help. Muhammad SAW cared for everyone, young and old and was even kind to the plants and animals and told us there is reward for kindness to every living thing! (Muslim). The Prophet SAW had the best behaviour so we could learn how to have good behaviour too. Some of his good behaviour included being kind, easy-going, friendly, forgiving, gentle, generous, patient, and truthful. "The Prophet SAW did not swear at anyone, nor was He rude" (Bukhari) and "Whoever came to know him would love him." (At-Tirmidhi).

#### Some examples of the kindness of the Prophet SAW:

Once the Prophet SAW was on a journey and travelling with some companions. Some of the travellers saw a bird with her two young ones and they captured her young ones. The bird came and began to squawk and spread its wings in distress. The Prophet SAW heard the poor mother birds' distress and



came over and said, "Who has upset this bird by taking its young ones? Return its young ones to it!" (Abu Dawud). The Prophet showed we needed to be kind and not even upset bird!

The Prophet SAW was also very kind to children. Anas ibn Malik RA was a young man who assisted the Prophet for 10 years in his youth. He said, "I never knew anyone who was more kind to young children than the Messenger" (Muslim). In all of Anas ibn Malik's time with the Prophet, the Prophet SAW had never, ever said a mean word to him. The Prophet SAW would also lovingly carry his grandchildren around, even while he was praying or giving the Khutbah, in front of everyone. He would shorten his prayer if he heard a baby cry because he didn't want the child's mother to worry.

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#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

- Always be kind and gentle in all actions: That's what Allah SWT loves! The Prophet SAW said: "Allah is kind, and He loves kindness in all matters." (Al Bukhari) and "You must be gentle (or kind). Verily, gentleness is not in anything except that it beautifies it..." So, we need to stop and try to think about what we say and do to others. Is what you're doing in the playground kind? Is what you are saying to your classmates nasty or rude? Try to always stop and think about your choices is it a good, kind choice? If not, try to think of what else you could try. Remember we need to be kind to ourselves too! That means looking after our minds and our bodies and saying and doing nice things for ourselves too!
- The Quran and Prophet bring us closer to Allah SWT: We need to learn as much as we can about the Prophet SAW and Quran so we can keep our connection to Allah SWT strong.

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#### <u>STAGE 2 − 3</u>

#### <u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

Prophet Muhammad SAW was the last and final messenger of all the Prophets! Muhammad SAW, like the other Prophets called people to believe in one God and to do good. Prophet Muhammad SAW has a special place with Allah SWT. He was the last Prophet ever sent and finished the mission started by all the other Prophets (peace be on them all).

Prophet Muhammad SAW was extremely handsome. He had dark wavy hair, and a thick beard. He had dark eyes, long eyelashes, rosy cheeks and an amazing smile. Prophet Muhammad SAW resembled Prophet Ibrahim AS in his manners. Prophet Muhammad SAW was born in the same land that Prophets Ibrahim AS and Ismail had built the Kaabah. But now, thousands of years later, people had forgotten the message about One God and had put hundreds of idols in and around the Kaabah. So, Allah SWT sent Prophet Muhammad SAW, to teach them what Ibrahim AS had taught earlier: **There is only one God, Allah SWT**!

To help explain this message, Allah SWT gave Prophet Muhammad SAW, and all of us, the Quran! The Quran is a special book and miracle that we still have today alhamdulillah! It explains about Allah SWT, what He wants and how we should live. Everything Allah SWT tells us to do in the Quran is good for us — since Allah SWT made us, He knows what is best for His creation. The Prophet SAW showed us the way to live according to the instruction given in the Quran. "...the Prophets' behaviour was the Quran in practice." (Muslim). And because Islam is the best way to live, the Prophet SAW had to be the best man and role model there ever was. Allah SWT says: "... in the Messenger of Allah, you have an excellent example..." (Quran 33:21). Even before he become a Prophet, they used to call Muhammad



SAW, "The Truthful, The Trustworthy!" (Bukhari) and would go to him for help. Muhammad SAW was unique from other Prophets in that he was sent for all of us, and he cared for us even though he never met us. "We have sent you (O Muhammad) as a mercy for all the worlds" (21:107) and "Indeed there has come to you a Messenger... who is sad if you are hurt, who is full of concern for you, who is kind and full of compassion to the believers... (9:128). Muhammad SAW cared for everyone, young and old and was even kind to the plants and animals. The Prophet SAW always showed goodness, mercy and kindness to all and was easy-going, friendly, kind and forgiving, even to those who had hurt him much.

#### **Examples of the forgiveness and kindness of the Prophet SAW:**



There were people in Makkah, who, even though they knew all about how honest, kind and good Muhammad SAW was, still did not want to believe in One God. They didn't want to stop praying to their statues or didn't want to change the way they had been living, especially those who had been rich and thought they might lose their power. They decided to treat Muhammad SAW and the Muslims very badly to try to stop Islam. Life became very difficult for the Muslims. No matter how bad things got though, Muhammad SAW always chose to respond with kindness and forgiveness. Once, the Muslims, upset about the horrible treatment they had received said: "O Prophet of Allah, pray that Allah curses the idol worshipers!" He replied: "I have not been sent to curse people; I have been sent as a mercy to all humankind" (Muslim and Al-Bukhari). When the Prophet SAW tried to get help from the people of Taif, they rejected him and mocked him and chased him out of the city. Muhammad SAW still chose to forgive them and even made Dua for them. The harshness towards Muslims in Makkah eventually got so bad that all Muslims had to leave.

Alhamdulillah the Muslims were welcomed in Al-Madinah, or "The City" and the Prophet SAW soon became the most powerful leader around. More and more of his former enemies – people who hurt the Prophet, his family and the early Muslims; people who had spread rumours and said horrible things about him; people who had plotted and planned against Islam and had even killed Muslims and tried to kill the Prophet SAW – all these people started coming, time after time, wanting to become Muslims and to ask for forgiveness. And Muhammad SAW forgave them and warmly welcomed them into the new Muslim family in Madinah. He taught the Muslims how to be a united, caring, loving community and taught them about their rights and how to look after each other; to be respectful to elders, to be loving to our young, to care for our neighbours and needy, to respect the dignity of all Allah SWT's creation. He said "The believers in their shared kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs aches (or suffers), the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever." (Al Bukhari). One day, the Muslims were able to return to Makkah for Hajj, and were now many thousands of people strong. The Prophet SAW was now a hugely powerful leader and could have taken revenge on the people in Makkah that had taken their homes and driven the Muslims away. But Muhammad SAW still chose kindness! He said, "O people of Quraish! What do you think I will do to you?" The people knew that, even though they had been very harsh enemies to the Prophet SAW, he was always good. They replied, "You will do good. You are a noble brother, son of a noble brother." The Prophet SAW replied, "Then I say to you what Yusuf said to his brothers: 'No blame is on you today, you may all go free." (Ibn Hisham). The Prophet SAW followed Allah's advice: "Keep to forgiveness, and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant." (7:199) and showed us the way Allah SWT wants a Muslim to respond to bad behaviour: "Good and evil are not alike. Repel evil with what is better.



Then between whom and you there was hatred, will become as though he was a close friend." (41:34) – and this is how the Prophet's goodness turned enemies into friends!

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#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

- Islam teaches the best way to live: The Quran and the Prophet SAW teach us how to treat others and even how to respond to bad behaviour. Muslims don't just do kind and forgiving actions to those who are nice and kind to us we are kind and gentle whenever possible because that is what Allah SWT loves! The Prophet SAW said: "Allah is kind, and He loves kindness in all matters." (Al Bukhari) and "You must be gentle (or kind). Verily, gentleness is not in anything except that it beautifies it, and it is not removed from anything except that it makes it defective" and "...He who is deprived of kindness is deprived of goodness." (Muslim). Being kind doesn't mean we let people oppress us or others we stand up for ourselves and others but in kind, thoughtful and helpful ways. So, think about what you say and do. Is what you're doing in the playground kind? Is what you are saying online to others nasty or rude? Are you choosing kindness in all matters?
- **Kindness to ourselves:** Remember, kindness in all matters means we need to be kind to ourselves too! That means looking after our minds and bodies by doing things like sleeping well, eating healthy, forgiving ourselves when we make mistakes and saying nice things to ourselves!
- **Keep yourself safe:** Some people we just need to keep far away from just like when the Muslims left Makkah to stay safe. If you're getting bullied or hurt, try to move away, find others you feel safe to be with, tell them about your problem, just like the Prophet SAW also reached out for help. Insha'Allah, Allah SWT will give you the power to overcome your problems and those who hurt you, just like He helped the Prophet SAW. Make Dua for yourself and if you can, even for those who might have hurt you to be guided by Allah, just like the Prophet SAW did for those who hurt him.
- The Quran and Prophet SAW get us closer to Allah SWT: We need to learn as much as we can about the Prophet SAW and Quran so we can keep our connection to Allah SWT strong. When we understand and read the Quran, it will be our best friend helping us through this life and in the next. If we don't know and love the Prophet more than anyone else, how can we follow him or be counted as one of his community/Ummah on the Day of Judgement? We are raised that Day with who we follow... So who do know, love and copy: the Prophet SAW? Or some YouTube celebrity?



### LESSON 9: The First 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah

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- •Students learn about the Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah and that Hajj and Eid al- Adha occur during this month.
- •Students learn that the first 10 days of this month are the best days of the year to do good deeds.

Yr 1 - 2

- Students develop understanding about the importance of good deeds during the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah.
- •Students are introduced to the importance of Haji, the Day of Arafah and Eid al-Adha which all occur in Dhul Hijjah.

- •Students explore good deeds to practice this during these 10 days, including fasting, making Dua and seeking forgiveness on the Day of Arafah.
- Yr 3 4
- •Students develop their understanding about Hajj.
- •Students learn ways to prepare for Eid al-Adha.
  - •Students extend understanding of the importance of good deeds during this time, including fasting, making Dua and seeking forgiveness on the Day of Arafah.

Yr 5 - 6

- Students extend understanding of Hajj.
- •Students learn ways to prepare for and actions on the day of Eid al-Adha, and the days after.

#### **EARLY STAGE 1 – STAGE 1**

#### KINDY - YEAR 2

Do you know what time of the Islamic year it is? It's around Dhul Hijjah, the last month of the Islamic calendar. Allah SWT gives us special times throughout the year which help encourage us to get closer to Him and gain extra rewards. The first 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah are definitely one of those times! Here are some super awesome things about Dhul Hijjah:

#### The Best 10 Days of the Year for Good Deeds:



The first 10 days of Dhul Hujjah are extremely special because: "There are no days greater and more beloved to Allah than these (first) ten days of Dhul Hijjah" (Ahmad). So, these are Allah SWT's favourite days, and the best days to do good!

What are some good things <u>you</u> can do on these days?

- Be good to others: Be kind to a friend, help a parent or sibling, listen respectfully to your teacher.
- Remember Allah SWT a lot! Say Laa ilaaha ill-Allah, Allahu Akbar, Alhamdulillah!
- Extra worship: learn to pray/ praying all your Salah, make Dua, recite Quran, give charity, fasting.

The Day of Arafah (9th day of Dhul Hijjah): The best of the best days = the best day of the whole year!

The Day of Arafah is the most important day of Hajj but also, the most important day of the whole year! It is the best of the best days! On this day, Allah SWT comes down close to our Heaven to listen to people making Dua and proudly tells the angels about these people! Subhan Allah, can you imagine Allah SWT boasting and talking about how proud He is of you to the angels?!

Allah SWT also forgives more people on this day than on any other day! So, we should spend the day doing good deeds like fasting and making Dua. This year, the Day of Arafah will be around the end of this term. What good deeds will you do on the day of Arafah?

The first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah are also special because it's when Eid al Adha is! (the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dhul Hijjah). Eid al Adha is the second Eid and happens the day after the Day of Arafah and it's coming up soon! This Eid al Adha is a special Eid where families, friends, and many poor and needy share a meatfood and is a reminder for us of how Prophet Ibrahim AS and his son Ismail AS were ready to give up



everything for Allah SWT. It is also a wonderful day for fun with our families and friends (\*\*\*We'll talk more about Eid next week inshaa'Allah!)

**Dhul Hijjah is for HAJJ!** - We learnt a bit about Hajj in Term 1 – it's **the 5**<sup>th</sup> **pillar of Islam.** It's a wonderful journey and visit to a special place. We visit the **KAABAH**, in Makkah (a city very far away from Australia!). The **Kaabah** was the first house made for people to gather and pray to Allah SWT. It was made by Prophet Ibrahim AS and his son Prophet Ismail AS. Allah SWT loved the work done by Ibrahim AS and Ismail AS so much that He told Muslims we should face the Kaabah when we pray. Before this, Muslims faced a special place in Palestine called, **Masjid Al Aqsa**. When we go to Hajj, we copy Ibrahim AS, his amazing wife Hajar and their brave son, Ismail AS.

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#### **OPTIONAL STORY:** How the Kaabah Was Made.

Ibrahim AS was an amazing Prophet. He was always turning to Allah SWT, generous and gentle with others, and patient through lots of tough times. Allah SWT loved Ibrahim AS so much that he called Ibrahim his friend! One day, Prophet Ibrahim AS told his son Ismail AS that Allah SWT has asked him to do an important job. Ismail AS said to his dad, "Do what Allah told you to do!" Ibrahim AS asked Ismail if he could help him. Ismail AS agreed and they worked together to build the Kaabah, a house for people to pray to Allah SWT. Ismail AS would find and bring over good stones for the walls and Ibrahim AS would put the stones on top of each other and make the walls strong. They made Dua as they worked: "Oh Allah, accept this from us! You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower!" (Quran: 2:127). When the walls got higher, Ismail AS got a large rock for his dad to stand on so Ibrahim could reach up higher and keep building. And that's how they built the Kaabah! Allah SWT loved what they had done so much that He told Muslims that they should go visit this house — perform HAJJ - at least once in their lives if they can!

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#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

- Allah SWT is so kind to us. Allah SWT gives us special days and times, like Dhul Hijjah and special
  places, like the Kaabah to help us learn about Him, what He loves, and encourage us practice the
  good things that Allah loves. Eid is another special time He gave us to be happy and grateful!
- Allah SWT rewards us when we turn to Him: Allah SWT accepted Ibrahim's Dua and all his efforts
  and asked all Muslims to go visit the Kaabah for Hajj and to also copy Ibrahim and Ismail AS on Eid!
  What amazing rewards!

#### <u>STAGES 2 – 3</u>

#### <u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

Do you know what time of the Islamic year it is? It's around the start of the Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah, the last month of the Islamic calendar. Allah SWT gives us special times throughout the year that encourage and motivate us to get closer to Him and to gain extra rewards and THE FIRST 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah are definitely one of those times! Here are some awesome things about Dhul Hijjah:

#### The Best 10 Days of the Year for Good Deeds!



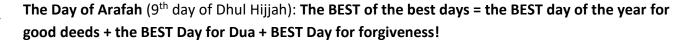
The first 10 days of Dhul Hujjah are the best days of the whole year!!! The Prophet SAW said: "There are no days greater and more beloved to Allah than these (first) ten days of Dhul Hijjah" (Ahmad)



and "there are no days on which good deeds are more loved by Allah than these ten days" (Bukhari). So, these 10 days are the time to try extra hard to do good and gain Allah's love!

What are some good things <u>you</u> can during the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah?

- ✓ **Be kind and good to others:** Be friendly, help a parent or sibling, listen respectfully to your teacher.
- ✓ **Do extra:** learn to pray/ praying all your Salah, recite Quran, give charity, make lots of Dua (especially on the Day of Arafah as Allah SWT accepts more Dua this day than any other!).
- ✓ Allah SWT tells us to mention His Name a lot on these special days (Qur'an 22:28). The Prophet SAW said: "... say a great deal of tahleel (Laa ilaaha ill-Allah), takbir (Allahu Akbar) and tahmeed (al-hamdu Lillah) during them (the 10 days)" (Ahmad). So, say as much Takbir as you can! Takbir starts from the first day of Dhul-Hijjah and until sunset on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah (after Eid).
- ✓ Fast: Especially on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Dhul Hijjah, the Day of Arafah! Fasting this day gets us a huge reward equal to wiping away the previous and next year of bad deeds! (Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1162).



This year, the Day of Arafah will most likely be around the end of term this year. Here are just some of the wonderful things about this day...

- ✓ The Day of Arafah is the most important day of Hajj "Hajj is Arafah" said the Prophet SAW (Hadith Nisai). It's when millions of people at Hajj go visit a special, small hilltop, called Mount Arafat. "Arafat" comes from the Arabic word "to know." When Angel Jibril AS taught Prophet Ibrahim AS how to do Hajj there on that hilltop, he would teach something to Ibrahim AS and then say "araft?" meaning "did you understand?" to which Ibrahim AS would reply "araft!" to say that he understood! Now, "Arafat" is a <u>special day and place</u> where Muslims get "to know or understand" more about and feel closer to Allah SWT.
- ✓ It was also on this day, during the Prophet's Hajj, that Allah SWT sent the verse, telling everyone He had completed His favour to us with Islam! "Today I have perfected for you your religion and completed upon you My blessing and I have chosen for you Islam as [your] religion" (5:3).
- ✓ The Day of Arafah is the best of the 10 Best Days of Dhul Hijjah so it is the best day of the year for good deeds. Also, "there is no day on which Allah frees/ forgives more of His servants.... than He does on the Day of 'Arafah. He draws close (to our Heaven) and then He boasts of them (the people making Dua) to the Angels and He says: 'What is it that they want?'" (Muslim, 1348)... "Bear witness, my Angels, that I have forgiven them!" (Saheeh Al-Albani). SubhanAllah, can you imagine Allah SWT boasting and talking about how proud He is of you to the angels?!
- The Prophet SAW said, "the BEST DUA is Du'a on the Day of Arafat..." (Tirmidhi-3585). So, this is the day we need to spend making heaps of Dua. The Prophet SAW said the best Dua on this day is:

  Laa ilaaha ill-allaahu, waḥdahu laa shareeka lah, lahul-mulku wa lahul-ḥamdu, wa huwa 'alaa kulli shay'in qadeer .... "None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, without partner. To Him belongs sovereignty and all praise and He is All-Powerful over all things." (Muwatta).



✓ We need to also make sure we don't see, hear or say anything bad on this day (or say!) because the Prophet SAW said: "He who protects his ears, eyes and tongue on this day (Day of 'Arafah) will be forgiven" (Ahmad). Look how Allah SWT keeps giving us chances to be forgiven and get closer to Him!

### Eid al Adha - the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah!

It is almost Eid al Adha! Eid al Adha (or the Eid of Sacrifice) is always after the Day of Arafah. Remember, Muslims have 2 Eids or holiday celebrations. Eid al Adha is where many families, friends, and the poor and needy share a meat-food and give thanks to Allah SWT for the many blessings He gave us. Eid al Adha is a reminder of how Prophet Ibrahim AS and his son Ismail AS were ready to give up everything for Allah SWT (\*\*\*More on this next week insha'Allah!).

**Dhul Hijjah is for HAJJ!** - That's why the month is called Dhul **Hijjah!** 

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Hajj can only be made during this special month. We learnt about Hajj in Term 1 – it is **the 5<sup>th</sup> Pillar of Islam** and a wonderful journey to a special place and building, called the KAABAH, in Makkah (a city very far away from Australia!). The **Kaabah** was the first house made for people to gather and pray to Allah SWT. It was made by Prophets Ibrahim AS and his son Ismail AS (some think it was first made by Adam AS). Allah SWT loved the work of Ibrahim and Ismail AS so much that He told Muslims we should face it (or in its direction) when we pray. Before this, Muslims used to face another special place called MASJID AL AQSA, in Palestine, which was also built by Ibrahim AS about 40 years after the Kaabah!

**Do you know, Islam banned racism 1400 years ago!** It was during the Prophet's Hajj on the Day of Arafah, over 1400 years ago, that the Prophet SAW gave his **Farewell Speech.** He told everyone that white people are not better than black people and black people are not better than white people, that we are all equal and the only thing that makes anyone better is how much they love and listen to Allah SWT!



OPTIONAL STORY: How Hajj Started... When Muslims go to Hajj, we copy Ibrahim AS, his amazing wife Hajar and their brave son Ismail AS. Prophet Ibrahim AS was one of the best Prophets of all and time. Allah SWT loved Ibrahim AS so much that he called Ibrahim his friend! Ibrahim was always turning to Allah SWT, he was generous and gentle with others, and patient through many challenges, even as a young boy. Ibrahim AS had been living in Ash-Sham (the lands of Palestine, Syria and Lebanon) but then one day, Allah SWT told him to travel with his wife Hajar and their baby Ismail AS to a far, far desert land and to just leave his wife Hajar and their baby there! It was very heartbreaking for Ibrahim AS but he trusted Allah SWT and did it... and made Dua that Allah SWT would help his family...

Hajar was afraid, but also very clever - she called out to Ibrahim AS as he walked away, "Did Allah SWT tell you to leave us like this all alone?" Ibrahim AS nodded and so Hajar said, 'if Allah SWT told you to leave us here, then Allah SWT will look after us!' She knew that, if they did what Allah SWT wanted, Allah would definitely help her. She waited for a bit and then ran 7 times between the nearby mounts Al Safa and Al Marwa, looking for help. An angel soon appeared and told her not to worry, she was at a special place where the House of Allah would be built by Ismail and his father, and that Allah would help her! (And Allah SWT then sent Hajar Zamzam water and people soon came to help her!).



And then, one day, many, many years later, Prophet Ibrahim AS returned. They were so happy to see each other! Prophet Ibrahim AS told his son that Allah SWT had given him another important job. Ismail AS said to his dad, "Do what Allah told you to do!" Ibrahim AS asked Ismail if he could help. Ismail AS happily agreed and they worked together to build the Kaabah, a house for people to come worship Allah SWT! Ismail AS would find and bring over good stones for the walls and Ibrahim AS would put the stones on top of each other and make the walls strong. They made Dua as they worked saying: "Oh Allah, accept this from us! You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower!" (Quran: 2:127). When the walls got higher, Ismail AS got a large rock for his dad to stand on so Ibrahim could reach up higher. And that's how they built the Kaabah! Allah SWT loved how Ibrahim AS and his family had done what He had commanded. He told all the Muslims that they should go to Hajj, following the footsteps of this amazing family, at least once in their lives if they can!

### (P) <u>LESSONS LEARNT:</u>

- Allah SWT is so Kind to us, He loves us and knows us well. Allah SWT gives us special days and times, like Dhul Hijjah/ the Day of Arafah and special places, like the Kaabah and Arafat as opportunities for us to get closer to Him, to help encourage us to practice good. Allah SWT gives us special chances during this time to gain His forgiveness. Dhul Hijjah, like Ramadan, is good training for us to practice good habits so that they become part of our everyday lives. These good habits are for our own good, they help us have better, healthier, safer and happier lives Allah SWT only ever wants good for us.
- We need to be brave, work hard and trust Allah SWT: Just like Hajar, Ibrahim and Ismail AS. We can't go through this life thinking that life is always going to be easy of fair or fun. This life is also about sacrifice, just like those we experience at Hajj. We are all going to be tested. Patience doesn't mean just sitting there doing nothing it means accepting Allah's decision like Hajjar did when Ibrahim left but continuing to strive as she did when running between Safa and Marwa. Patience is continuing to do what Allah SWT decided, like Ibrahim and Ismail AS did, even though it might be hard or heartbreaking.
- Hajj teaches us equality: including that in Allah's view, all people, whatever their colour, rich or poor, male and female, are all equal and that we should not ever be racist or judge others on where they are from, or the colour of their skin, if they are rich or poor, or on their gender. What we get judged on is our behaviour and how much we love Allah SWT.



### LESSON 10: Eid Al- Adha and Revision

- Students reflect on their Eid al-Adha experiences.
- KINDY •Students learn stories of sacrifice from Ibrahim AS & Ismael AS
  - Students learn the story of Ismael and Ibrahim AS and extend their understanding of Tawakal (trust in Allah SWT) and giving up something to get closer to Allah SWT.

Yr 1 - 2

- Students reflect on Eid al-Adha experiences and identify ways they prepared for, actions performed on the day of Eid al-Adha and the days after.
- Students reflect on their Eid al-Adha experiences.

Yr 3 - 4

- Students extend learning about Hajj. • Students reflect on giving something up to please Allah SWT.
- Students reflect on their Eid al-Adha experiences.

Yr 5 - 6

- Students understand some lessons from the stories of sacrifice from Ibrahim AS & Ismael AS
- Students reflect on lessons learnt throughout the term and strategies for implementing these lessons into their everyday lives.

\*\*\*TEACHERS: It is most likely Eid al Adha will be soon after the term finishes!

#### **EARLY STAGE 1 – STAGE 1** KINDY - YEAR 2

It's almost Eid al-Adha! Eid al Adha is always on the 10th day of the last Islamic month Dhul Hujjah (and after the Day of Arafah!).

Why celebrate? On Eid al Adha we remember the sacrifice of Prophets Ibrahim and Ismail AS.



Remember we learnt that a long time ago, Prophet Ibrahim AS and his wife had a beautiful baby boy named Ismail AS. Ibrahim loved Ismail so much. But, one day Prophet Ibrahim AS had a dream that he needed to give up his most special and dear son for Allah SWT. He tried ignoring the dream, but it came to him again and he realised it was a message from Allah SWT. Prophet Ibrahim AS went and told his son about the dream. Prophet Ismail AS was a brave boy and loved Allah SWT more than anything. He told his father, "Oh father, do what you were ordered to do! Inshaa'Allah, you will find me patient."

So, both father and son went to do as Allah SWT commanded them to do. Suddenly, Allah SWT replaced Ismail AS with a male sheep and Ibrahim AS sacrificed it instead! Ismail was safe and Allah SWT let Ibrahim AS know that he had passed the test, Alhumdulilah!

On Eid, Muslims all around the world remember this story about Prophet Ibrahim and his son's courage, their deep love for Allah SWT and how they passed the test of Allah SWT.

#### How can we get ready for Eid?

- ✓ Help clean, tidy and decorate your home! It's time to celebrate!
- ✓ Have a bath/shower before or on the morning of Eid smell nice and look good!
- ✓ Wear your nicest clothes on Eid. You need to wear you BEST clothes, not necessarily new clothes!
- ✓ Learn and repeat the Takbir. Continue to repeat the Takbir during the days of Eid,
- ✓ Go to Eid prayers at the park or Masjid.
- ✓ **Do the Eid prayer, listen to the Eid talk afterwards.** (Eat something after the Eid al Adha prayer).
- ✓ Warmly greet other Muslims you meet during (and after!) Eid.
- ✓ Make lots of **Dua** for yourself and others, especially those who are suffering or sick.
- ✓ If you receive Eid gifts, remember your manners and say "jazaakum Allahu khairan" or "thank you!" Maybe try to sacrifice like Ibrahim AS and Ismail AS and give some of your money to charity.



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Muslims don't forget Allah SWT or who they are when they are celebrating. We definitely should have fun and celebrate on the days of Eid, but we always remember Allah SWT while celebrating and only do things Allah SWT likes. When Muslims celebrate, we praise Allah SWT with Takbir. Remember to say it from the Day of Arafah, on Eid and the days after. There are different versions of the Eid al Adha Takbir, but it generally goes like this:

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar, Laa illaaha ill- Allah WaAllahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar Wa lillaahil Hamd Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, there is no god but Allah Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great and to Allah is all praise

(Some may say the first Takbirs as just 2 instead of 3 Al-Musannaf by Abu Shaybah, 2/165-168; Irwa' al-Ghaleel, 3/125) and there are other accepted variations).



#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

- Love Allah SWT more than yourself, anyone or anything else! Pleasing Allah SWT is our number one goal! Look at the way Prophet Ibrahim AS and Prophet Ismail AS listened to Allah SWT even though it was hard. Ibrahim AS loved his son so much, but he loved Allah SWT more. Ibrahim and Ismail AS put all their trust in Allah SWT. This is having Tawakkul (trust) in Allah SWT.
- Prophet Ibrahim AS and Prophet Ismail AS knew what sacrifice meant; giving up things which we love for something that is more important. What things are you willing to give up/let go of to show Allah SWT you obey Him, even though it may be hard? (Some examples could be giving up some Eid money, giving up on playing non beneficial games on devices, wasting time watching useless videos or listening to music, eating unhealthy foods, nasty talk about others...etc.).
- Allah SWT encourages us to celebrate good deeds and achievements with Eid. We should spend
  this time being happy and doing nice things with our families. but even while we're celebrating,
  Muslims should never, ever forget Allah SWT!

#### **STAGE 2 & 3**

#### <u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

Today we will be learning more about Eid Al Adha and the stories of Prophets Ibrahim and Ismail AS.



Alhumdulilah, Allah SWT gave us Eid al-Adha, a special time to be happy and celebrate! Eid al Adha is always on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dhul Hujjah, after the Day of Arafah! Eid Al-Adha is one of the greatest days of the year also. *Indeed, the greatest day in Allah's sight is the Day of Sacrifice (Nahr)* (Abu Dawud).

Why celebrate? On Eid al Adha we remember the sacrifice of Prophets Ibrahim and Ismail AS and give a sacrifice called 'Qurbani' or 'Adhiyah.' The word 'Qurban' which comes from the word 'Qurb' which means 'closeness'. The following story of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) shows his willingness to sacrifice what he loved most, his son Ismail AS, to get closer to Allah (SWT) by following Allah's command. Here's a bit more of their story...



Remember, we learnt that a long time ago, Prophet Ibrahim AS and his wife had a beautiful baby boy named Ismail AS... Ibrahim loved Ismail so much. He was his first and only child at the time... But then, one day, Prophet Ibrahim AS had a dream that he needed to give up his most special and dear son for Allah SWT. He tried ignoring the dream, but it came to him again and he realised it was a message from Allah SWT. Prophet Ibrahim AS went and told his son about the dream. Prophet Ismail AS was a brave



boy and loved Allah SWT more than his own life. He was ready to obey the command of Allah SWT and told his father, "Oh father, do what you were ordered to do. God willing, you will find me patient."

So, both father and son went to do as Allah SWT commanded them to do. Suddenly, Allah SWT replaced Ismail AS with a male sheep and Ibrahim AS sacrificed it instead! Ismail was safe and Allah SWT let Ibrahim AS know that he had passed the test, Alhumdulilah!

And now, on Eid al-Adha, Muslims all around the world remember Prophet Ibrahim and Ismail's courage, their deep love for Allah SWT and how they passed the test Allah SWT when we sacrifice too.

#### How can we get ready for Eid?

- ✓ Help clean, tidy and decorate your home! It's time to celebrate!
- ✓ Have a bath/shower before or on the morning of Eid smell nice and look good!
- ✓ Wear your nicest clothes for Eid. Remember, just wear you BEST clothes, not necessarily new clothes!
- ✓ Learn the Takbir. Repeat Takbir before and during the days of Eid, especially after your prayer.
- ✓ Go to Eid prayers at the park or Masjid.
- ✓ **Do the Eid prayer and listen to the Eid talk afterwards.** (Eat something after the Eid al Adha prayer).
- ✓ Remind someone in your family to pay for the Eid Adhyah or Qubani, (a special charity paid this Eid).
- ✓ Warmly congratulate and greet other Muslims you meet during (and after!) Eid e.g. say Eid Mubarak!
- ✓ Make lots of Dua for yourself and others, especially those who are oppressed, suffering or sick.
- ✓ If you receive Eid gifts, say "jazaakum Allahu khairan" or "thank you!" You may like to sacrifice like Ibrahim AS and Ismail AS and give some of the money you receive to charity.

Muslims don't forget Allah SWT or who they are when they are celebrating. We definitely should have fun and celebrate on these days of Eid, but always remember Allah SWT while you are celebrating and only do things He likes while celebrating. When Muslims celebrate, we remember and thank Allah SWT. The Prophet SAW said: "Do not fast on these days, for they are the days of eating, drinking and remembering Allah." (Ahmad, 10286). Remember to continue repeating the Takbir from the Day of Arafah and after every Fard prayer during Eid al-Adha and during the days after Eid Al Adha (The Days of Tashreeq, on 11th, 12th and 13th of Dhul-Hijjah). There are different versions of the Eid al Adha Takbir, but it generally goes like this:

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar, Laa illaaha ill- Allah waAllahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar Wa lillaahil Hamd Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, there is no god but Allah Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great and to Allah is all praise

(Some may say the first Takbirs as just 2 instead of 3 Al-Musannaf by Abu Shaybah, 2/165-168; Irwa' al-Ghaleel, 3/125) and there are other accepted variations).



#### **LESSONS LEARNT:**

Allah SWT encourages us to celebrate good deeds and achievements with Eid – We should spend
this time being happy and doing nice things with our families. It is a time we connect with our loved
ones and Muslim community (especially at the Eid prayer). Just remember, even while we're
celebrating, Muslims should never, ever forget Allah SWT!



- Love Allah SWT more than yourself, anyone or anything else! Pleasing Allah SWT is our priority: Look at the way Prophet Ibrahim AS and Prophet Ismail AS reacted and responded to Allah SWT's command. They did not reject or question Allah's order. How do we respond to Allah SWT's commands? Do we delay our prayers and put other things before Allah SWT? Do we rush to do a good deed? Do we live our lives always trying to please Allah SWT like Prophet Ibrahim AS and his family? Ibrahim AS loved his son so much, but he loved Allah SWT more. He put his complete trust in Allah SWT as did Ismail AS. This is having Tawakkul (trust) in Allah SWT. Allah SWT loves those that trust Him and gives them success.
- Prophet Ibrahim AS and Prophet Ismail AS knew what sacrifice meant; giving up things which we
  love for something that is more important. The ability to do this is an important skill Muslims need.
   What things are you willing to give up/let go of to show Allah SWT your willingness to obey Him
  even though it may be hard? (Some examples could be giving up some Eid money, giving up on
  playing non beneficial games on devices, wasting time watching useless videos or listening to music,
  eating unhealthy foods, nasty talk about others...etc.).

#### **REVISION / OPTIONAL EXTENSION:**

So, we have learnt about lots of Prophets and important people this term. *What are some common things about them?* All were dedicated to Allah SWT and believed God, Allah SWT is One.

Muslims believe in all the Messengers and Prophets, and we love them all (Quran 2:285). All the Messengers and Prophets were amazing human beings, who inspire us. We learn their stories so that we can use what they taught us in our lives and to helps us remember what our job or purpose is.

#### \*\*\*Teachers may select from the following Quiz Questions.

- What do you love about the Prophets?
- What is one thing a Prophet taught us that can help us live happier lives?
- What was something you learnt this term?
- What was the name of the cave Muhammad SAW and Abu Bakr RA hid in? Who was Muhammad SAW referring to as the third, with them in the Cave of Thawr?
- > Who was the first person to believe in Prophet Muhammad SWT and accept Islam?
- What can you tell me about Musa AS?
- Name one miracle Issa AS performed. Who was the mother of Issa AS?
- ➤ What did Adam AS say when he sneezed?
- What did Ibrahim AS and Ismail AS build?
- What happened to Prophet Saleh AS and the camel?
- ➤ What are our two Eids called?
- What special things happen in the month of Dhul Hijjah?
- What good deeds can you do for the first 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah?
- What can you tell us about Hajj?

\*\*\* Please remember to wish students a lovely and safe holiday break!

Jazakum Allahu Khayrun teachers for your dedication and hard work. May Allah SWT accept your deeds as a Sadaqah Jariyah and grant you endless rewards. Ameen.