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KINDY SYLLABUS

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LESSON 1: The Story of Adam, AS, the first Prophet and Man.

A long, long time ago Allah SWT created everything in the world and entire universe! Allah SWT created this beautiful Earth, the sky and all the different places. Allah SWT created all the beautiful plants and trees. He SWT created the sun, moon and stars. Allah SWT then created all the animals. Allah SWT is our Creator, our Maker and Owner of everything we see around us!

Allah SWT also made Angels that are special creations from light! Allah SWT then decided to make the first man! Do you know his name? It was ADAM (alayhi salam)! When Adam AS came to life- he sneezed and opened his eyes, the first word he said was Alhamdullilah! (Thanks and praise to Allah!)

All the angels were amazed by Adam AS. Allah SWT told the angels to bow down to Adam AS. But there was someone called Iblis (he was not an angel) and decided he would not bow or show respect like Allah SWT had asked everyone to do. Instead, Iblis looked at Adam AS with a jealousy and argued, "I am better than him!" said Iblis, so proud and arrogant. Allah SWT does not like rudeness and disobedience and so He sent Iblis out of His heaven/Jannah. Allah SWT warned Adam AS to keep away from Iblis as he was full of tricks and danger!

Jannah is a gigantic, beautiful paradise with gardens with rivers and so much more. It has countless beautiful trees, and there was just ONE tree which Allah SWT warned Adam AS (and his wife Hawa) to NOT to go NEAR! But remember Iblis is tricky and sneaky - he waited for Adam to forget! He whispered and tricked him (and Hawa) to go near that tree and eat from it! And as soon as they did- they both felt sad, because they realised they had not followed what Allah SWT had told them to do.

Adam and Hawa began to ask Allah SWT to forgive them for their mistake. Allah SWT is the Most Kind, and He loves to forgive and so He forgave them but told them they must now go down and live on Earth and be His representatives there and pass this test and then they can come back to Jannah forever. Allah SWT warned them that Iblis will continue to try to trick them, but that if they continue to remember Allah SWT, they will never be sad!

The story of Prophet Adam teaches us about the importance of obeying Allah SWT rules and seeking forgiveness when we make mistakes. It reminds us that we all have a job to do in this world and a test to pass, like Adam and Hawa – **The test is to see who will listen to Allah SWT the best!** We need to be good representatives of Allah SWT and not think we are better than others like Iblis did.

LESSON 2: The Story of Prophet Nuh AS (Noah)

Once upon a time, there was a wise and kind man named Prophet Nuh. Nuh AS, or Noah in English. Nuh AS was a Prophet of Allah SWT who lived for over 1,100 years! He lived in a time when people had forgotten about Allah SWT and started doing bad things. But Prophet Nuh AS loved Allah SWT with all his heart and wanted to help everyone believe in Allah SWT.

Day and night, Prophet Nuh AS tried to teach the people, but they did not listen. They made fun of him and ignored him, but Prophet Nuh AS never gave up. In fact, he tried to teach them for 950 years!!!

One day, Allah SWT instructed Nuh AS to build a special big Ark/like a gigantic ship! Allah SWT warned Prophet Nuh that a big flood of water was coming!!! Prophet Nuh AS listened to Allah SWT and did



exactly as told. He worked hard, cutting wood and building the ark. The people laughed at him and called him crazy, but Prophet Nuh AS **kept going, following Allah SWT instructions.**

When the ark was ready, Prophet Nuh AS gathered his family and pairs of animals, big and small. They all went inside the ark, and then it started to rain. The rain fell and fell, and the water covered and flooded the whole entire world!! But inside the ark, Prophet Nuh AS and the believers were **safe and protected**. They took care of the animals and **trusted in Allah SWT's plan**.

They floated on the water for many days. Then finally the ark rested on a mountain, and Prophet Nuh came out of the ark and thanked Allah SWT for His mercy and protection!

And that is the story of Prophet Nuh AS. It teaches us the importance of **always trusting and listening to Allah SWT even when others might make fun of you or think you are strange**.

LESSON 3: The Story of Prophet Ibrahim AS (Abraham) PART 1

Ibrahim AS was one of the greatest men and Prophets of all time. Today we will learn a bit about his early life, when Ibrahim AS was just young (just a bit older than you!).

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a smart, young boy named Ibrahim. He lived with his father in a town where many people worshipped idols/statues made of wood and stone. However, Ibrahim's heart was filled with love for the One True God - Allah SWT, and he tried to talk to his father and people around him about Allah SWT, but they refused to listen.

One day, Ibrahim AS decided to take action and show everyone the truth. Ibrahim AS secretly went to where all the idols were kept. He looked around and saw that there were idols of different shapes and sizes, some big and some small, but all lifeless with no power. With a heart full of courage, Ibrahim AS picked up an axe and started to smash the idols, one by one but left the biggest one.

When the people of the town noticed their smashed idols, they came and questioned Ibrahim AS. He told them perhaps they should ask the biggest one what had happened! The people become angry, knowing the idols couldn't talk and still refused to admit their idols had no power. Ibrahim AS kept trying to explain, telling them and his father that the idols cannot hear you or help you, they are only pieces of wood and stone and there is only one true God, who is the Creator of everything and that we all should only worship Him alone. But the people became even angrier with Ibrahim AS and decided to throw him into a huge fire to teach him a lesson.

As Ibrahim AS was thrown into the fire something amazing happened! Allah SWT commanded the fire to be cool and safe for Ibrahim AS. Because Allah SWT is the Creator of the fire and He can control it, the fire became a garden of beautiful flowers and gentle breezes for Ibrahim! The people were amazed to see this miracle and Ibrahim walk out safe and sound! The people let Ibrahim AS go but they still choose to disbelieve Allah SWT!

From that day on Allah SWT made Ibrahim AS a Prophet and his story spread far and wide. People learned about his bravery and his belief in Allah SWT! Next week we will learn more about this great Prophet!! Ibrahim AS taught us that we **should always be brave and follow the truth and have faith in the One True God, no matter what others believe.**

LESSON 4: The Story of Prophet Ibrahim AS (Abraham) PART 2.

Let's continue learning about Ibrahim AS. Did you know that Ibrahim AS loved and listened to Allah SWT so much that he **became the friend of Allah SWT**?! Let's learn a bit more of how he loved Allah SWT more than anything and anyone else.



When Ibrahim AS was much, much older, he had a son called Ismail AS. Ismail AS was brave like his
 mother Hajar and his father Ibrahim AS. They were a family who had strong belief in Allah SWT.

Allah SWT loved Prophet Ibrahim AS and his family so much because they always choose to do what Allah SWT asked. They always put Allah SWT first. So, Allah SWT gave Prophet Ibrahim AS and Ismail AS an important job – to build the Kaabah in Makkah! Ibrahim AS he asked his son Ismail AS for help and Ismail AS happily agreed. They worked very hard together to build the Kaabah - Ismail AS would find and bring over big stones for the walls and Ibrahim AS would put the stones on top of each other and make the walls strong. When the walls got higher, Ismail AS got a large rock for his dad to stand on so Ibrahim AS could reach up higher. They made lots of Dua as they worked. And when they finished the Kaabah, Ibrahim AS called out, *"O people, Your Lord has made a House here so come visit it!"* Ibrahim AS also asked Allah SWT to send from his family a messenger who would teach people about Allah SWT and about wisdom and how to be good.

Allah SWT loved how Ibrahim AS and Ismail AS had built the Kaabah and that Ibrahim AS and his family always chose to do whatever Allah SWT asked of them. Allah SWT accepted Ibrahim's Dua by sending Prophet Muhamad SAW to teach us! And now, in every prayer, we remember Ibrahim AS and his family, we follow Ibrahim and his family at Hajj and on Eid al Adha. Subhan Allah, how beautifully Allah SWT answered the Dua of Ibrahim AS – in more ways than Ibrahim could ever have imagined. Ibrahim AS teaches us we **need to always listen to Allah SWT**, even though the tests might be tough, and that **Allah SWT will reward us in ways then what we can ever think of**!

LESSON 5: The Story of Prophet Yunus AS (Jonah)

Salam alaikum boys and girls. Today, we will be learning about Yunus AS, who was another Prophet sent by Allah SWT, a very long time ago. Yunus AS has an amazing story. Let me tell you about him...

There used to be a place called **Nineveh** where people forgot about Allah SWT. So, Allah SWT sent a Messenger called **Yunus** AS. Yunus AS tried year after year to get people to believe in Allah SWT, but they did not listen to him. The people there were very rude and mean towards Yunus AS. So, Yunus AS **left** them and went on a ship. While he was on the ship, there was a storm and Yunus AS had to jump off the ship so it would not sink.

When he jumped, a gigantic **whale** swallowed him! Yunus AS understood that Allah SWT was not happy with him- for giving up on his people and asked Allah SWT to **forgive** him. The whale returned him to land, and he went back to his people only to find that they had all became Muslim!

What we learn from this is that it is **okay to become sad** by things. We just need to remember to **ask Allah SWT for help** and not give up. It is also **okay to make mistakes**. After we make a mistake, we need to **ask Allah SWT to forgive us** and try to become better like Yunus AS. **Yunus' story tells us we should be patient, control our anger and never give up! We should always do what Allah SWT tells us to do!**

LESSON 6: The Story of Prophet Musa AS (Moses)

Once upon a time, in a land called Egypt, there lived a powerful and kind-hearted Prophet named Musa AS. He loved Allah SWT deeply and tried to guide the people to the right path.

In Egypt, there was a Pharaoh/ a mean leader who was very cruel. He treated Prophet Musa's people very badly. Allah SWT chose Prophet Musa AS to free the people from the mean Pharaoh. Allah SWT gave Musa AS special powers and miracles to prove the power of Allah SWT and help save the people. Prophet Musa AS performed miracles in front of the Pharaoh and his people. Musa AS turned his





staff/stick into a snake and made his hand shine with a bright light. But Pharaoh's also had magicians, who were skilled in magic, and they tried to show similar powers.

A big competition was held between Prophet Musa AS and the magicians. Thousands of people came to watch. Pharaoh and his magicians were confident that they could defeat Prophet Musa and prove him wrong. When the contest began, the magicians did their tricks. They made their sticks and ropes appear like snakes. The people were amazed and thought the magicians were very powerful.

Then, it was Prophet Musa's turn. He raised his staff high, and with the power of Allah SWT, his staff turned into a massive serpent/snake, swallowing all the snakes created by the magicians!!! The people were in amazed of this incredible sight. And seeing the true power of Allah SWT, the magicians realised that Prophet Musa AS was not an ordinary man. They fell in prostration/ pray and said they believe in Allah SWT! They knew that Allah SWT power was greater than any magic they possessed.

Pharaoh was furious!!!! He became even more cruel to Musa AS people. But Prophet Musa AS remained patient, knowing that Allah SWT was with him. Allah SWT helped Prophet Musa and his people escape from the mean Pharaoh. They crossed the Red Sea miraculously, and Pharaoh and his army was destroyed!

The story of Prophet Musa AS and the magicians teaches us **the importance of belief and trust in Allah SWT power. It shows us that true strength, power comes from Allah SWT.**

LESSON 7: The Story of Prophet Issa AS (Jesus)

A long time ago, in a small town there lived a kind and honest woman named Maryam. She loved and worshipped Allah SWT with all her heart. One day, something very special happened to Maryam.

As Maryam was praying in her room, an angel named Jibril AS (Gabriel) appeared before her. The Angel told Maryam that Allah SWT has chosen her for something incredible. She will have a baby boy, and he will be a great Prophet named Issa AS.

As Issa AS grew up, he showed great understanding and kindness. He taught people about Allah SWT love, kindness, and forgiveness. He performed many miracles, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, and even bringing the dead back to life! - with Allah SWT help. He taught people that Allah SWT is the one true god (that created him) and to **worship Allah SWT alone**.

The story of Maryam and the miracle birth of Prophet Issa AS teaches us that Allah SWT can bring about **extraordinary things**! even in the most unexpected ways. **Nothing is impossible for Allah SWT**.

LESSON 8: The Story of Muhammad SAW! PART 1

Prophet Muhammad SAW is the final messenger. Allah SWT saved the best for last!

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So, lets travel back in time to the dessert in Makkah and learn about Muhammad SAW. His father's name was Abdullah, his mother's name was Aaminah. Abdullah died before the Prophet SAW was even born (so he was **an orphan**). Muhammad SAW was raised by his **foster mother** Halimah. When Muhammad SAW stayed with Halimah everything became blessed and better. She knew Muhammad SAW was very special! Unfortunately, his mother Aaminah also died when Muhammed SAW was just 6 years old. Muhammad SAW then lived with his grandfather, and then by his uncle, both loved and protected him.

At that time in Makkah, most of the people were worshipping idols/ statues/ fake gods. They were rude, lied, cheated, hurt, and harmed the poor. Women were not respected, slaves were treated



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unfairly, and even animals were suffering from their cruelty. Muhammad SAW, saw all of this and it made him very upset because Muhammad SAW was different. He SAW was kind, caring, patient, trustworthy and honest. He did not hang around with bad people or follow their bad actions practices. He chose to be different and was instead the **only one in the whole of Makkah** that people could trust and believe. All the people called him **Al-Ameen (the trustworthy) and Al-Saddiq (the truthful)** and would give him their valuables to look after them!

From this part of Muhammad SAW's story, we can learn that **Prophets are honest, trustworthy, and reliable people and we should be too!** Next week we will find out how Allah SWT told Muhammad SAW that he would be a special messenger!

LESSON 9: The Story of Muhammad SAW! PART 2.

Muhammed SAW grew up into a handsome young man and then worked for a woman called Khadijah RA. Khadijah RA was **super impressed** by his manners, hard work and honesty. Khadijah RA and the Prophet Muhammad SAW got married and they had 4 daughters and 2 boys.

It was when he was 40 years old that Allah SWT sent Angel Jibril AS to tell him - he was chosen to be a Prophet! The moment that Muhammed SAW first saw Jibril AS he was very frightened. Muhammad SAW ran trembling with fear and confused. "Cover me, cover me...Zammilooni, zammilooni..." he told Khadijah RA and was worried about what he had seen. Khadijah RA comforted Muhammed SAW and calmed him down. She told him, "Allah SWT would never shame or humiliate you. You unite people and keep good relations with all your relatives, you help the weak, poor and needy, you are kind and generous to your guests, you assist the poor and needy and are truthful."

Khadijah RA had a very old, wise cousin and she went to him for advice. Her cousin told them that Jibril AS was the same angel sent to Musa (Mariam story also) and that Muhammad SAW was heading for great things! Muhammad SAW was honoured with being a Prophet! Angel Jibril AS kept coming to Prophet Muhammad SAW with the words of the Qur'an for 23 years. Muhammed SAW had to go through a lot of hard work to deliver the message of Allah SWT (La illaha illa Lah), but he always did so with the best of manners. Allah SWT says in the Qur'an that.... "Indeed you (O Muhammad SAW) are of outstanding character" (68:4)

We learn from this story that **Muhammad SAW is the best example for us to follow and when we** follow and copy his beautiful actions, Allah SWT will love us also!

LESSON 10: Revision

- Quiz Kindergarten understanding of each Prophet story (e.g., What Prophets did we learn about this term? What is one thing you remember about Prophet Muhammad? What was your favourite Prophet story? Why?)
- Ask about some lessons learnt (e.g., what did was something you learnt from the story that is important for us to know or do?).
- Replay fun video links from ISRE website (e.g. the 25 names of the Prophets in Quran Nasheed).

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YEARS 1 - 6 SYLLABUS

LESSON 1: Prophet Adam AS

	 Students understand the role and characteristics of Prophets and Messengers. Students learn some details about the Prophet Adam AS.
Yr 3 & 4	 Students understand Allah SWT wants the best for people and so sends Prophets as guides for us. Students understand some lessons from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.
	 Students reflect on characteristics of Prophets Students explore ways they can implement lessons learnt into their everyday lives.

STAGE 1

<u>YEARS 1 - 2</u>

Introduction to Prophet Stories:

Allah SWT sent Messengers and Prophets to teach and guide people about Him. All prophets were brave, honest and kind. They all taught us **Tawheed**, this is the understanding that **Allah SWT is One, and we should worship Him Alone** and do the good things that Allah SWT asked us to do.

When we hear a Prophet's name, we say **alaihi- salam**, which means **'peace be on him'** to show our respect and our love for them.

Today, we will learn about the first Prophet, Adam AS!

The Story of ADAM AS – the first man and first Prophet.

Allah SWT created everything in the universe, for example, the sky, moon, stars, and the Earth! One day, Allah SWT decided to create the first human being just like you and me! He ordered His Angels to collect soil from all different parts of the Earth. Have you noticed that soil from different places has different colours? For example, beach soil is often light yellow, while garden soil can have different shades of brown. Allah SWT mixed soil of different colours with water to form clay. He moulded the clay into a human, breathed into it, and the human came to life. Do you know the name of this first human being? Yes, he was Adam AS. On coming to life, Adam AS sneezed (A.A..CHOOO) and said his first words **Alhamdulilah** ("All praise is for Allah"). When we sneeze, we should also say **Alhamdulillah**!

Allah SWT taught Adam AS names of all the things and asked him to tell angels of these names. Allah SWT asked Angels to bow to Adam AS to show respect to him. All the Angels bowed down except Iblis. He was arrogant (proud) and jealous of Adam AS. He refused to obey Allah SWT because he thought he was better than Adam AS. Allah SWT ordered him to leave Heaven/Jannah forever. Instead of saying sorry to Allah SWT, Iblis swore to misguide people.

Next, Adam AS greeted angels by saying, 'As-Salamu Alaikum (Peace be upon you).' So, we should also greet each other by saying, 'As-Salamu Alaikum'. Later, Allah SWT created Hawa, the wife of Adam AS. Allah SWT told Adam AS and Hawa that they both could do whatever they wanted in Jannah but don't eat the fruits from a specific tree. They lived happily in Jannah, but Iblis tricked them with lies, and they ate from the forbidden tree. Soon, Adam AS and Hawa felt sorry for their **mistake** and asked Allah SWT for forgiveness. Allah SWT forgave them, but they had to leave Jannah and live on Earth as a test (not a punishment!). The test is to make good choices and obey Allah SWT.



EESSONS LEARNT:

- ✓ We all should try to be good, but sometimes we will make mistakes. Remember that Allah SWT is the Most Kind and Most Forgiving. Ask Allah SWT to forgive you when you make a mistake and try your best to learn from it and not repeat the same mistake.
- ✓ If you are good at sports, arts, or your studies, be thankful to Allah SWT and not be arrogant about them. Remember that Allah SWT doesn't like arrogant people.
- ✓ Allah SWT **doesn't like people who are jealous of others**. When we feel jealous, we should think of our blessings, like family, friends, and food, and be thankful for them.
- ✓ We are all children of Adam AS and Hawa. When you look at someone with a different skin colour than yours, remember we all are the same in the eyes of Allah SWT.
- ✓ Allah SWT taught Adam AS names of everything, which shows learning is very important. We should also learn the Quran and the things that are taught in school. It is also very important to be respectful and thankful to our teachers, who teach and help us in school.

<u>STAGE 2 & 3</u>

<u>YEARS 3-6</u>

Introduction to Prophet Stories:

Allah SWT has always sent Messengers and Prophets to teach and guide people about Him. Prophets were **special people** chosen by Allah SWT, and they all had good characteristics such as honesty, courage, leadership, patience, and wisdom. They all taught the message of **Tawheed– Allah SWT is One with no partners, and the purpose of life is to worship Him and do good.** Whenever we hear a Prophet's name, we say *alaihi- salam*, which means '*peace be on him*' to show our respect and our love for them.

There are two types of Prophets:

- Nabi (Prophet): A Nabi followed and taught the rules of the Prophets before them.
- Rasool (Messenger): A Rasool was given new rules or Books from Allah SWT.

For example, Prophet Musa AS was both a Nabi and a Rasool because Allah SWT gave him a special book, the Torah. Prophet Muhammad SAW was also a Rasool, as Allah SWT gave him the Quran.

Today, we will learn about the first Prophet/Nabi Allah SWT created. Does anyone know the name of the very first Prophet/Nabi? Yes – it was Adam AS! He was the first Prophet and the first human being created by Allah SWT. Let's travel back in time... to the story of Adam AS's creation...

The Story of ADAM AS – the first man and first Prophet.

Allah SWT, The Creator (**Al-Khaliq**), created everything in the universe, for example, the sky, moon, stars, and the Earth and everything in it! One day, Allah SWT decided to create the first human being and ordered His Angels to collect soil from all different parts of the Earth.

Have you noticed that soil from different places has different colours? For example, beach soil is often light yellow, while garden soil can have different shades of brown. Allah SWT mixed soil of different colours with water to form clay. Prophet Muhammad SAW said: **"Indeed Allah Most High created Adam from a handful that He took from all of the Earth. So, the children of Adam come like the Earth, some are red, some are white, some are black, and some are in between"** (Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2955). Allah SWT moulded the clay into a human form and breathed a soul, or 'rooh', into it. And the clay person came to life, becoming the very first human being, Adam AS.



On coming to life, Adam AS sneezed and said his first words: **"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!"). Therefore, when we sneeze, we should also say **Alhamdulillah**! And the person who hears us should say, **"Yarhamuk Allah**" (May Allah have mercy on you).

Allah SWT taught Adam AS names of all the things and asked him to inform angels of these names. So, Allah SWT granted Adam AS wisdom, knowledge, and a special status above all other creations. Allah SWT commanded Angels and His other creations to bow to Adam AS, as a sign of respect. All the Angels obeyed and bowed down except Iblis. Out of arrogance and jealousy of Adam AS, he refused to follow Allah SWT's command. He argued with Allah SWT, saying, "I am better than him, you created me from fire, and you created him of clay!" It was the first time anyone had disobeyed Allah SWT! Due to his arrogance, Allah SWT banished him from Heaven forever.

Iblis, filled with anger, swore to misguide Adam AS and his descendants and to make them disobey Allah SWT. Allah SWT accepted his challenge, knowing that he would have no power or control over those who believe in and obey Allah SWT.

Next, Adam AS greeted angels by saying, 'As-Salamu alaikum (Peace be upon you).' They replied, 'AsSalamu-'Alaika wa Rahmatullah (Peace and Allah's Mercy be on you). So, we should also greet each other by saying, 'As-Salamu Alaikum'. Later, Allah SWT created Hawa, the first female, so that Adam AS would have a companion. Allah SWT told Adam AS and Hawa that they could do whatever they wanted in Jannah but don't eat the fruits from a particular tree. They lived happily in Jannah, but Iblis tempted them with lies, and they ate from the forbidden tree. Soon, Adam AS and Hawa realised Iblis had misled them, and they had made a mistake. So, they straight away turned to Allah SWT and sincerely asked His forgiveness with this dua, "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, The Most Forgiving (**al Ghafoor**), forgave them, but they had to leave Jannah and live on Earth as a test (not as a punishment!). The test is to make good choices and obey Allah SWT so that they can earn back their place in Jannah! Allah SWT reminded them that Iblis is their enemy and to be careful that he doesn't get them in trouble again.

Adam AS lived for over 1,000 years! He and Hawa had many children. From their descendants, more Messengers were sent, such as Noah, Ibrahim, Musa, Issa (peace be on them all), and of course, our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. They came from different parts of the world, with different coloured skin, speaking different languages, but with one aim to guide people towards Allah SWT.

LESSONS LEARNT:

- ✓ Importance of seeking Forgiveness: We all should do our best not to cross the boundaries of Allah SWT. Sometimes, even though we try our best to be good, we make mistakes. Remember that Allah SWT is the most Merciful and Forgiving. He forgives those who sincerely ask Him for forgiveness, just as He forgave Adam AS and Hawa when they felt deeply sorry and asked His forgiveness. Prophet Muhammad SAW said, "Every son of Adam sins, and the best of the sinners are the repentant." (Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2499).
- Danger of arrogance: Iblis was the first one to disobey Allah SWT due to his arrogance. He thought that he was better than Adam AS. If you are good at sport, art, or your studies, Allah SWT gifted you with these talents, so you should be thankful to Him and don't be arrogant about them. Remember that Allah SWT doesn't like arrogant people. Prophet Muhammad SAW said, "None shall enter Paradise who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride." (Sahih Muslim 91b).

- ✓ Beware of Jealousy: Because of the jealousy towards Adam AS, Iblis forgot Allah SWT's blessings and disobeyed Him. So, what should we do if we feel jealous of what others have? We should remind ourselves of the blessings of Allah SWT upon us and be grateful for them. Think about those who don't have the blessings that we enjoy. Also, make dua from Allah SWT and ask for His blessings for others and us.
- ✓ Unity of Humanity: Although we all may look different in skin colours, we now understand that Allah SWT used soil from different parts of the Earth to create Adam AS, making us all diverse. So, if you look at someone with a different skin colour than yours, remember we all are the same in the eyes of Allah SWT. We are all connected as the descendants of Adam AS and Hawa, our father and mother.
- ✓ Significance of Knowledge: Allah SWT taught Adam AS names of everything, showing knowledge is important. So, we must focus on gaining knowledge. We should do our best to learn and understand the Quran and the subjects taught in school. It is also crucial to be respectful and thankful to our teachers, who share their knowledge and wisdom with us.

Subhan' Allah, the story of Prophet Adam AS is remarkable, reminding us of the origin of Humans, their creation, and the ongoing tests humans will face.

LESSON 2: Prophet Nuh AS

Yr 1 & 2	 Students learn some details about this Prophet.
Yr 3 & 4	Students understand some lessons from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.
Vr 5 & 6	• Students explore ways they can implement lessons learnt into their everyday lives.

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<u>YEARS 1 - 2</u>

Did you know, in the Quran, Allah SWT named Surah 71 after Prophet Nuh AS. Allah SWT gives us stories in the Quran so that we can **learn, love, and live Islam**!

Nuh AS, or Noah in English, was a Prophet of Allah SWT who lived for a very long time - over 1,100 years. He lived in a time when people had forgotten about Allah SWT and started doing bad things.

The Persistent Prophet, Nuh AS

Prophet Nuh AS spent 950 years trying to guide his people to believe in Allah SWT alone but there were only few people who were ready to believe and follow Prophet Nuh AS. Allah SWT told him to build a big ship known as the ark for the first time in the world.

Nuh AS was a very kind, gentle, calm and patient man who loved Allah SWT very much, and did everything to please Allah SWT.

After many many years of trying guide people to believe in Allah SWT alone, Prophet Nuh AS asked Allah SWT for help.

Allah SWT told Prophet Nuh AS to build a gigantic ship called an ark! When Nuh AS set to work, the people made fun of him. They asked, "Why are you building a ship so far from the sea?" The people laughed "Where are you going? This is a desert, we see no water!'



Prophet Nuh AS kept calm and continued building the ark, knowing very soon they would understand. The ark was finally ready, and Allah SWT sent him a sign that a terrible storm was coming. So, Bismillah... in the name of Allah SWT, all the people who believed in Allah SWT and a pair of every animal; male and female all boarded this huge ship! Giraffes and rhinos, elephants and camels, monkeys and wolves, cats and kangaroos, Bears and horses, cows and sheep, lions and tigers. Also, the birds; there were chickens and ducks, flamingos and hawks, peacocks and pelicans, ostriches and hens all went into the ark! Then came the turtles and snails all came crawling along into the ark. Oh, there were frogs and grasshoppers who hopped right into the ark too Subhan Allah!

And then, suddenly, the black clouds began to cover the sky and the storm with strong winds swept the land and soon there was water everywhere as far as the eye could see! For many days and nights, it rained. The ark sailed over the rising water and the people and animals on the ark were all safe and protected.

At last, Allah SWT stopped the rain, the sun shined, and the water began to dry up. The ark had landed on the top of a mountain. Slowly, everyone and all the animals got off the ark and walked onto land, for a new beginning and their new home! The believing men and women thanked Allah SWT, Alhamdulilah! Allah SWT always saves and protects those who believe in Him and worship only Allah SWT and who follow His way!

LESSONS LEARNT: What do we learn from the story of Nuh AS?

- **Our goal is to please Allah SWT.** That's all Nuh AS cared about. We too can be like Prophet Nuh AS. If you want something, first make sure it is something that pleases Allah SWT and then work hard, be patient and don't give up easily. Trust in Allah and ask for His help to achieve your goal.
- Have a can-do attitude! Don't let little things get in the way of your dreams. When you are with Allah SWT, then Allah SWT is with you, just like He SWT was with Nuh AS. Have a positive attitude and good expectations and give things a go.
- Listen and obey Allah SWT always Do what Allah SWT asks us, even if it doesn't seem clear at the time, there is always a good reason. You and others might not see it but Allah SWT always knows what is best for us.
- **By listening to Allah SWT, can we stay safe and protected**. Remember to say your daily Dua and ask Allah SWT to keep you safe.

<u>STAGE 2 & 3</u>

YEARS 3-6

Did you know, in the Quran, Allah SWT named Surah 71 after Prophet Nuh AS. Allah SWT gives us stories in the Quran so that we can **learn, love, and live Islam**!

Nuh AS, or Noah in English, was one of the earliest and famous Prophets of Allah SWT, who lived for a very long time; over 1,100 years and whose story most of us know from a young age.

Many years had passed after the time of Prophet Adam AS and from the children of Adam AS, thousands of men and women spread everywhere; farming, building homes in towns to live in.

At the start, all these people believed, loved and worshipped Allah SWT alone. But over time, people began turning away from Allah SWT and worshipping idols and behaving in selfish and bad ways and mistreating others.

Allah SWT chose Prophet Nuh AS to carry out the duties of being a Messenger of Allah SWT. Prophet Nuh AS's mission, like all other Prophets, was to guide people back to worshipping Allah SWT. And this



job was not an easy one - even for Nuh AS, who was known for his perseverance, bravery and determination. For 950 years, Nuh called people to believe in the oneness of Allah SWT! Prophet Nuh AS was a strong, gentle, wise, calm, affectionate and honest man and he kept trying his best to call the people to Allah SWT for all those years. And then as commanded by Allah SWT, Nuh AS built a gigantic ship, 3 storeys high, known as the ark, and it was unlike anything that was ever seen in the world before Subhan Allah!

Despite the challenges, rejection and mockery of his people, Nuh AS's patience, taqwa, dedication and faith in Allah SWT was strong and kept him striving to fulfill Allah SWT's command. Allahu Akbar!

Let's learn some more about this amazing Prophet of Allah SWT and what his story teaches us.

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So, Nuh AS preached to his people for many years; 950 years, every day and night in the hope they would turn back, believe in and worship Allah SWT instead of their man-made idols. But they did not want to listen - instead, they would mock and push him away, calling him names and making fun of him! Only the poor and weak people were listening and following him, and these people were not liked by the proud and wealthy people.

Nuh AS, from his frustration prayed to Allah SWT for help. Allah SWT told Nuh AS that the people cannot be saved if they don't change their ways and turn back to worshipping Allah SWT alone. He SWT instructed Nuh AS to build an ark/ huge ship and told him that a flood will be coming and that only the believers who follow you onto the ark will be saved from the floods.

Nuh AS had complete trust and belief in Allah SWT - he didn't question Allah SWT about what he couldn't see or understand, even though this sounded strange to some, as their land was somewhat desert-like and there was no sign of water rising, bad weather or even rain.

For years, Nuh AS and the few who followed him worked hard for years to build the Ark, even though the years and years he was ridiculed and teased even more for building it. Even Nuh AS's own son Kanan was among the people who didn't believe him and continued to reject his father's warnings. But Nuh AS's complete trust and faith in Allah SWT kept him going regardless of what other people were saying and doing to him.

The ark became bigger month by month, year by year and was huge enough to house every animal on earth, and all the vegetation needed. Allah SWT also instructed Nuh AS to take on the ark a pair, a male and female of each kind of animal and bird. Giraffes and rhinos, elephants and camels, monkeys and wolves, cats and kangaroos, bears and horses, cows and sheep, lions and tigers. And birds - there were chickens and ducks, flamingos and hawks, peacocks and pelicans, ostriches and they all went into the ark! Then came the turtles and snails all came crawling along into the ark. Oh, there were frogs and grasshoppers who hopped right into the ark too. Subhan Allah what a remarkable scene!

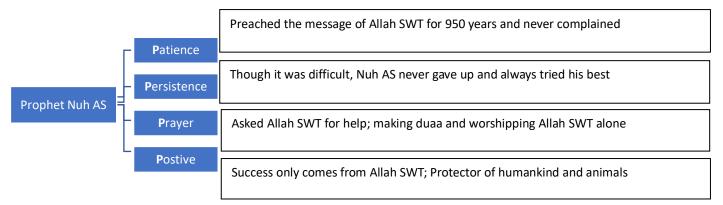
As soon as the Ark was filled with all the supplies and the animals, the rains begun. Nuh AS instructed all the believers to enter the Ark in the name of Allah SWT.... Bismillah! It rained so hard and so ferociously, with strong and howling winds. The earth cracked open with water towering out and swallowing the land. The rivers turned into oceans, the valleys started to fill with water, and the water level started to rise in the lands. A massive flood had arrived. The non-believers were running to higher mountains to save themselves from the rising water levels but anyone that wasn't on the ark with Nuh AS was not able to be saved. Nuh AS's son was among those. If only he had listened to his father's good advice, he could have been saved. Subhan Allah!

After many days, Allah SWT stopped the rain, the sky cleared and the sun shined, the rising water had gone, and the lands started to appear. The ark landed in a place called Mount Judi in Türkiye! Slowly,



everyone and all the animals got off the ark and walked onto the land; a new beginning and their new home! The believing men and women thanked Allah SWT. Alhamdulillah! They spread throughout the earth and lived understanding the message of **Tawheed** - La illah illa Allah – There is no God by Allah! **Alhamdulilah, Allah SWT always saves those who believe in Him and follow His way!**

From the story of Nuh AS we learn the importance of the **4 P's** . (<u>***Teacher's Note</u>: Please refer worksheet to aid student comprehension).



<u>ACTIVITY</u>: Ask students to participate in discussion to explore how these 4 P's can help them deal with challenges we encounter, for example, bullying in the playground or hardships at home? Do we give in and decide that life is too hard, or should we try to persevere in resolving our situations?

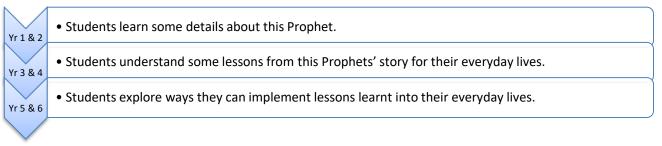
LESSONS LEARNT:

There are many lessons we can take from the story of Prophet Nuh AS:

- Learn to be patient: Patience will allow us to keep going and not react negatively or on impulse; try to deal with every situation with patience. Remember Prophet Nuh AS patiently preached for 950 years to his people, and with only a handful of followers within that time. His patience gave him strength not to give up and he was able to fulfil Allah SWT's command successfully.
- Follow Allah SWT always: Our goal in life is to always obey Allah SWT. Throughout life we may have times when people may not be so nice to us. Prophet Nuh AS ignored all the negative behaviour towards him and continued on just goal to please Allah SWT. We should do the same and focus on what Allah SWT asks even if it doesn't seem clear at the time or others make fun of you. Allah SWT loves you and there is always a good reason for whatever He asks you to do.
- **Dua is important:** When times get really tough, and you feel hurt and alone, reach out to Allah SWT, in Dua and ask for guidance and for help. **Allah SWT loves us to ask Him SWT for help.** Asking Allah SWT for help and guidance is an act of worship that will always be answered Inshaa' Allah.
- Have a can-do attitude! Nuh AS had a huge task that took hundreds of years. Don't let little things get in the way of your goals. When you are with Allah SWT, then Allah SWT is with you, just like He SWT was with Nuh AS. Have a positive attitude and good expectations and give things a go.
- **Take the good advice of your parents:** Parents often have the best intention for you and will advise you to do good. As we saw in the story of Nuh AS that his son was not able to be saved, because he was stubborn and did not take the advice of his father. Always listen respectively to your parents.
- Keep your **faith in Allah SWT strong:** Stay connected to Allah SWT through your salat, fasting and Quran in order to keep your connection strong. Together with faith and patience, these qualities will help you get through life and all its challenges Inshaa' Allah.



LESSON 3: Prophet Hud AS



STAGE 1

<u>YEARS 1 – 2</u>

Long ago, there was a wise and caring man named Prophet Hud AS. He lived in a land where the people were not being kind and grateful to Allah SWT. They built massive homes and were very proud of themselves because of it. They became began to show off and forgot all the gifts that Allah SWT had given them. These people were the people of Ad.

Hud AS wanted to help the people of Ad and remind them to be respectful and thankful to Allah SWT. But they used to worship and pray to fake idols and statues! Hud AS tried hard to remind them of Allah SWT and that everything they have is from Allah SWT's mercy /kindness. Hud AS tried to give them good advice and stop them from treating the poor badly.

But they were refused to listen to Prophet Hud AS and were arrogant in their huge homes and thought nothing could harm them. They called Hud AS names and said he was speaking nonsense. Hud AS reminded them of the people of Prophet Nuh AS and how they were punished for not believing in Allah SWT. But sadly, the people still did not listen to Hud AS. They kept being proud and didn't care about the feelings of others and they didn't want to say Alhamdulillah; "thank you" to Allah SWT for everything they had.

Allah SWT sent Hud AS to give them warnings time and time again. But the people did not change their ways. So, Allah SWT sent a strong windstorm that destroyed their homes and everything they had.

If only they had listened to Prophet Hud AS when he was trying to save them and guide them to Allah SWT mercy and kindness and Jannah! Alhamdulilah, Hud AS and those who did believe in Allah SWT were saved - Allah SWT always saves those who believe in Him and follow His way!

LESSONS LEARNT:

- Never forget to say Alhamdulillah for the gifts of Allah SWT! Everything, we have and own is from Allah SWT's kindness: the air we breathe, the Earth, the sun, your incredible bodies and your talents they are all from Allah SWT! Never be ungrateful like the people of Ad! Allah SWT tells us if we are grateful/ thankful He will give us more gifts!!
- Listen when you get good advice. If someone tells you to do something, think would Allah SWT like this? Is this good advice? If so, make a good choice and take good advice. You can kindly tell or remind yourself and your friends to do good things and be kind too.

<u>STAGES 2 & 3</u>

<u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

After Prophet Nuh AS, people again forgot about Allah SWT. Allah SWT always tried to help people come back to Him so he sent another Prophet, Hud AS. Prophet Hud AS is mentioned 7 times in the Quran, and Chapter 11 is called Surah Hud. Allah SWT says: '*And to the* '*Ad* [*We sent*] their brother



Hūd. He said, "O my people, worship Allah; you have no deity other than Him. Then will you not fear Him?" (Quran 7:65).

Prophet Hud AS was from the town of Ad. The people of Ad were very tall people, as tall as date trees! They were extremely strong in strength and were very skilled. They lived long lives and built very advanced cities and huge buildings. But the people of Ad became arrogant and big headed and started to believe they were better to others! And worst of all, they disbelieved in Allah SWT. They worshiped statues that they made and even worship the big celebrities/ rich popular people in their town. Prophet Hud AS was very worried about his people. He tried effortlessly to call and remind them about Allah SWT, inviting them to **Tawheed** (worship of Allah SWT alone).

But the people of Ad were very stubborn. They refused to give up their fake idols because they said it was something practiced by their parents, grandparents, and many generations. The people then mocked Hud AS calling him a madman, foolish and a liar. Prophet Hud AS warned them if they didn't take him seriously- Allah SWT will replace them with people who will be grateful and appreciate Allah SWT! "But if you turn your backs [on me], then [know that] I have communicated to you whatever I was sent to you with. **My Lord will make another people succeed you**, and you will not hurt Allah in the least. Indeed, my Lord is watchful over all things.' (11:57).

But no matter what Prophet Hud AS said it made no difference. They continued to reject him rudely. The people of Ad believed with their huge size and strength, and big luxury homes that nothing could ever destroy them (just like people of Nuh AS before them!). The people of Ad were arrogant and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?" They did not understand that Allah who created them was greater than them in strength and sadly they rejected Allah SWT's signs!

In the end they told Hud AS to leave them before they harm him. And they challenged Prophet Hud AS to bring on the punishment of Allah SWT. Hud AS then asked Allah SWT to give him victory. He said, **"My Lord, support me because they have rejected me." (23:39).** Allah SWT responded immediately. The town was affected with a drought (no rain or water). And still, instead of praying to Allah SWT for water, they continued to pray to their fake idols. Until one day, a huge dark cloud came over the town. They thought it was beneficial rain but instead it was a strong, powerful, cold, howling wind that began to destroy the town. The people of Ad ran into their houses thinking they could save themselves. But the cyclone wind destroyed everything for 8 days and 7 nights- except for Hud AS and the believers because they had asked Allah SWT for protection.

The people of Ad were the strongest nation on Earth at that time but just like that - Allah SWT vanished them off the Earth and proved to them that He is fact the most powerful and greatest. Allahu Akbar! Alhamdulilah, Hud AS and those who believed and left with him were saved. **Allah SWT always protects those who believe in Him and follow His way!**

LESSONS LEARNT:

- Stick to TAWHEED and beware of Shirk! Shirk is to believe in, worship things other than Allah SWT alone. The people of Ad believed their fake gods would save them from the drought and the cyclones. All might and power is from Allah SWT alone; this story reminds us not have pride or prioritise things above Allah SWT. Everything we have is from Allah SWT and there is no might and power except with Allah SWT (La howla wala quwata illa Billah!) and nothing more important than Allah SWT.
- Wealth and Health are a test from Allah SWT. When Allah SWT blesses/ gifts us with a healthy body we should use it for good deeds (pleasing Allah SWT) and show gratitude (giving thanks) to Allah SWT. Both having a lot of, or little bit of money are tests from Allah SWT. Allah SWT is pleased with you if you

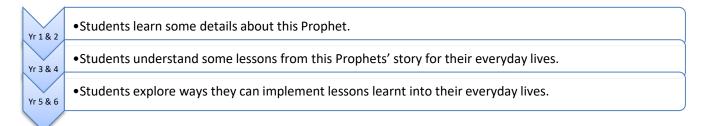


are rich, nor displeased if you have a little. Allah SWT is testing our behaviour and hearts in both cases - e.g., will you become proud and arrogant like the people of Ad? If so, we will be losers like the people of Ad. But if we thank Him, Allah SWT promised us that He will give us more blessings!

EXTENSION YEARS 5 and 6

• Know when you are wrong and repent/ask for forgiveness from Allah SWT; the people of Ad did not admit to their mistakes and stayed arrogant. We need to listen to the advice of those trying to guide us to the *Sirat Al-Mustaqeem* (straight path). Do not ever be too proud to admit you have made a mistake with Allah SWT or with people - instead fix it with repentance/istaghfar, forgiveness and follow it up with a good deed as soon as possible!

LESSON 4: Prophet Saleh AS



STAGE 1

<u>YEARS 1 – 2</u>

A long time ago, there lived a people in a land called **Thamud**. The people of Thamud had lots of money, were incredibly strong and had enormous houses that were built into (carved inside of) mountains. But there was something wrong with the people of Thamud - instead of praying to Allah SWT and thanking Him for everything they had, 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!** He reminded 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 they 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 walk 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 people who did not believe, even after seeing this miracle!

And then one day, a group of bad men attacked the poor camel! Because of their nasty actions, Allah SWT told Prophet Saleh AS to give the people of Thamud one final warning - in 3 days, their town would be completely destroyed due to their bad deeds.

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



QUIZ:

- What did the People of Thamud do wrong? (they prayed to statues instead of Allah SWT etc).
- Describe the gift/miracle that Allah SWT gave Prophet Saleh AS? (a special and gigantic camel came out of the rock!).
- What happened to the bad people of Thamud? (Allah SWT destroyed their town).
- What did you learn from the story of Prophet Saleh AS? (***Answer is all the below).
 - a. Believe in Allah SWT alone (reflect part A of Shahadah).
 - b. Always be thankful to Allah SWT for everything.
 - c. Allah SWT does not like it if you are mean to animals.

LESSONS LEARNT:

• **Don't be stubborn, arrogant or ungrateful** like the people of Thamud! **Do remember** the gifts and blessings Allah SWT has given you and listen to good reminders when given to you.

STAGE 2 & STAGE 3

<u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

Prophet Saleh AS is mentioned over 26 times in the Quran! Prophet Saleh AS was a prophet sent to the people of Thamud. The people of Thamud were **huge** in size (like Ad) and they were incredibly rich and skilled. They had in particular amazing skills in construction/ architecture. 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, because of their greatness in size and skills, they **forgot** that all their blessings came from Allah SWT. They were so arrogant and proud and they worshipped and prayed to wood and stone statues/idols instead of Allah SWT.

Prophet Saleh AS was a very smart and honest man. Saleh AS invited the people to Taweed - he told the people of Thamud to stop praying to rocks, idols and to pray to Allah SWT alone! 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 AS and made fun of him and called him names. They asked Saleh AS to show them a miracle to prove that he was a Prophet of Allah SWT. (Just like Ad did!)

Do you know what they asked him? They asked Prophet Saleh AS to make a **gigantic camel appear magically appear from a large rock!** They wanted a special, brown, female camel to be carved out of the rock and be so huge that her milk could feed the whole entire town! She also had to be pregnant. When they made this request, they laughed amongst each other thinking there was no way, that it would be totally impossible, for Saleh AS or His Lord to do such a thing.

However, Prophet Saleh AS knew anything is possible with Allah SWT - he immediately raised his hands up and made Dua and the rock split open and a huge, gigantic camel appeared! The people of Thamud were shocked! They couldn't believe that their wish had been granted. The camel was a sign/ miracle from Allah SWT! Some of the people of Thamud started to listen to Prophet Saleh AS and believed in Allah SWT but others still didn't and instead planned to harm the miraculous camel!

Saleh AS warned the people of Thamud that the camel was a special sign, the "Camel of Allah SWT" (91:13) and that no one can harm her or her baby - otherwise a huge punishment will come to them! Saleh AS also told them that because she is a big and special camel, she needed to have a whole day to drink from the water springs on its own; that the people of Thamud should share the water and take turns with the camel. Masha Allah the camel was so big and special that she feed the whole town with her milk supply!!! But still some people refused to believe in Allah SWT or listen to Prophet Saleh AS. The wicked people of Thamud came up with a horrible plan to destroy the poor camel forever!



And sadly, one day when the camel went out to drink water, a group of terrible men killed her and her baby. When Prophet Saleh AS found out he was very angry and upset. Saleh AS told the wicked people that they had 3 days only to ask Allah SWT for forgiveness or else a terrible punishment would be sent to them (by Allah SWT). Saleh AS and the believers left the town and went to Palestine.

The people of Thamud were very stubborn and they refused to repent and ask Allah SWT for forgiveness. They thought they were secure in their fancy homes which they built up high in the solid mountains (higher than people of Ad!) and they thought no harm could ever 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. But in the early hours of the morning Allah SWT sent a **loud sound wave** that destroyed some of the homes and shook the ground and the people of Thamud were no more.

Prophet Saleh AS came back heart-broken 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 - but instead, they were stubborn, **arrogant and proud**. **Allah SWT saved Saleh AS**. Saleh AS went to Palestine in a city called Ramla. **Allah SWT always saves those who believe in Him and follow His way**.

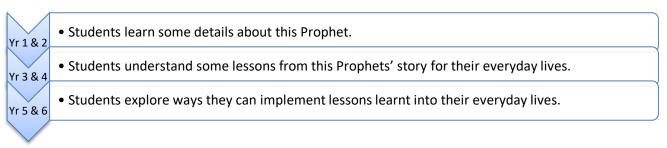
Interesting Fact: Although the city of Thamud was destroyed, Allah SWT allowed some of the rocky buildings to stay as **a sign for people to remember the consequences of disbelieving in Allah SWT**. The city is located in Saudi Arabia but is not a tourist site as the Prophet SAW said <u>do NOT</u> enter the places where Allah SWT has sent His punishment. (** But you can google it - 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! (shirk) When, Allah SWT blesses you, it should make you more humble and grateful- not proud or 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 He always reminds us not to disbelief by being ungrateful!! When we disbelief and become ungrateful Allah SWT can take away our blessings like he did for the people of Nuh, Ad,Thamud.
- Nothing is impossible for Allah SWT. Prophet Saleh AS did not worry about the town's peoples silly request of the camel, instead he had full trust in Allah SWT and made his dua with CERTAINTY! This is how we should make our Dua with certainty too Allah SWT is listening to us and will answer us.
- 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 even more stubborn and refused to obey Allah SWT. How many signs and miracles does Allah SWT show us every single day and we sometimes ignore them and are too stubborn to pray or thank Him? How many times has Allah SWT answered our Dua and as soon as we are OK, we forget to obey Allah SWT the way He deserves? Let's not be like the people of Thamud, they promised to worship Allah SWT if they saw a sign and forgot about their promise when they saw it!
- **Rush to forgiveness and repent when you make a mistake!** When you make mistakes make the first word you say be; *Astaghfir Allah*. Repenting means returning back to Allah SWT. When we fail to repent, we will lose like the people of Thamud.



LESSON 5 : Prophet Shu'ayb AS



STAGE 1

YEARS 1 & 2

Once upon a time, there was a wise Prophet named Shu'ayb AS. He lived in a land where people did not treat each other fairly. They were greedy and would cheat others in everything! Shu'ayb AS cared about fairness and wanted to help his community. He would remind them to be fair and honest, but sadly, not many people listened to him. The people used to also pray to trees instead of Allah SWT!

Shu'ayb AS taught the people about believing in Allah SWT, and the importance of being fair and treating others with kindness. He asked them to stop cheating and tricking people!!

However, some greedy people didn't like Shu'ayb AS teachings. They didn't want to change their dishonest ways. Shu'ayb AS stayed patient and continued to guide and teach the people. He never gave up on them and kept reminding them to be fair and honest.

Finally, Allah SWT sent a punishment to those who did not want to listen to Shu'ayb AS advice. A loud blast came from the sky, and a mighty earthquake shook the land. It taught the people a lesson about their wrong behaviour and bad choices. Prophet Shu'ayb AS was saved with his followers, Alhamdulilah, **Allah SWT always protects those who believe in Him and listen to Him.**

LESSONS LEARNT

- Believing in Allah SWT means practising the truth always! As Muslims we know that Allah SWT hears, sees and knows everything that we do. Therefore, we should always be truthful and honest and never cheat or trick people! We should always treat people with kindness and fairness as Allah SWT will reward us.
- Always speak up when you see someone being dishonest or cheating. Try to always teach others like Shu'ayb AS about being fair (when playing games for example). Allah SWT loves those who encourage the truth!

STAGES 2 & 3

YEARS 3 -6

Today's Prophet is Prophet Shu'ayb (AS) who was mentioned 11 times in the Quran. Allah SWT sent him to the people of Madyan. Shu'ayb (AS) was an Arab Prophet, and his people were highway robbers and very dishonest in business dealings (cheaters). The people of Maydan were also known as the people of wood, as they worshipped trees in particular a big tree called "Aiykah." Prophet Shu'ayb AS was a very wise man and Allah SWT gifted him with the ability to speak very well. Prophet Shuayb AS was on a mission to bring back fairness/ justice to his town.

Shu'ayb AS delivered Allah's SWT message, calling the people to honesty and truthfulness. He told his people to stop cheating when they sell or buy things, he warned them of Allah SWT punishment if they refused. "*...so give <u>full measure</u> and full weight and wrong not men in their things, and do not do mischief/trouble on the earth (7:85-86).* He warned them to stop believing in Gods other than Allah



SWT "And to the people of Madyan We sent their brother Shuaib. He said: 'O my people! Worship God! You have no other God but Him'..." (7:85). But not everyone wanted to hear the truth, some people rejected the message and made fun of Shu'ayb AS. They thought Shu'ayb AS wanted to trick them and have all the business for himself.

After much time, the chief of the tribes got angry with Shu'ayb AS and his followers and planned to kick them out of the town. *"The chief men...who disbelieved said, 'If you follow Shu'ayb, you shall then certainly be the losers"*, (7:91). However, Prophet Shu'ayb AS knew who the real losers were and warned his people not to suffer the same end as the people of Prophets Nuh AS, Hud AS and Saleh AS. But instead, they challenged Prophet Shu'ayb AS to **prove** he was a Prophet and bring on the punishment of Allah SWT if he was truly a Prophet. They mocked and said: "So, cause a **piece of the sky to fall upon us** if you are truthful!" (26:187).

Prophet Shu'ayb AS tried his best but knew it was time to leave with his followers as the punishment of Allah SWT was near. For 7 days the people of Madyan experienced the most terrible heat waves. Then a big cloud came over them and they thought they were saved but the earth shook beneath them and a terrible sound destroyed all of them. Prophet Shu'ayb AS was saved with his followers, Allah SWT says "...We saved Shuayb and those who believed with him, by mercy from Us" (Qur'an 11: 94). Alhamdulilah, Allah SWT always saves, helps and protects those who believe in Him and listen to Him.

LESSONS LEARNT:

- Allah SWT commands justice and fairness. As Muslims it is compulsory for us to practice being fair and honest in everything we do. Allah SWT is Al-Aleem- all knowing of anything we try to hide. We do not cheat or trick anyone as this is haram. If everyone cheats, the world becomes unfair, so Muslims are instructed to always be truthful and responsible for trying to keep the world fair and honest. Therefore, you should always call out or report if you see someone being dishonest or untruthful. Never be a bystander to someone being treated wrong or cheated.
- Play fairly and do not cheat. When you play with your friend's sports or any type of game make sure you do not bend the rules! It is not fair when someone cheats and the only person you are cheating is yourself (Just like the people of Shu'ayb AS). Speak the truth regardless "O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives..." (Qur'an 4:135).

EXTENSION YEARS 5 & 6

• Listen to good advice and apply it. When someone is advising us about our mistakes we need to listen patiently and try to improve. Shu'ayb AS people thought he was advising them to trick them, do not also think negatively or be offended if someone is trying to help you, listen and try to understand.



LESSON 6: Prophet Yunus AS

Yr 1 & 2	Students learn some details about this Prophet.
Yr 3 & 4	• Students understand some lessons from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.
Yr 5 & 6	• Students explore ways they can implement lessons learnt into their everyday lives.
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<u>STAGE 1</u>

YEARS 1-2

A very long time ago, there used to be a city called **Nineveh** where people forgot about Allah SWT and used to believe in idols.

Because of this, Allah SWT sent a very special man to them to be a messenger. His name was **Yunus** AS. But the people didn't believe Yunus AS when he would speak to them about Allah SWT. Yunus AS would tell them that Allah SWT was getting upset with them because of their bad acts but they didn't care! They were not worried about **losing the love of Allah SWT**.

Yunus AS was very kind and he kept trying to **help** his people. Even when they used mean language with him, he didn't give up on telling them about Allah SWT. He kept trying and trying. But no one listened to him. Because of this, Yunus AS gave up and decided to **leave his people**.

Yunus AS went on a **ship** so he could go as far away from his people as possible. The ship was good during the day but when it became nighttime, there was a big **storm.** Subhan Allah! Yunus AS had to jump off the ship so that it wouldn't sink into the water! When he jumped, **a big whale swallowed him up**! Subhan Allah!

While in the belly of the whale, Yunus AS **apologised** to Allah SWT for giving up on his people and his mission. Allah SWT forgave him and then returned him to land. After a while, Yunus AS went back to his people and found that every single person there had **accepted** Islam! The people had seen the storm approaching and became worried about making Allah SWT upset so they had decided to believe in Allah SWT! Subhan Allah.Alhamdulilah, **Allah SWT always guides, saves and protects those who want to believe in Him and try to please Allah SWT.**

QUIZ:

- 1. What did Yunus AS do wrong? (*He gave up on teaching his people about Allah SWT*).
- 2. Why did Yunus AS leave his people? (*He became sad and thought they would not listen to him*).
- 3. What made the people accept Islam? (*The weather there became really bad, and they were scared*).

LESSONS LEARNT:

- 1. **Feeling sad is normal and even the Prophets did!** Yunus AS struggled to be happy when his people didn't listen to him and didn't believe in Allah SWT. What is important is that you try your best when doing something and leave the rest to Allah SWT. Even though people were not listening to Yunus AS, he continued telling them about Allah even though he was sad about it.
- 2. **Making mistakes is normal!** Yunus AS made a small mistake here; he gave up on his people and left them before Allah SWT told him that he can. But when he understood that he made a small mistake, he asked Allah SWT to **forgive** him. What is important is how you **fix** your mistake.
- 3. We need to trust Allah SWT during bad times. Allah SWT will always help us when things get hard. We just need to remember to ask Him for help. Only what is meant for us will happen and



it will always be good for us. Allah SWT is always ready to answer our calls, we just need to ask Him for His Help.

<u>STAGE 2 & 3</u>

<u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

A very long time ago, there was a city called **Nineveh** where people forgot about Allah SWT and used to believe in idols.

Because of this, Allah SWT sent a very special man to them to be a messenger. His name was **Yunus** AS. Yunus AS was the one who was told to remind the people about Allah SWT so that they could love Him instead of these idols. But the people didn't believe Yunus AS when he would speak to them about Allah SWT. Yunus AS would tell them that Allah SWT was getting upset with them because of their bad acts but they didn't care! They were not worried about **losing the love of Allah SWT**.

They said, "We and our fathers have believed in these gods for many years and no harm has come to us." Yunus AS was very kind and he kept trying to **help** his people. Even when they used mean language with him, he didn't give up on telling them about Allah SWT.

He kept trying and trying. But when Yunus AS saw that no one was listening to him, he became very sad. Because of this, Yunus AS gave up and decided to **leave his people**. He thought that he would go to another city and talk to people who would actually listen to him.

Yunus AS went on a **ship** so he could go as far away from his people as possible. The ship was good during the day but when it became nighttime, there was a big **storm**, Subhan Allah! This storm rocked the ship back and forth and water started flooding the ship. Everyone became scared that their ship would sink so they decided to throw out their bags. But that didn't work! Then the ship captain decided that he would need to throw someone off the ship because the ship was still sinking. They decided to write down the names of everyone on paper and take out a name. Whoever's name they chose; they would throw that person off.

Can anyone guess what name was chosen?

Yunus AS! They didn't want to throw him out, so they tried doing it again! This time it was Yunus AS again! They tried a third time, and it was Yunus AS once again! Because of this, Yunus AS decided to **jump** off the ship and when he did, **a big whale swallowed him up** Subhan Allah!

While in the belly of the whale, Yunus AS **apologized** to Allah SWT for giving up on his people **without Allah SWT's permission**. Allah SWT forgave him and then returned him to land. After a while, Yunus AS went back to Nineveh only to see that every single person there had **accepted** Islam! After Yunus AS left Nineveh, the weather there became really scary, and the people became worried about making Allah SWT upset so they decided to believe in Allah SWT! Subhan Allah. **Allah SWT always guides, saves and protects those who want to believe in Him and try to please Allah SWT**.

<u>QUIZ:</u>

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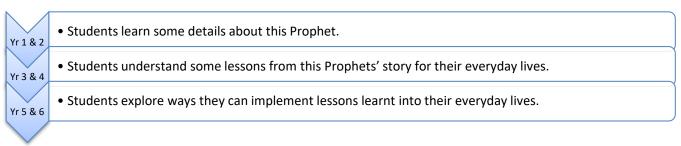


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- 2. **Making mistakes is normal!** Yunus AS made a small mistake here; he gave up on his people and left them before Allah SWT told him that he can. But when he understood that he made a small mistake, he asked Allah SWT to **forgive** him. What is important is how you **fix** your mistake.
- 3. Asking God for forgiveness is important. When you make mistakes, don't ever think that Allah SWT won't forgive you. Allah SWT will always forgive us if we ask Him sincerely despite whatever we did. Imagine a seesaw. On one side, you have the forgiveness of Allah SWT and on the other side, you have our mistakes. Allah's forgiveness will always be heavier than our sins. He SWT will always forgive us; we just need to ask him for it and try to get better.
- 4. When things get scary, trust Allah SWT. Sometimes things happen that we can't understand and sometimes we don't know how things will get better. But it's important to remember that Allah SWT always does what is best for us and His help is always available for us. We just need to remember to turn to Allah SWT. Yunus AS didn't know what would happen when he jumped into the sea. He just knew that he needed to get off the boat, so he jumped and left the rest to Allah SWT. What happened next was Allah SWT taking care of His prophet Yunus AS.
- 5. Allah SWT works out things in a beautiful way, more than we can ever imagine. Yunus AS didn't know what would happen to him. Allah SWT planned that he would get swallowed by a whale and be protected from any other danger in the sea. After Yunus AS asked Allah SWT to forgive him in the belly of the whale, Allah SWT planned for the whale to safely leave Yunus AS on some land near his city. Meanwhile, Allah SWT also planned for the weather to become really bad after Yunus AS left. All of this meant that Yunus AS was kept safe and had time to think about what happened. It also meant that his people realised the nature of Allah SWT and began to believe in Him. Subhan Allah! So, we need to believe that Allah SWT will work things out for us beyond what we could imagine. Knowing this helps us feel better during low times.



LESSON 7: Prophet Dawud AS



STAGE 1

YEARS 1 & 2

There was a group of people long ago called **Bani Israel.** Every time they would forget about Allah SWT, Allah SWT would send a Prophet to them to remind them. This is what happened with the hero of our story today, Prophet Dawud AS.

Dawud AS was sent to these people because they were moving away from Allah SWT. They had a really mean leader called **Jalut** (Goliath). Julat was horrible and mean and would hurt a lot of people. There used to be a lot of fighting while he was their king. Jalut was also very big, strong, and good at fighting.

So, the Bani Israel knew they needed to fight against Jalut. They chose someone called **Talut** to be their leader. King Talut was kind, and he had an army that was very small. Talut knew that he couldn't win a fight against Jalut, and the problem was that everyone was scared of Jalut.

A brave young man stepped forward to fight Jalut! Can anyone guess who this young man was? That's right! This was **Dawud AS**! King Talut was scared about letting Dawud AS fight against Jalut because he was so young and skinny and small. But Dawud AS told him that he had already fought a lion and won so he could do this too! King Talut agreed to let Dawud AS fight against the mighty Jalut.

When Jalut saw that Dawud came to fight him, he started laughing! Dawud AS **did not** wear any armor and he did not have any weapons! He just had **a sling and a few rocks** to throw at Jalut. On the other side, there was Jalut who was dressed in metal armor to protect him, and he had big weapons too! But even before Jalut AS could do anything to him, Dawud AS threw a pebble towards Jalut using his slingshot. This pebble hit Jalut on his head and Jalut fell down!

Dawud AS won the fight before it even started Subhan Allah!

After this, Bani Israel were able to live happily. Dawud AS became a leader there and the people loved him because he was kind to everyone. Dawud AS even ended up becoming the **king** of Bani Israel, Subhan Allah! Allah SWT always helps those who believe in Him and stand up for what is right.

QUIZ:

- 1. Who was the brave, strong young man that fought against the mean Jalut? (Dawud AS!).
- 2. Why was Talut scared about letting Dawud AS fight Jalut? (*Because Dawud AS was skinny and very small and Jalut was very big and strong. Other answers: Dawud AS did not have any armor or weapons*).
- 3. How did Dawud AS beat Jalut? (*With a pebble and a slingshot*).

<u>LESSONS LEARNT:</u>

1. **Trust in Allah SWT and amazing things will happen.** Sometimes we feel like things that we want to do are impossible or they will never happen. It's important to try your best and put your trust



in Allah SWT. When you do this, amazing things happen! Like Dawud AS, a small boy using pebbles and a slingshot, was able to beat someone strong and mighty like Jalut. This is because he trusted Allah SWT.

- 2. Always ask Allah SWT to be by your side. Dawud AS won not because he was the strongest or the smartest. He won the fight because he had Allah SWT on his side. Whatever you do, ask Allah SWT to be by your side and to help you and you'll be able to do even more cool things than you thought!
- 3. Believe in yourself even if someone around you doesn't. Allah SWT has given each and every one of us something special. We all have strong skills somewhere. Do whatever it is that you feel good about and trust that Allah SWT will help you use that skill for good. People did not think that Dawud AS could beat Jalut, but Dawud AS knew that he could, through the help of Allah SWT.

<u>STAGE 2-3</u>

YEARS 3 - 6

There was a group of people long ago called **Bani Israel.** Every time Bani Israel would start forgetting about Allah SWT, Allah SWT would send a Prophet to them to remind them. This is what happened with the hero of our story today, Prophet Dawud AS.

At this time, these people had a really mean leader called **Jalut** (Goliath). Jalut was evil and would hurt a lot of people. There used to be a lot of fighting while he was their king. Jalut was also very big, strong, and good at fighting.

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Dawud AS **won the fight** before it even started Subhan Allah! Think about it for a moment. No one expected that a small man like Dawud AS would be able to help everyone by getting rid of a mean person like Jalut who was hurting them! But Dawud AS knew he could help others with the help of Allah SWT!

After this, Bani Israel were able to live happily. Dawud AS became a leader there and the people loved him because he was kind to everyone. Dawud AS even ended up becoming the **king** of Bani Israel Subhan Allah! **Allah SWT always helps those who believe in Him and stand up for what is right**!

Other special facts about Dawud AS:



This story isn't the only cool thing about Dawud AS! Do you all want to learn some more of the interesting facts about this special Prophet?

- Dawud AS was known for having a **very sweet voice**. He recited things like they were a melody. When people heard him reciting, they listened like they were in a trance.
- He was given a sacred book called **Zabur** (Psalms) like Muhammad AS was given the Qur'an.
- One of his miracles is that Allah SWT allowed Dawud AS to **understand the language of birds and animals** Subhan Allah! So, Dawud AS could actually communicate with birds and animals.
- The best praying at night is **the praying of Dawud AS** who would sleep for the first half of the night, then get up and pray for one third of the night before sleeping again.
- The best fasting is **the fasting of Dawud AS**. He used to fast alternate days.
- Another one of his miracles is that Allah SWT made iron soft for him. People in his time struggled with the heaviness of the iron armor that they wore for fighting. So, when Dawud AS heard about this, he was holding the iron thinking about how to make it less heavy for his people. Then, he found his hand sinking into the iron, Subhan Allah!

<u>LESSONS LEARNT:</u>

- 1. **Trust in Allah SWT and amazing things will happen.** Sometimes we feel like things that we want to do are impossible or they will never happen. It's important to try your best and put your trust in Allah SWT. When you do this, amazing things happen! Like Dawud AS, a small, young person using pebbles and a slingshot, was able to beat someone strong and mighty like Jalut. This is because he trusted Allah SWT.
- 2. Always ask Allah SWT to be by your side. Dawud AS won not because he was the strongest or the smartest. He won the fight because he had Allah SWT on his side. Whatever you do, ask Allah SWT to be by your side and to help you and you'll be able to do even more cool things than you ever thought!
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- 4. **Remember the importance of thanking Allah SWT for everything you have.** Even when Dawud AS became a king, could understand the animals, had a lot of influence and was very popular, he still remained humble and appreciative towards Allah SWT. Dawud AS did not let those things make him arrogant or think he was better than everyone else. It's important to see everything as a gift from Allah SWT but also something we have to use wisely.
- 5. **Don't underestimate how you can help others.** Dawud AS did not know when he was holding the iron that it would become soft for him, allowing him to help his people who were struggling with the heavy armor. He just knew that he wanted to help them with their problem. The things we do for other people are so important and we don't know how much they appreciate it. Even something like giving someone a smile could make their day better. Try to help people wherever you can Inshaa' Allah.



LESSON 8: Prophet Yusuf AS

Yr 1 & 2	•Students learn some details about this Prophet.
Yr 3 & 4	•Students understand some lessons from this Prophets' story for their everyday lives.
Yr 5 & 6	•Students explore ways they can implement lessons learnt into their everyday lives.

STAGE 1

<u>YEARS 1 – 2</u>

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Once upon a time, there lived a young boy named Yusuf AS (Joseph). Yusuf AS was very special because he had the able to understand dreams. He lived with his father, Prophet Yaqub (Jacob), who loved him very much. He had 11 brothers, and they were sometimes jealous of him. One day, Yusuf AS had a special dream in which he saw **eleven stars, the sun, and the moon bowing down to him!** Excitedly, he shared this dream with his father who warned him **not to tell his brothers** in case they get jealous.

But Yusuf AS told them, and they became even more jealous and decided to get rid of him. So, one day they took Yusuf AS out into the desert and threw him into a deep water well!!

Yusuf AS found himself all alone in the dark well. He was scared, but he had belief and trust in Allah SWT and knew that Allah SWT was with him. After some time, travellers passed by the well and lowered the bucket to fetch some water. Yusuf AS grabbed hold of the bucket and got pulled up with the water. The travellers were surprised to see a beautiful young boy come out of the well and decided to keep Yusuf AS to sell him in Egypt market where they were going.

In Egypt, Yusuf AS was bought by a kind, rich man. Yusuf AS grew up to be a smart and trustworthy young man. One day, the king of Egypt had a troubling dream. Yusuf AS was known for understanding dreams, so he was called to explain it. He did such a good job that he was made the minister of Egypt!

Time passed and Yusuf AS was reunited with his father and brothers. The brothers felt ashamed for what they did to him and apologised and asked for forgiveness – and Yusuf AS was kind and choose to forgive them. **Subhan Allah, Allah SWT is always with those who are kind and patient.**

LESSONS LEARNT:

- The story of Prophet Yusuf AS teaches us the importance of **patience and trust in Allah SWT**. Even when Yusuf was thrown into the well, he didn't lose hope. He had belief that Allah SWT would help him, and eventually, things turned out best for him.
- Listen to your parents or careers! Yusuf AS forgot his father's advice and shared his secret. We need to listen carefully when we are told not to do something (in order to keep us safe).
- Forgive others when they make a mistake Allah SWT loves us to forgive!

<u>STAGES 2 & 3</u>

<u>YEARS 3 - 6</u>

Allah SWT tells us that he has given us the best story ever told in the Qur'an. This is the story of Yusuf AS. He is described as the **most noble man ever created and the most beautiful man ever created**. He was the son of Prophet Yacoub AS, who was the son of Prophet Ishaq AS, who was the son of Ibrahim AS (the friend of Allah SWT). So, he came from a line of Prophets! (*refer to the chart provided). Allah SWT tells us that he placed **half the beauty** of this entire world in Yusuf AS! There are many stories

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about Yusuf AS throughout his life. Stories of his sadness, hardships, patience, and victory, but today we will focus on the beginning of his story:

THE STORY OF THE WELL

When Yusuf AS was a very young child, he had seen a dream which he knew had meaning to it. With such excitement, he went to his father to tell him about it. Yusuf AS had explained that he had seen **11 stars, the sun and the moon prostrate/bow down to him**. His father Yacoub AS being a Prophet of Allah, knew that this dream truly had a special meaning for young Yusuf AS. He told his son to keep this dream a secret- especially from his brothers. As, he further explained that sometimes people can get bad thoughts and ideas in their minds that might lead them to do make wrong choices.

But young Yusuf AS quickly forgot his father's advice to keep his dream to himself. He told his brothers about his dream and surely, **they began to plot against him**. They already were jealous of Yusuf AS and thought that he got more attention from their father. They decided on a plan to leave Yusuf AS at the bottom of a water well outside of their town, where travellers will eventually find and take him. By doing this, they thought they would have their father for themselves. And when it is all over, they would ask Allah SWT to forgive them for their actions.

The next day, the brothers asked their father Yacoub AS if they could take their younger brother Yusuf AS with them to play. Yacoub AS had a feeling something would go wrong. He was right because the brothers took Yusuf AS into the desert and threw him in a deep well.

Once Yusuf AS was at the bottom of the well, the brothers left him there alone! It started to get dark, and Yusuf AS realised that his brothers had left him. He became incredibly sad. After some time, travellers passed by the well and lowered the bucket to fetch some water. Yusuf AS was small enough to grab hold of the bucket and got pulled up with the water. The travellers were surprised to see a beautiful young boy come out of the well and decided to sell him in Egypt where they were heading.

On their way home, Yusuf's brothers had killed an animal and splashed its blood on Yusuf's shirt. When they arrived home, they pretended to cry and explained to their father that a wolf had attacked Yusuf AS. Yacoub AS was aware that his sons had plotted against Yusuf AS and was very saddened by what they had done. He explained to them that **his patience is beautiful** (*fasabrun Jameel*) to Allah SWT (he knew the wolf did not eat his son and hoped Allah SWT would one day reunite them). Yacoub AS became so upset that he cried until he became blind.

The story of Yusuf AS was not over. Yusuf AS was sold in the market to a very rich man named Aziz bought Yusuf AS as a slave. He and his wife didn't have children so they raised Yusuf AS like their own son. Yusuf AS grew up to be a beautiful and very smart young man who always did the right thing and loved Allah SWT very much. Yusuf AS never made the wrong chioces, in fact, he would rather go to jail than do something wrong and unfortunately, that's what happended to him one day. He was wrongly accused and imprisoned! But because Yusuf AS was patient and always did the right thing, Allah SWT allowed him to finally leave prison and become the King's top minister and right-hand man! Subhan Allah, Allah SWT is always with those who put their trust in Him and are patient!

Allah SWT also eventually renuited Yusuf AS with his father who regained his eyesight and even his brothers came and begged for his forgiveness. And even after all they had done, **Yusuf AS still forgave his brothers**! And Yusuf AS's dream (at the beginning) of prophethood also came true! The 11 stars



were his brothers bowing to him as he become the king's minister. Surah Yusuf AS is Surah/chapter 12 and it has his entire story from beginning to end. (Encourage students to watch this link at home).

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LESSONS LEARNT:

- Be kind to family: Sibling rivalry happened to the children of Prophets and can happen to anyone. Try to be patient and forgiving towards your siblings, like Prophet Yusuf AS. Allah SWT encourages us to forgive and keep ties with family regardless of what happens. To break off relations with a Muslim is a sin. The Prophet SAW said: "(O! Muslims) Do not hate each other, do not envy one another, and do not be <u>hostile to one another</u> (standing back to back), rather be brothers (as) servants of Allah. A Muslim is not allowed to desert/leave his brother/sister (Muslim) more than <u>three days.</u>" This means, do not break off from one another more than three nights and days.
- **Obey your parents/career.** Yusuf AS forgot the advice of his father to not tell his secret. Our parents/career have our best interest and try to keep us safe. So, when you are instructed not to do certain things or go to certain places (because it may harm you), take the advice seriously in order to stay protected!
- Have beautiful patience like Prophets Yacoub AS and Yusuf AS. Yusuf AS and His father displayed beautiful patience throughout their lives. They had trust in Allah SWT and did not complain and question the plan of Allah SWT. Sabr/patience means responding to things in the correct ways, with Dua, salah, strength, persistence and Tawwakul.
- Avoid jealousy: Don't be like the brothers of Yusuf AS and envy what you think others may have. Be happy for those around you, and say words like "Tabarak Allah!" and make Dua for Allah SWT to further bless them and you. Keep yourself protected from envy/ hasad by reading the 3 Quls.

Yr 1 & Students understand the importance of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, the greatest Prophet of Allah SWT. Students learn some lessons from the seerah of the Prophet SAW. Students learn the term "Seerah." Students understand lessons from the life of Prophet Muhamad SAW story for their everyday lives. Yr 5 & 6 Students explore ways they can implement lessons learnt into their everyday lives.

STAGE 1

<u>YEARS 1-2</u>

Prophet Muhammad SAW was the last and final messenger of Allah SWT! Like the other Prophets, he taught people **Tawheed, Oneness of Allah SWT, and to worship Him alone**. Prophet Muhammad SAW had a special place with Allah SWT. Allah SWT sent down the Quran to Prophet Muhammad SAW over about twenty-three years through Angel Jibril (Gabriel).

In the Quran, Allah SWT orders Muslims to obey Him and Prophet Muhammad SAW. Allah SWT sent Prophet Muhammad SAW as a role model for all humans. So, as Muslims, we must learn about qualities of our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW and try to copy them in our lives. Prophet Muhammad SAW had the best character. He was known as the **Truthful** (Al-Saadiq) and the **Trustworthy** (Al-Ameen). He was kind and caring and **bravely** and **patiently** spread the message of Allah SWT.

Prophet Muhammad SAW treated people equally, no matter if they were boys or girls, young or old, and rich or poor. Prophet Muhammad SAW advised us we all are equal in the eyes of Allah SWT, and it doesn't



matter if you are an Arab or non-Arab, white or black skin. He told us that Allah SWT doesn't look at our faces or wealth but our hearts. Allah SWT likes righteous people who have Iman and do good things.

With the help of Allah SWT, Prophet Muhammad's SAW was able to win over the people of Madinah and Makkah. It was a big achievement that Allah SWT gave the Prophet after many hard years of effort and hard work spreading the message of **Tawheed** – there is only One God who deserves our obedience.

Do you know what Prophet Muhammad SAW did when he returned to Makkah as its new leader? Even though he was now the ruler and could have anything he wanted, he forgave all the people who had done wrong to him! He started a new way of living there that was fair for all, no matter whether you were rich or poor, male or female, young or old, or where you came from. Because Muhammad SAW was so kind and fair, and made everyone feel valued and important, the people loved Prophet Muhammad SAW very much. They tried to be like him and follow him as best as they could. He was their role model. They would go to him for advice, they would love to sit with him to learn about Allah SWT and the Qur'an with him. They would try to copy everything he did because of how much they loved him and believed in him and Allah SWT. And Prophet Muhammad SAW loved them very much too.

Do you know who Prophet Muhammad SAW loved so, so much? All of US!!! Yes, you and me. Prophet Muhamad SAW would make Dua for us and cry just thinking about us, and he called us his "loved ones" - because we believe in him and love him even though we have never ever seen him! Subhan Allah, how blessed we are to have the chance to be from those the Prophet Muhammad SAW loves and to be from those who are his followers!!! Alhamdulilah!

EESSONS LEARNT:

- Make Prophet Muhammad SAW your role model: We all should have Prophet Muhammad SAW as our role model because he had the best character. We should follow him in everything we do to get Allah SWT's love and lots of Hasanat. We can copy his ways for example by smiling and greeting others, being polite and speaking the truth, showing respect to elders and kindness to all.
- ✓ Treat everyone with respect: Follow Prophet Muhammad SAW and be respectful. Respectful behaviour includes things like using our manners (please, thank you excuse me, not interrupting, etc), saying sorry if you hurt someone, waiting for your turn and not judging people based on whether they are male or female, rich or poor, young, old or where they come from.
- ✓ Be close to good people: Prophet Muhammad SAW advised us to choose our friends wisely. Choose friends that help you be a better Muslim. Good friends remind us to do the right things, like praying, reading the Quran, fasting, being truthful and honest.
- ✓ Be wise: Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us to be thoughtful and wise. Try to be wise by making good choices (e.g. do not miss your prayers and schoolwork by playing games or watching TV. If someone behaves rudely, leave and inform an adult).

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<u>YEARS 3-6</u>

Prophet Muhammad SAW was the last and final messenger of Allah SWT! Like the other Prophets, he taught people **Tawheed**, **Oneness of Allah SWT**, and to worship Him alone. He completed the mission of all the previous Prophets (peace be upon them all).

Prophet Muhammad SAW holds a special place with Allah SWT. We must learn about the life story of Muhammad SAW, or the "Seerah" of the Prophet Muhammad SAW so that he can hold a special place in our hearts and lives too and to gain Allah SWT's love.



Allah SWT gradually revealed the Quran to Prophet Muhammad SAW over approximately twenty-three years through Angel Jibril (Gabriel). Allah SWT says, "...We have sent you a messenger from among yourselves—reciting to you Our revelations, purifying you, teaching you the Book and wisdom, and teaching you what you never knew." (Qur'an 2:151).

In the Qur'an, Allah SWT orders Muslims, **"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger."** (Qur'an 4:59). Allah SWT sent Prophet Muhammad SAW as a role model to all of humanity. Allah SWT says, **"Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah, you have an excellent example."** Quran (33:21). Therefore, as Muslims, we must learn about the character and qualities of our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW and follow them in our lives.

Prophet Muhammad SAW had the best character. Allah SWT says, "And truly you are of outstanding character" (Qur'an 68:4). He was known as the Truthful (Al-Saadiq) and the Trustworthy (Al-Ameen) even before his prophethood. He bravely and patiently spread the message of Allah SWT.

Prophet Muhammad SAW **exemplified fairness** and treated everyone fairly and equally, regardless if they were male or female, their wealth, or background. He emphasised that Allah SWT doesn't look at our wealth but our hearts. Our status in the eyes of Allah SWT depends on righteousness (Iman and good actions). In the Hajj sermon, Prophet Muhammad SAW advised us, **"O people, your Lord is One, and your father Adam is one. There is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab over an Arab, and neither white skin over black skin, nor black skin over white skin, except by righteousness."** (Musnad Aḥmad 23489).

One day, Prophet Muhamad SAW was sitting with his companions, who were rich in faith but poor in material wealth. The arrogant Arab leaders demanded that they would listen to the message of Muhammad SAW only if he dismissed (sent away) his poor companions. Allah SWT sent a revelation to Muhammad SAW, commanding him to keep his poor companions close to him as they were sincere in their faith. **"O Prophet! Do not dismiss those 'poor believers' who invoke their Lord morning and evening, seeking His pleasure"** (Qur'an 6:52). Prophet Muhammad SAW obeyed Allah SWT's command and always kept them close to Him.

With the help of Allah SWT, Prophet Muhammad's SAW **leadership** led Muslims back to Makkah. It was a remarkable achievement for the Muslims. Do you know who was next to Prophet Muhammad SAW when he returned as the new leader to Makkah? "The Prophet Muhammad SAW arrived (at Makkah)... while Usama was riding behind him on (his she-camel)', Al-Qaswa.' Bilal and Uthman bin Talha were accompanying him." (Sahih al-Bukhari 4400).

Do you know who Bilal ibn Rabah RA and Usama ibn Zayd RA were? They both were the beloved companions of our Prophet Muhammad SAW. Do you think were they rich or leaders of the society? No, they were poor individuals with a history of slavery. Bilal RA was a freed slave, and Usama bin Zayd RA was the son of freed slaves. Both honourable companions had an African background and dark skin.

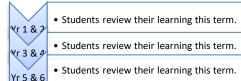
Despite their humble origins, Prophet Muhammad SAW **valued them** for their strong belief in Allah SWT and their amazing qualities of bravery, wisdom, patience, and honesty. Prophet Muhammad SAW gave them important jobs - he appointed Bilal RA as the first Mu'azzin (caller to prayer) and treasurer (money accountant) of the Muslims and Usama RA as an important leader even though he was young. Subhan Allah, these companions were truly remarkable. Do you know who was their role model? Rasool Allah SAW was their role model! They always did their best to follow him. Allah SWT raised the status of these companions because they obeyed Allah SWT and Prophet Muhammad SAW in everything they did. That is why Prophet Muhammad SAW always kept them close to him, regardless of their backgrounds. **And Allah SWT loves those who love His Prophet Muhammad SAW**.



LESSONS LEARNT:

- Make Prophet Muhammad SAW your role model: Who is your role model? Who do you look up to, and who do you act like? Prophet Muhammad SAW was the best of character. Allah SWT honoured his companions because they always followed the Prophet SAW character and qualities. They learnt from him to be truthful, honest, wise, brave, and patient. We should also make Prophet Muhammad SAW our role model and follow his qualities and manners, our words and actions.
- ✓ Treat all with respect: Follow the Prophet Muhammad SAW and treat everyone respectfully. Be humble and do not consider yourself superior based on your gender, age, looks, wealth, or background. Prophet Muhammad SAW said, "You are (from) Adam, and Adam came from dust. Let the people stop showing off about their ancestors (families)." (Sunan Abi Dawud 5116).
- ✓ Be close to good people: Do you know which friends are the best for us? Allah SWT ordered Prophet Muhammad SAW to keep righteous people close to him, even if they were poor. This advice is for us as well. Prophet Muhammad SAW also advised us to choose our friends wisely and be friends with those who help us become better Muslims. Being a good friend means encouraging our friends to do the right things, like praying, reading the Qur'an, fasting, and being truthful and honest.
- Be wise: Prophet Muhammad SAW trusted his young companions because they were wise and obedient to Allah SWT and Prophet Muhammad SAW. Even as young people, you can consider whether your decisions are bringing you closer to Allah SWT. (e.g., is binging on video games or TV, impacting your prayers and schoolwork?) It is wise to do important things first. If someone behaves rudely, it is wise to prioritise your well-being, leave and go inform a trusted adult (e.g., parents or teacher). As a Muslim, you must wisely consider the impact of your words and actions on yourself, your family, and others (including the Muslim community).

LESSON 10: REVISION



***Teachers: Please select from the below revision/ discussion Questions:

<u>Years 1 – 2:</u>

What your favourite Prophet story and why? What did you learn from the Prophets? How can you be like a Prophet we learnt about this term? What do we say when we say a Prophet's name?

<u>Years 3 - 6</u>

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- What is an important thing you learnt from the Prophet stories we discussed this term?
- What did your favourite Prophet story teach you ?
- Why are the Prophets stories important for your life?
- How can thinking of the Prophets' stories help you when you are going through a tough time in your life? How did the Prophets get through tough times in their lives?
- What did you learn about the greatest Prophet Muhammad SAW? What do you know about him? What do you love about him? What would you like to start doing to be more like him?
- Is the Prophet Muhamad your role model for you in your life? How can you learn more about him?
- How are the Prophets role models for us? Why do you think Allah SWT teaches us about them?

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

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