

# وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

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## PROPHECY

### النبوة

#### Objectives >>>

#### Students should:

- Be introduced to the fact that Allah sent Prophets to us and that God communicates with them
- Know the number of prophets in total
- Know the number of prophets mentioned in the Qur'an
- Know the names of the Ulul 'Azm prophets
- Understand the importance of mentioning the names of the Prophets respectfully
- Learn the concept that as Muslims, we believe in all of the previous prophets
- Learn to live peacefully with other non-Muslims (from the stories of the prophets)
- Be introduced to the etiquette of living with people of different religions

## FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

## LEVEL 1

### Lesson 1: Learning about our Prophets

One of the ways that Allah (SWT), our Lord, takes care of us is by sending us prophets. He sends us prophets to teach us how to live, so that we can be happy in this world and the in the next world too.

#### WHO IS A PROPHET?

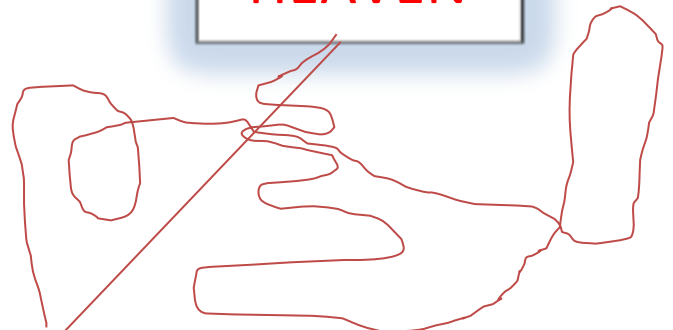
A Prophet is a man chosen by Allah (SWT) to introduce Allah (SWT) to the people of the world! They teach us what Allah (SWT) wishes for us to know so we can be good. They show us the shortest, easiest path to heaven!

#### ACTIVITY

The teacher should decorate a piece of paper writing on it 'Heaven'. To that paper attach 2 pieces of string (wool) of a distinctive colour. Stretch out one string on a winding path around the room whilst the other on a straight path. Get 2 children to walk **blind folded** with the teacher guiding one and not guiding the other along either string that they choose.

Teacher should then have a discussion with the children to demonstrate the importance of guidance to the goal.

HEAVEN



## WHAT DO THE PROPHETS TEACH US?

The Prophets are messengers that bring us the rules that Allah (SWT) wants us to follow. They teach us:

- The Prophets teach us what Allah (SWT) wants us to do and what He does not want us to do. For example, the Prophets have taught us to pray and to be good to our parents.
- They also teach us what actions are right and what actions are wrong. Lying and stealing are wrong actions and telling the truth and giving money to the orphans and poor people are good actions.
- They also teach us about things we cannot see or understand, such as Angels, Paradise and Hell.
- The Prophets also teach us by being good examples for us. By seeing how they live their lives and what they do, we learn how to live our life as well. Let's listen to one story from the life of our last Prophet, Prophet Muhammad (saw) and see what we can learn from his life.

### **STORY: A HELPING HAND**

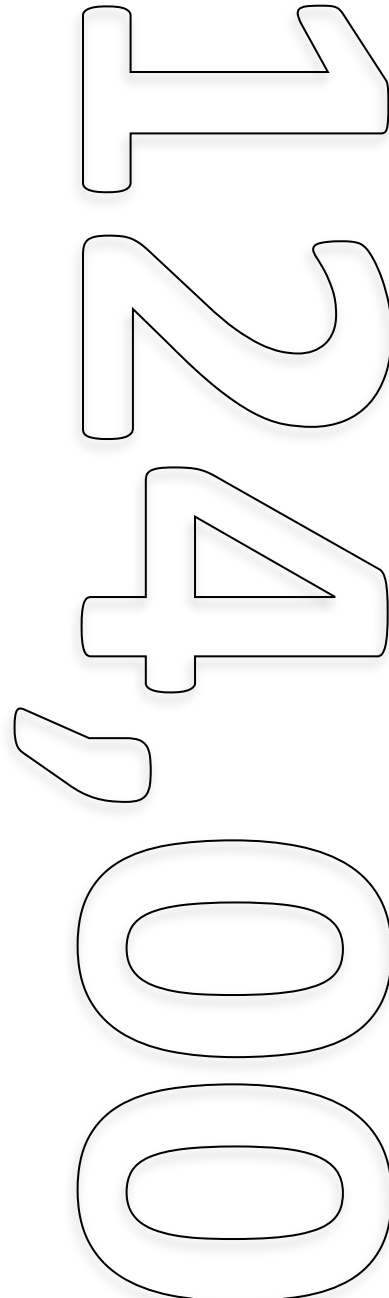
One day, Prophet Muhammad (saw) and some Muslims went on a journey. After travelling for a long time they got tired, so they stopped for a rest. They decided to make a small camp and cook some food. One of the men said that he would get the lamb so they could cook it, the other man said that he would prepare the lamb for cooking. The last man said that he would light the fire and cook the meat. Each person took a job so that the work was done fast and it was fair for everyone.

Prophet Muḥammad (saw) said that he would go to find the firewood from the forest. All the men said that he didn't have to do anything. They said they could do all the work themselves. But the prophet said even though they could do the work, Allah does not like for a person to sit and let other people do all the work. He also said that even though he was the leader, he didn't want them to treat him as more special. This is because Allah (SWT) does not like a person to think that he is better than other people.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT THE PROPHETS

Allah (SWT) sent to this world 124,000 Prophets!

**Colour the number 124,000 below**



- The First of those was Prophet Ādam (as)
- And the last was Prophet Muḥammad (saw)

We shall learn about both of these Prophets in a later lesson.

The Holy Qurʻān mentions the names of twenty-five of these prophets. In this lesson, we will learn the names of the most special of all the prophets:

- Prophet Nūḥ (Noah) (as)
- Prophet Ibrāhīm (Abraham) (as)
- Prophet Mūsā (Moses) (as)
- Prophet ʻĪsā (Jesus) (as)
- Prophet Muḥammad (saw)

## **RESPECTING THE PROPHETS**

The Prophets were God’s messengers to us. They are the best people who have lived on Earth and they dedicated their lives to guiding us. Therefore, when we mention their names, we should show our respect. We can do this by saying the following after we have said their names:

Peace be upon him                      ʻalayhis salām

This is called 'salām' and when we say it, we get many rewards from Allah (SWT). Also, when you send your salām to a prophet, they will definitely reply to you, even if you cannot hear it.

The greatest of all the prophets was Prophet Muḥammad (saw). Therefore, when we say his name, we show him special respect by saying salawaat after his name:

### **Memorisation Activity**

اللهم صلي على محمد و آل محمد

Allahumma ṣalli ʻalā Muḥammadin wa āli Muḥammad

O Allah, send your blessings upon Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad

## **Review Questions**

### **Q1. Allah (SWT) has sent us:**

- a. 5 prophets
- b. 25 prophets
- c. 124,000 prophets

### **Q2. The first prophet was:**

- a. Prophet Ādam (as)
- b. Prophet Muḥammad (saw)
- c. Prophet Yaḥyā (as)

### **Q3. The Prophets were sent by Allah (SWT) to teach us:**

- a. About things we can't see like Paradise and angels
- b. What God wants us to do and what He wants us to stay away from
- c. Both a & b

## **Homework (10 Marks)**

It is your job to find out the names of at least ten other prophets who are mentioned in the Holy Qurʻān. Make sure you get help from your parents.

- 1- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- \_\_\_\_\_
- 7- \_\_\_\_\_
- 8- \_\_\_\_\_
- 9- \_\_\_\_\_
- 10- \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson 2: Learning more about our Prophets

In this lesson, we are going to learn more about our prophets.

### Class Activity

Do you remember from last week how many prophets there were in total?

- Yes, 124,000.

As Muslims, we believe that since the creation of the first human on earth, every group of people have received a messenger from Allah (SWT) who taught them right from wrong. There were 124,000 prophets from Prophet Ādam (as) to Prophet Muḥammad (saw).

Look at the timeline (on the board) showing Prophet Adam as the first then a long line then the LAST Holy Prophet. See those branches on the line; can you help your teacher fill in the names of some of the prophets you found during your homework?

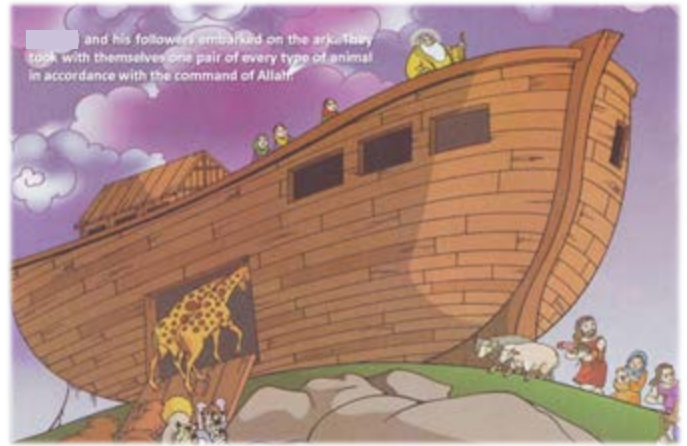
### The Ūlul ‘Azm Prophets

Out of all the 124,000 prophets, there were five who were very special. They were extra patient and extra strong, and so Allah called them the Ūlul ‘Azm prophets. Each of them had a special title:

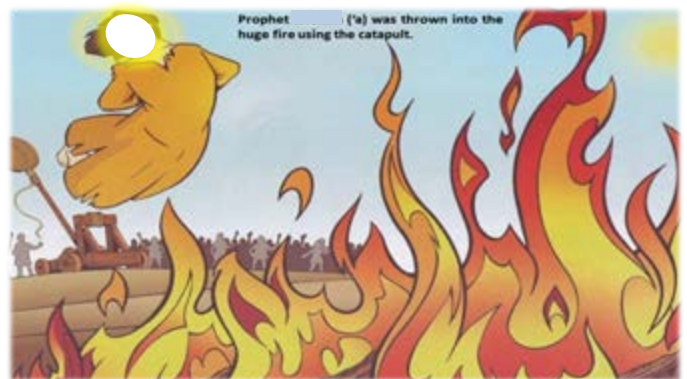
1. Prophet Nūḥ (as): his title is Nabiullāh, which means ‘the Prophet of Allah’
2. Prophet Ibrāhīm (as): his title is Khalilullāh, which means ‘the close friend of Allah’
3. Prophet Mūsā (as): his title is Kalimullāh, which means ‘the one who talked with Allah.’
4. Prophet Īsā(as): his title is Rūḥullāh, which means ‘the Spirit of Allah’
5. Prophet Muḥammad (saw): His title is Ḥabibullāh, which means ‘the most beloved of Allah.’

### Class Activity

Write the names of the Ulul ‘Azm Prophets from the clues given <sup>ii</sup>



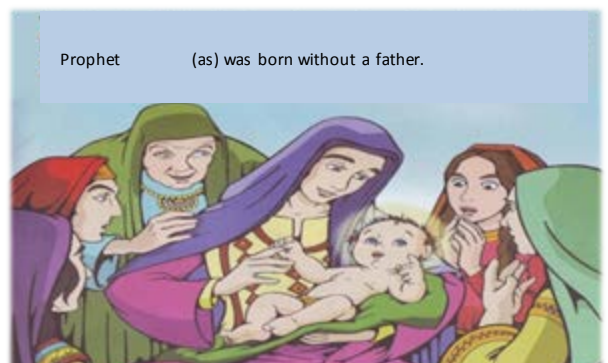
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**Prophet** \_\_\_\_\_ **Was born in Makkah and is buried in Madina.**

PROPHET: \_\_\_\_\_

### ALLAH (SWT) COMMUNICATES WITH US THROUGH HOLY BOOKS

Allah (SWT) gave to some of His prophets (messengers) books to guide the people after the prophet passes away. The Qur’ān was given to our Prophet, and is the final word of Allah, similarly some of the previous prophets, especially the five special ones we just learnt about, were given books from Allah also.

These books were sent down by Allah to some prophets just like the Qur’ān was sent to Prophet Muḥammad (saw), to teach the people what was right and what was wrong, and to teach them the religion of Allah. The reason why we do not use these previous books now, is because when the Qur’ān was sent down, it covered all teachings of these previous books, and all the important topics, and therefore we no longer need those other books. Also, unfortunately, people have changed these books as time has gone on and so we can no longer rely on them.

### **Class Activity**

Let us look at an example. If you at this age take a year 1 text book, will you find it easy to read and write? Now let us look at a year 5 text book. Will you be able to read and understand it at all? Just like how you have different text books for different age groups, similarly Allah sent down different books to different people according to

their generation. In today’s world, those books would not be enough for us, and that is why we have the Qur’ān, as the final Word of Allah, and it is enough for us and all those to come after us.

### **Class Activity**

Find the names of the 5 Ulul A’zm Prophets in the word search below

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W	U	R	U	V	H	Y	Q	M	M	H	X	Z
N	Y	B	S	S	M	D	A	W	O	O	D	N
K	I	I	B	R	A	H	I	M	N	U	B	Y
W	C	A	D	S	D	G	S	E	R	O	P	Y
K	A	S	S	A	L	E	A	Q	U	I	N	T

### **Review Questions**

**Q1. The Ūlul ‘Azm prophets were special because:**

- a. They were the first prophets
- b. They were the last prophets
- c. They were the prophets who showed the most patience and strength

**Q2. We do not use the previous holy books anymore because:**

- a. The Qur’ān covers all their teachings
- b. These books were changed by people and so are no longer the word of God
- c. Both a & b

**Q2. Prophet Ibrāhīm’s title was:**

- a. The spirit of Allah
- b. The close friend of Allah
- c. The prophet of Allah

## Lesson 3: An Important Message from the Prophets

Now that we know a lot about our prophets, let's look at one of the most important lessons they have taught us. All the prophets, throughout time, have taught us to respect other people, no matter where they are from, what they look like, what language they speak or which religion they follow. Remember the story we read a couple of lessons ago about Prophet Muḥammad? He made sure that he treated everyone equally and did not give himself respect over others. He worked hard just as his friends and companions worked hard. He respected all of them, no matter what their background.

### RESPECTING MUSLIMS

The Prophets (as) taught us that one of the most important things we should do is to respect people, especially if they are Muslims. When we around other Muslims, the Prophets (as) have told us to:

- Smile at them and be cheerful towards them
- Help them whenever they need help
- Never insult them or make jokes about them
- If they need something, we should give it to them even if we need it more than them

### RESPECTING NON-MUSLIMS

Just like the prophets taught us to respect Muslims, they have also taught us to respect non-Muslims. Just because a person is not a Muslim, it is not an excuse to insult them or hurt them in any way.

### **STORY**

The Prophet (saw) used to respect his neighbours so much. In fact, one time, the prophet had non-Muslim neighbours who made a hole in the wall between their houses and would push their rubbish into the Prophet's yard. When the Prophet noticed this, his neighbours became very scared and thought the Prophet would start a fight with them. However, the Prophet simply cleaned the rubbish and did not say anything. They were so amazed by this that they themselves became Muslim.

From this we learn that whether our neighbours are Muslims or not, we should respect them and not be rude to them. In fact we should be friendly towards them, and set a good example by showing good manners and

respect, so that they can see through us what a great religion Islam is.

### **Class Activity**<sup>iii</sup>

Using the boxes below, draw/write a picture story of someone you have met who is of a different religion **or** imagine someone from a faraway land to yours and what you do when you meet them.

In conclusion: We need to show a lot of respect to all people, especially Muslims, but also non-Muslims. We can do this by:

- Helping our neighbours, fellow students at school, people at work regardless of skin colour, age or religion
- Being kind and generous towards everyone
- Spreading Islam to them by showing good character
- Never insulting or hurting anyone

## Homework (5 marks)

List 5 ways we can help a fellow Muslim person.

1- \_\_\_\_\_

2- \_\_\_\_\_

3- \_\_\_\_\_

4- \_\_\_\_\_

5- \_\_\_\_\_

## Review Questions

### Q1. Islam teaches us that we should:

- a. Respect Muslims and non-Muslims
- b. Respect only Muslims
- c. We don't need to respect anyone

### Q2. When it comes to our neighbours:

- a. It's not important how we treat them
- b. We should treat them well, and not do anything to harm them
- c. Neither of the above

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