

السَّلَامُ عَلَى مُوسَى كَلِيمِ اللَّهِ

Prophet Mūsā^[A.S]

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Discuss stories from the early life of Prophet Mūsā (as)
- Discuss Prophet Mūsā's (as) mission in Egypt
- The successes of Prophet Mūsā's (as) mission

FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

LEVEL 1

THE SECRET BIRTH

Prophet Mūsā's (as) birth is very interesting. Allah (SWT) made things easier for Prophet Mūsā's (as) mother. No one noticed that she was pregnant and he was born secretly. His mother asked a carpenter to make a waterproof wooden box. She placed baby Mūsā (as) in the box and let it float down the river. She was afraid to let the baby go but she knew Allah (SWT) would keep him safe as He had put this idea into her mind.

RAISED BY PHARAOH

Not long after, the baby in the box was found in the river. Pharaoh wanted to kill him but because Pharaoh's wife did not have any babies, she begged the Pharaoh to keep baby Mūsā (as) and bring him up as their son.

Because they were going to raise him, the Pharaoh was sure this boy would not oppose him. So Prophet Mūsā (as) grew up in Pharaoh's very own castle!

NURSED BY HIS OWN MOTHER

However, baby Mūsā (as) needed to drink milk and Pharaoh's wife could not breastfeed him. Therefore the palace asked if anyone could feed the baby. When baby Mūsā's (as) sister heard this, she told her mother. They quickly came to the palace and offered to breastfeed the baby. Pharaoh and his wife had no idea that she was Prophet Mūsā's (as) real mother. In this way Allah (SWT) reunited baby Mūsā (as) and his mother, and saved Mūsā (as), just as He had promised his mother.

Lesson 1: Prophet Mūsā (as)

In Islam, we have many prophets but Allah (SWT). Five of these prophets had especially difficult missions. They were called the Ulul 'Azm prophets. Can you name any of these five?

Prophet Mūsā (as) was one of them. In English we refer to Prophet Mūsā (as) as Moses (as).

The ruler of Egypt at the time when Prophet Mūsā (as) was born was called Pharaoh or Fir'awn. He considered himself a god, because he was rich and powerful. He made everyone obey him. He treated one particular group very badly. This was the group of people called the Bani Israel (Israelites). One day, someone who claimed to be able to tell the future told the Pharaoh that a baby boy born in that tribe would eventually destroy his kingdom.

The Pharaoh became scared and angry. He ordered his soldiers to kill all baby boys born in that tribe. So, all the baby boys were killed except one!

GROWING UP

Prophet Musa as grew up in the palace surrounded with all the money and gold. Yet he grew up to be a very good man – not at all proud or rude! He did not treat people in a mean way and was always disagreeing with the mean way the Pharaoh acted.



One day, as Prophet Mūsā (as) was walking through the city, he saw Pharaoh’s soldier abusing a man from his tribe. The man cried out: “HELP!”

At once, Prophet Mūsā (as) came running. He struck the soldier. He was only trying to stop the soldier from hurting this weak man. Unluckily, the soldier fell down and died.

Now Prophet Mūsā (as) knew he had to run out of Egypt and flee very fast! He did not want to cause any problem for himself or his family. So he left without any preparation. He walked and walked, through the hot sandy desert, hungry and tired. At long, he arrived at a well; he was so exhausted that he fell fast asleep.

IN MADYAN

When he woke up, he noticed there were many people near the well letting their sheep drink water. He noticed two ladies also standing back. They were waiting for their turn. Prophet Moses went over to them and offered his help. He watered their sheep. He then went back to rest again. This land was called Madyan.

The father of these two ladies was Prophet Shu’ayb (as). When the father heard about Prophet Mūsā’s (as) help, he invited him to his home, so they could repay him.

Eventually, Prophet Mūsā (as) ended up marrying one of these two ladies, and worked for Prophet Shu’ayb for ten years.



RETURNING TO EGYPT

Now Prophet Prophet Mūsā (as) had a family. He had become experienced by living with Prophet Shu’ayb (as). He decided to return to Egypt. On the way back, he and his family got lost in the desert at night. Suddenly, Prophet Mūsā (as) saw a light and decided to go towards it to get some fire to warm his family. As he walked alone towards the fire, he realized that the fire was not burning the tree. As he approached the tree, he heard a sound come from it.



ALLAH (SWT) SPEAKS TO PROPHET MOSES:

The sound coming from the tree was God’s way of sending Prophet Moses a message. He told him that it was God speaking to him, and that he had chosen him as a prophet, and wanted him to go back to face Pharaoh and free the Bani Israel tribe from being slaves.

His job was to teach the Pharaoh and the people about Allah (SWT) and urge them to obey Allah (SWT). His other job was to free his people from the cruel ruler and take them to their homeland. Then they can live free and happy.

Review Questions:

Q1. Why did Prophet Moses’ mum place him in the river?

- a. Because she didn’t want a baby
- b. Because Pharaoh was killing all the baby boys
- c. Because he wanted to swim

Q2. Why did Prophet Moses fight the soldier?

- a. He was hurting and abusing an innocent person
- b. He was very strong
- c. He hurt his mum

Q3. How did Allah (SWT) communicate with Prophet Moses?

- a. He wrote him a letter
- b. He sent the Qur’an

- c. Through sound coming from a tree

Q4. Let's sing together. (follow tune of :

(Who has seen the wind? Neither you nor I)

Who has seen Allah? Neither you nor I

But when the bush is on fire,

We know Allah is making it so.

Repeat chorus(Make up more verses)

5. Colour the bush on fire:



Lesson 2: Prophet Moses Returns to Egypt



Let's quiz our brain:

- Name the Prophet who had to live away from his Mum even as a baby?
- Who breast fed Prophet Mūsā (as)?
- Where did he grow up?
- Who was the king of Egypt then?

Prophet Mūsā's (as) returned to Egypt on the command of Allah (SWT). He asked Allah (SWT) to appoint his brother Hārūn (Aaron) as his helper and minister. Allah (SWT) accepted this, and Prophet Mūsā (as) began his mission.

Prophet Mūsā (as) went to the Pharaoh; who now considered himself a god. He asked him to believe in

Allah (SWT). He also asked him to free the Bani Israel and to stop using them as slaves.

THE MIRACLES OF MOSES (AS)

The Pharaoh did not believe Musa (as), but made fun of him and acted arrogantly. Prophet Mūsā (as) showed Pharaoh the miracles Allah (SWT) had granted him. He put his hand into his pocket and took it out, and suddenly it was shining with a very bright light.

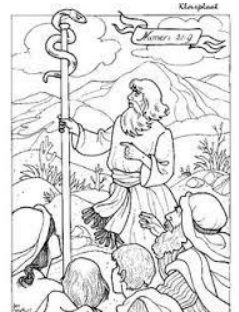
Prophet Mūsā (as) also had a stick (staff) that he used to guide his sheep with. Allah (SWT) made this stick turn into a huge snake. This was the second miracle of Prophet Mūsā (as). Therefore when Pharaoh didn't listen to Prophet Mūsā (as) he threw his stick onto the ground and it turned into a huge snake. This was a sign to prove to him that Allah is the true God and that he gave him special powers. Pharaoh still didn't believe and said that Moses was only performing magic. So he challenged Prophet Mūsā (as) to a duel against the magicians. The Pharaoh thought that his magicians would be able to outdo Prophet Mūsā (as).

THE MEETING WITH THE MAGICIANS

The Pharaoh set a day when everyone could come and watch the challenge between Prophet Mūsā (as) and the magicians who worked for Pharaoh. He wanted to make it clear that Prophet Mūsā (as) was just a magician and was not actually performing miracles.

Everyone in the land gathered eagerly to see what would happen. The magicians threw their sticks that looked like snakes. The people were all amazed.

Then it was the turn of Prophet Mūsā (as). He threw down his stick. It suddenly turned into a real live snake and ate all of the sticks of the magicians. Wow! The spectators were amazed! The magicians understood that this was not magic but a miracle from God. They prostrated to Allah (SWT) and said that they believed in the God of Moses.



The Pharaoh still did not believe! He became furious at the magicians and killed them in a cruel way. He also started treating the Bani Israel in an even worse manner.

THE PLAGUES

Allah (SWT) began to send different types of problems to the Pharaoh and his people. First Egypt was struck by a famine – shortage of food and water! This was followed by swarms of locusts that ate away fruits and crops.

When in difficulties, each time, the Pharaoh and his people begged Prophet Mūsā (as) to pray for them. He did. With Mercy of Allah SWT, the problems would be removed. However, again the Pharaoh and his people would deny the signs of God and disbelieve in Prophet Mūsā (as).

At last, Prophet Mūsā (as) got his people assembled. Allah SWT had Prophet Mūsā (as) to take his people out of Egypt.

Lesson 3: Prophet Mūsā (As) Succeeds

Review Quiz

- Who supported Prophet Mūsā (as) when he returned to Egypt?
- Who had looked after baby Moses?
- Does anyone know the name of the Pharaoh's wife?
- Where did Āsiya live?

PHARAOH'S WIFE BECOMES A BELIEVER

The pharaoh's wife, Āsiya, believed in the message of Prophet Mūsā (as). Even though she lived the most luxurious life, and even though she was married to such an evil person, she saw the truth of God, and held on to it.

So the Pharaoh treated her very badly. Eventually, she asked Allah (SWT) to save her from the Pharaoh and to build her a house in heaven. Allah answered her prayers. When the Pharaoh found out that Āsiya believed in Prophet Mūsā (as), he killed her.

THE MAGICIANS BELIEVE

Prophet Moses could throw his stick down and it would turn into a huge snake. The Pharaoh tried to claim that Prophet Mūsā (as) was just a magician. He wanted to prove that his magicians could do the same tricks as Prophet Mūsā (as).

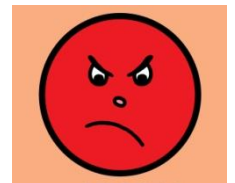
So one day, he invited all his magicians to come and perform their magic tricks! The place was packed with spectators! The magicians threw some cords or sticks on the ground. In sunshine, these cords or tiny sticks looked like creeping serpents! The magicians shouted for victory.

Now Prophet Mūsā (as) threw down his staff on the ground. Instantly, it turned into a huge serpent and swallowed all the serpents which the magicians had produced!

The magicians realised that this was not any ordinary magic! They knew the difference between magic and a miracle. They understood that Prophet Mūsā (as) had shown a miracle of Allah SWT. At once, they all prostrated to Allah (SWT). They called out:



The Pharaoh became angry and threatened to kill them. They told him: 'you only have power in this world, we do not care what you do.'



He ended up by killing the magicians!

However, not only had Prophet Mūsā (as) convinced the magicians to believe, all people had now seen this great miracle.

CROSSING THE SEA

For many years, the pharaoh and his people were oppressing the Bani Israel (the tribe of Moses). Finally, after many years of struggle, Allah (SWT) ordered Prophet Mūsā (as) to take his people out of Egypt and reach their homeland of Palestine.

One night, Prophet Mūsā (as) assembled his people and led them out of Egypt. They had not covered much distance, when the mighty army of Pharaoh followed them. In front of them was big river called River Nile.

They were now stuck between a river and the army of Pharaoh! They would either get drowned or be killed by the powerful army!

Prophet Mūsā (as) never gave up hope in Allah (SWT). He knew Allah would surely save them. This feeling is called **FAITH**.

Allah ordered Prophet Mūsā (as) to use his stick. He struck his stick against the river! The Nile split and suddenly a dry path appeared in it! Prophet Mūsā (as) and Bani Israeli were able to walk along this dry road and reach the other shore safely.

In the meantime, the Pharaoh and his army saw this, he led his soldiers through this dry crossing. When they were in the midst of the crossing, all of a sudden, the dry path disappeared. The Pharaoh and his soldiers got covered by big waves of water.

While the Pharaoh was drowning, he called that he believed in Allah (SWT). It was too late! Allah let him and all his soldiers drown and perish in the deep waters!

CLASS DISCUSSION:

What did we learn from these stories of Prophet Mūsā (as)?

Some points to discuss:

- We should never ignore the signs of Allah (SWT)
- We should do the right thing before it is too late!
- We should not give up on God's help, even when the situation seems desperate.
- Allah is the Most Powerful, and He will make anything He wants come to be.

CLASS ACTIVITY

We will act out the crossing of the Nile River as a class group today.

Review Questions

Q1. What was the name of Pharaoh's wife?

- a. Zaynab
- b. Āminah

c. Āsiya

Q2. What did Prophet Mūsā (as) use to split the river in two?

- a. His hand
- b. His stick/staff
- c. All his followers

Q3. What should we do when we are going through something difficult /tough?

- a. Give up and complain to Allah (SWT)
- b. Pray to Allah (SWT) and believe He will help us