



Stories from the Quran and Hadith

Reading Comprehension Workbook

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Assalam alaikum. In this book, we will learn English language arts with stories around the life of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, and his companions, may Allah be pleased with them, and from stories in the Quran. For the sake of allowing the child to focus on the stories, vocabulary, and so on, we will omit the du'aa behind the names. If you read the stories aloud to your child, we encourage you to include the du'aa behind the names of Allah subhana wa ta'ala, Muhammad, peace be upon him, and the sahaba, may Allah be pleased with them.

The language used is meant to be simple enough that young children can complete the exercises, so the stories are not meant to be a complete biography or accounting. They are simply meant to replace the meaningless reading comprehension stories found in current schools with stories that have benefit, inshallah. Parents should help their children try to understand the concepts if their children struggle with some of the meanings and should give children access to more resources if they show interest in specific stories by providing them with children's versions of the Quran, seerah, and hadith.

This book is being written for the sake of Allah. Please contact me if you see any errors and I will hasten to fix those. You may redistribute this book freely as long as you do not charge for it.

Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets. And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing... Quran 44:30

Vocabulary

Clan - a group of people from the same family

Tribe - a group of people, families, or villages that share the same language, social customs, and ancestors.

Caravan - a band of people traveling together. Caravans are often formed for safety when crossing a remote area like a desert.

Fertile - producing or able to produce farm crops or other plant life

Story

A Special Baby is Born



Many years ago, more than 1,400 years past, a man named Abdullah and his wife, Aminah, lived in a city named Mecca in the desert of Arabia. Mecca was a very large city, but it was not very fertile, so caravans came to trade food and supplies for the people of Mecca. A tribe called the Quraish were the ones that brought the caravans to the city, so the tribe was both rich and powerful. Abdullah and Aminah were part of the Banu Hashim clan of the Quraish tribe.

Aminah found out that she was going to have a baby! An angel came to her before the baby was born and told her the special name of her baby boy. She was going to name him Muhammad. Sadly, Abdullah died before Muhammad (as) was born, but Muhammad (as) lived with his mother and grandfather, Abdul Muttalib. On the day that he was born, his grandfather took him to the Ka'bah to pray to Allah and thank him for his grandson!

After some time, the baby Muhammad (as) went to live in the desert with a family there so that he could grow up strong. A woman named Haleemah fed him and took care of him. The family received many blessings while the baby lived with them. They did not want the baby to go home because they loved him and enjoyed all of the blessings of Allah. Haleemah begged his mother to let him stay and reminded his mother that many people in the city were ill. Aminah was worried that her son may also get sick if he came back, so Muhammad (as) stayed with the desert family for a few more years.

When Muhammad (as) was five years old, the angel Gabriel came to him and helped him. This scared the Haleemah, so they brought him back to live with his loving mother and grandfather in Mecca.

Practice

A. Fill in the blank and spell.

brought br__ __ght _____

city c__t__ _____

supplies suppl__ __s _____

people p__ __ple _____

powerful p__ __erful _____

loving lov__ __ __ _____

B. Use each word in a sentence.

caravan _____

tribe _____

fertile _____

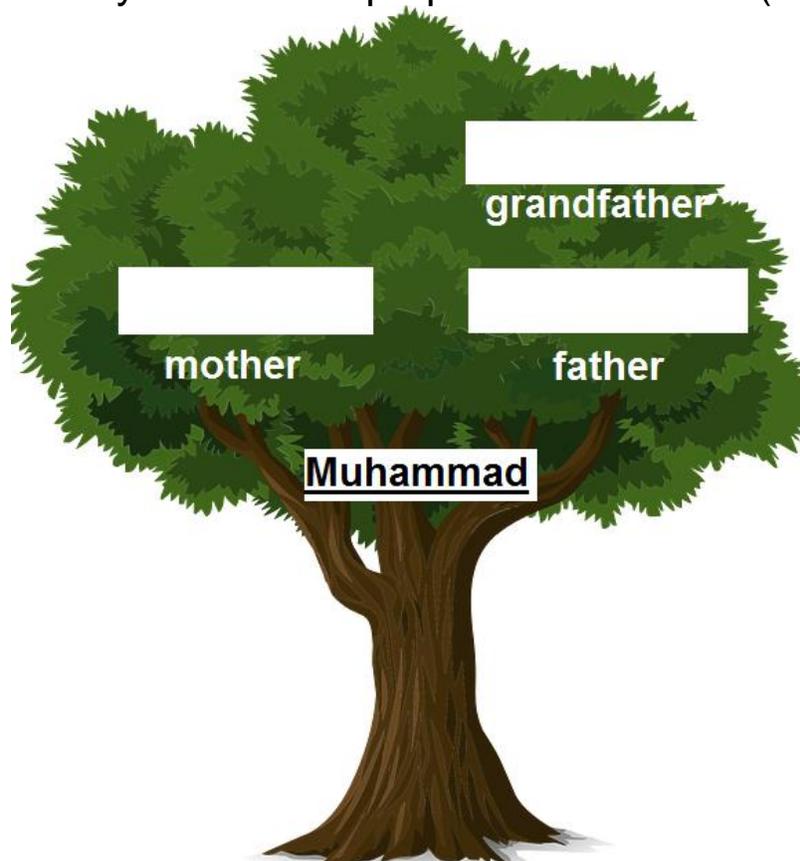
C. Multiple choice. Circle the letter before each correct answer.

1. Who is the main character of the text?

- a. Abdullah
- b. Haleemah
- c. Muhammad (as)

- d. Abdul Muttalib
2. How did Haleemah convince Aminah to let Muhammad (as) stay with her?
- a. She paid Aminah to let him stay.
 - b. She reminded Aminah that people were sick in the city.
 - c. She told Aminah of all of the blessings she was receiving.
 - d. She reminded Aminah that Gabriel would come for a visit.
3. How did Abdul Muttalib celebrate the birth of Muhammad (as)?
- a. He had a birthday party.
 - b. He bought gifts for the baby.
 - c. He wept tears of joy.
 - d. He prayed and thanked Allah.

D. Fill in the family tree for the prophet Muhammad (as) from the story.



Vocabulary

idol - a statue or image of a god that is used as an object of worship

shatter - to break suddenly into small pieces

prostrate – to lie or throw (oneself) face down on the ground in an act of humility or worship

Story

Abu Bakr – A Wise Young Man

One day, before Islam was taught by the prophet Muhammad (as), a young man named Abu Bakr (ra) walked with his father, Abu Quhaafah, in the desert. They were going to pray in a room filled with idols. Abu Bakr's father told him to worship the idols, then left Abu Bakr there alone.

Abu Bakr walked around and looked at the statues. He stopped in front of one statue and told it that he was hungry. He asked it for food but the idol did not reply. He looked at the idol and told it that he needed clothes, but again the idol did not reply. He decided to try a final test. He picked up a rock and threw it at the idol. The idol did not defend itself or move, so the rock hit it. The idol fell to the floor and shattered so Abu Bakr decided to go home.

Abu Bakr thought about what happened in the room of idols. He knew that the idols were not God. They could not help him or hurt him. They could not see him, hear him or speak to him. He never prostrated to a single idol but instead believed that there is only one real God.

Practice

A. Fill in the blank and spell.

worship w__ __ship _____

shattered __ __ att__ __ed _____

believe bel__ __ve _____

real r__ __l _____

single s__ __ __le _____

threw thr__ __ _____

B. Use each word in a sentence.

idol _____

prostrate _____

shatter _____

C. Multiple choice. Circle the letter before each correct answer.

1. Who is the main character of the text?

- a. Muhammad
- b. Abu Bakr
- c. Abu Quhaafah
- d. Allah

2. Which word from the story is used as a synonym for the word idol?

- a. statue
- b. rock
- c. food
- d. clothes

D. Number the events in order. Put a 1 on the first event, 2 on the second, and so on.

_____ Abu Bakr asked for clothes.

_____ Abu Bakr went home.

_____ Abu Bakr threw a rock.

_____ Abu Bakr asked for food.

E. Write your answer on the lines.

Why do you think that Abu Bakr threw the rock at the statue even though it did not answer his questions? _____

Do you think that Abu Bakr felt bad for breaking the statue? Why or why not? _____

