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Guide for Parents

This book, one of a series of books, produced by Lajna Ima'illah UK, is based on the stories narrated in the Holy Quran. The books are designed for children of primary school age who can read and try the activities independently.

It is intended that after reading these stories you can help your children to find the stories in the Holy Quran and read them for themselves.

We hope that you will also be able to share these stories with younger children by reading to them and discussing the story events. We also hope you will enjoy sharing the activities with your children.

May Almighty Allah enable us to follow the illuminating path of the righteous people who are a beacon of light for all humanity.

HAZRAT

Dear children,

Today we will be reading and learning about the story of Hazrat Ayyub^{as}. Have you heard about him before? Like his uncle, Hazrat Nuh^{as}, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} was a prophet of Allah. Just like the other prophets, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} came to guide his people to the right path by being an example to them.

Did you know...?

Ayyub is an Arabic name meaning 'to return to God'. This links to his story which relates his profound trust in Allah, his patience and steadfastness. The Arabic spelling for his name is shown here:

أَيُّوب

Hazrat Ayyub^{as} is also considered to be a prophet by Christians, however in the Bible, he is known as 'Job'.

AYYUB

(peace be upon him)

The story of Hazrat Ayyub^{as} begins over 3,700 years ago, in the Land of Uz, which is located somewhere north of Arabia. However, he migrated many times from his native land. The map below shows the approximate location of the Land of Uz in modern day maps.



TIMELINE

of prophets

Surah An-Nisa', verse 164 explains the order of prophets that followed Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}. Hazrat Ayyub^{as} was a descendant of Hazrat Nuh^{as} and received his mission as a prophet about 20 years before Hazrat Moses^{as}.

Like all the prophets of Allah, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} taught his people about the unity of God. He wanted to take them away from idol worship and polytheistic beliefs.



Hazrat Adam (as)



Hazrat Idris (as)



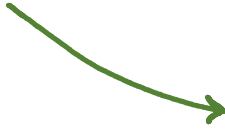
Hazrat Nuh (as)



Hazrat Hud (as)



Hazrat Saleh (as)



Hazrat Ibrahim (as)



Hazrat Lut (as)

Hazrat Ismail (as)



Hazrat Yaqub (as)



Hazrat Yusuf (as)



Hazrat Ayyub (as)



PATIENCE

Do you know what polytheism is?

Polytheism is when people believe in many
gods.

The ruler of the country where Prophet Ayyub^{as} lived, was an arrogant man. He did not like his people being taught about the unity of God. The ruler was full of mischief and an idol worshipper who severely persecuted Hazrat Ayyub^{as} for his beliefs. Hazrat Ayyub^{as} was forced to leave his home and his people and took refuge in another country.

This was an extremely difficult emigration because he had to be separated from his family and followers. Despite the hardship of leaving his country, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} did not give up hope. He remained extremely faithful and trusted that Allah would keep him safe.

The journey of leaving his native country made him extremely tired and thirsty. He cried to Allah to help him as he felt Satan was causing him distress. After some time, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} suffered a horrible skin disease. This left him extremely exhausted, especially since he had no family or followers around him to look after him.

Despite his pain, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} remained steadfast and trusted that Allah would provide him with everything he needed.

He was directed to resume his journey (on the animal he was riding on) and to strike it on in order to reach a place of safety. He was comforted with the information that after a long and tiresome journey there lay ahead of him a fountain of sweet, cool water where he could satisfy his thirst and take a bath.

It may also mean that as Hazrat Ayyub^{as} as suffered from a skin disease, he was directed by Allah to take bath in a particular fountain whose water contained such minerals and would cure his skin disease. It seems that the country through which Hazrat Ayyub^{as} had to travel abounded in springs and fountains.

Despite this, he knew Allah would help him and therefore remained faithful to Him. Surah Al-Anbiya', verse 84, describes his cry to Allah for help:

And *remember* Job when he cried to his Lord, *saying*, 'Affliction has touched me, and Thou art the Most Merciful of all who show mercy.'

In distress and desperation, you can also recite Hazrat Ayyub's prayer:

أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِيمِينَ

[21:84]

Indeed, Allah listened to his cries for help and removed the distress that he had suffered.

So We heard his prayer and removed the distress from which *he suffered*, and We restored to him his family and the like thereof with them, as a mercy from Us,...

[21:85]

This shows that despite all his hardships, Hazrat Ayyub^{as} never lost faith in Allah and continued to pray to him. Then Allah Almighty granted him mercy and removed all his sufferings.

This is an important lesson for all of us to learn as it teaches the importance of remaining steadfast and trusting Allah in His plans. Hazrat Ayyub^{as} was eventually able to go back to his homeland and to the comfort of his family, by the Will of Allah. All his hardships were removed because he remained steadfast.

Hazrat Ayyub^{as} had become separated from his people due to negligence on their part, he had vowed that he would punish the guilty for their negligence after he joined them. When he was united with them, he was told by Allah not to treat them severely and to fulfil his oath in a way which should cause them least distress.

Allah has mentioned Hazrat Ayyub^{as} as **‘An excellent servant’** who was **‘constantly turning to God’**. (38:45)

ACTIVITY PAGE!

What is an important lesson to learn from the story of Hazrat Ayyub^{as}?

What are some of the hardships he had to face?

What prayer did Hazrat Ayyub^{as} recite to ask Allah for help?

ACTIVITY PAGE!

The story of Hazrat Ayyub^{as} relates to 'Sabr' or patience. Can you find the definition of some of the other characterises he possessed?

Steadfast

Faithful



Righteous



Forbearing



Trusting



ACTIVITY PAGE!

What was the name of his native land?

Can you name 3 prophets that came before Hazrat Ayyub^{as}?

What does the name 'Ayyub' mean? How does this link to his story?

What is Hazrat Ayyub^{as} called in the Bible?

ACTIVITY PAGE!

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Allah

Family

Ayyub

Patience

Job

Steadfast

Faith

Pain

Suffering

Notes

