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Guide for Parents

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

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

We hope that you will be able to share the stories with younger children by reading to them and talking about the story . Then you can do the activities together.

May Allah enable us to follow the illuminating path of the righteous people who are beacons of light for humanity.

Hazrat Yunus

[peace be upon him]

Dear children,

Today we will learn about the story of Hazrat Yunus^{as}. The events in the life of Hazrat Yunus^{as} are recorded in many places in the Holy Quran. Chapter 10 is named as Surah Yunus. Hazrat Yunus^{as} was one of Allah's messengers who was sent to his people, 900 years before the time of Hazrat Isa^{as}. Hazrat Yunus^{as} was an Israelite prophet, and lived under the rule of King Jeroboam II

**Hazrat Yunus^{as} is
known as
Jonah in the Bible.**

Did you know?

Any date before the birth of Hazrat Isa^{as} is referred to as BC which means before **Christ**. (Christ is a title of Hazrat Isa^{as}).

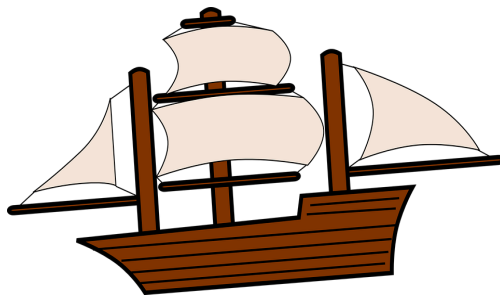
Hazrat Yunus^{as} was sent with a message from Allah to his people. His people refused to believe him and bitterly opposed Hazrat Yunus^{as}. Hazrat Yunus^{as} became angry with his people so he left them.

His anger certainly wasn't directed towards Allah. The Holy Quran states:

“And *remember* Dhun-Nun, when he went away in anger, and he was sure *in his mind* that We would not cause him distress ...”(21:88)

Did You Know?

The Holy Quran refers to Hazrat Yunus^{as} as Dhun–Nun (21:88) and The Man of the Fish (68:49)



The Holy Quran tells us that Hazrat Yunus^{as} cried out the following prayer during his afflictions: “...There is no god but Thou, Holy art Thou. I have indeed been of the wrongdoers.” (21:88)

Hazrat Yunus^{as} fled to a laden ship. After the ship set sail a storm came, which meant that the sea journey would be difficult and dangerous. The heavy load on the ship meant that the ship was in danger of sinking. It would be hard to stay afloat.

The sailors decided to reduce the load on the ship so it would stay afloat. If one person jumped overboard, perhaps the remaining people on the boat would have a better chance of safety. Of course, no one wanted to risk their life and jump out. The people had to work out a way to decide who would jump out of the ship. No one would volunteer to deliberately put themselves in danger. The crew of the ship and Hazrat Yunus^{as} played a type of game to decide. The idea behind the game was to choose someone to jump overboard, so they drew lots. This was like picking a name out of a hat or pulling the shortest straw to make a decision.

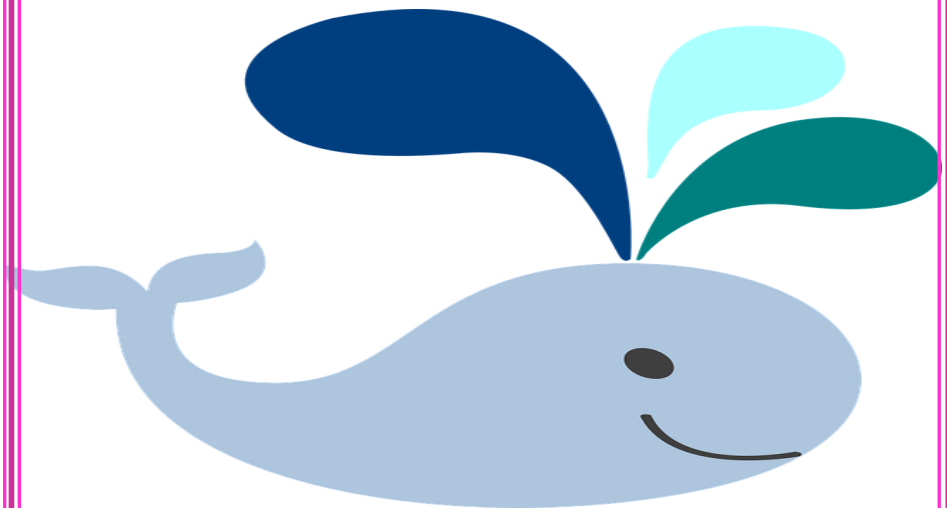
Did you know?

A laden ship means a boat that is filled, packed with lots of weight. The weight could be the passengers, things such as luggage or cargo. A boat will struggle to float properly if it has too much weight in it.

At the time, Hazrat Yunus^{as} may have felt unfortunate because he was the one who was randomly chosen to jump overboard. He basically lost the game. But of course, Hazrat Yunus^{as} was a righteous man and a prophet of God. Allah kept him safe. Allah always has a Divine plan for His prophets.

When Hazrat Yunus^{as} bravely jumped overboard he faced a perilous and uncertain future in the stormy waters. In the Holy Quran it states:

“And the fish swallowed him while he was reproaching *himself*. “ (37:143)



Now, what would become of Hazrat Yunus^{as}?

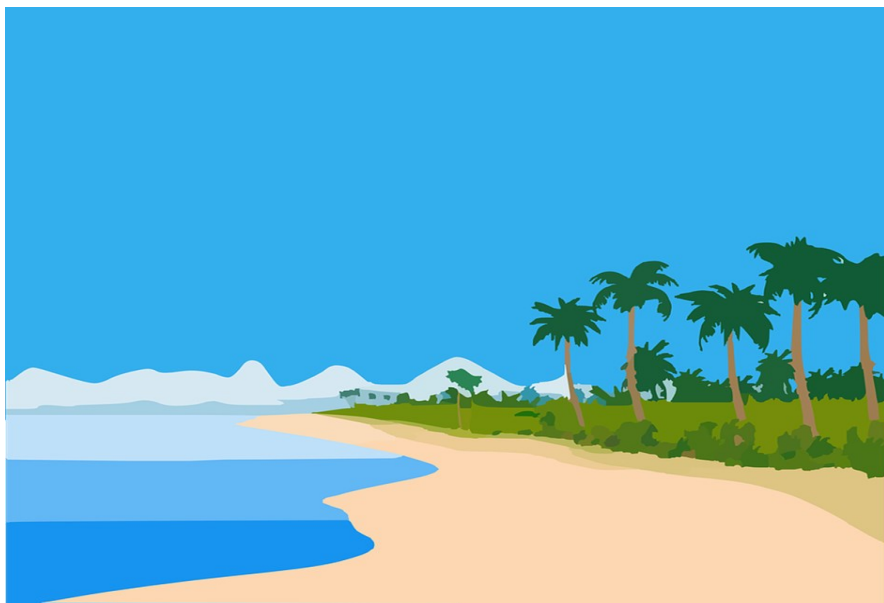
Allah showed great mercy on Hazrat Yunus^{as} and caused him to escape safely;

The Holy Quran states “And had he not been of those who glorify *God*, He would have surely tarried in its belly till the Day of Resurrection” (37:144-145)

Hazrat Yunus^{as} was unwell when he landed on a bare piece of land. A gourd plant then grew over him. As Hazrat Yunus^{as} worshipped Allah and glorified him, Allah showed great mercy on him.

This suggests that Allah saved him because he was a prophet of Allah. When Hazrat Yunus^{as} recovered, he returned to his people.

Hazrat Yunus^{as} was eventually successful in his mission to reform his people and finally they all were sorry for their past mistakes and believed in his message.



The people of Hazrat Yunus^{as} were forgiven. They were granted the blessing of worldly provisions. The blessings of worldly provisions can mean plenty of food, successful businesses, housing and wealth.

The history of the people of Hazrat Yunus^{as} is recorded in the Qur'an because eventually they all believed in the message of Hazrat Yunus^{as}.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Find a map of the Middle East and see if you can locate the area you think Hazrat Yunus^{as} lived.

You can use the first page of the story to help you.



What did you find most interesting in the story?

Quiz

Q1: What is the name of Hazrat Yunus^(as) in the Bible?

Q2: How long before Hazrat Isa^(as) ,did Hazrat Yunus^(as) come as a prophet to the Israelites?

Q3: Why was Hazrat Yunus^(as) upset with his people?

Q4: How did Hazrat Yunus^(as) travel when he left his people?

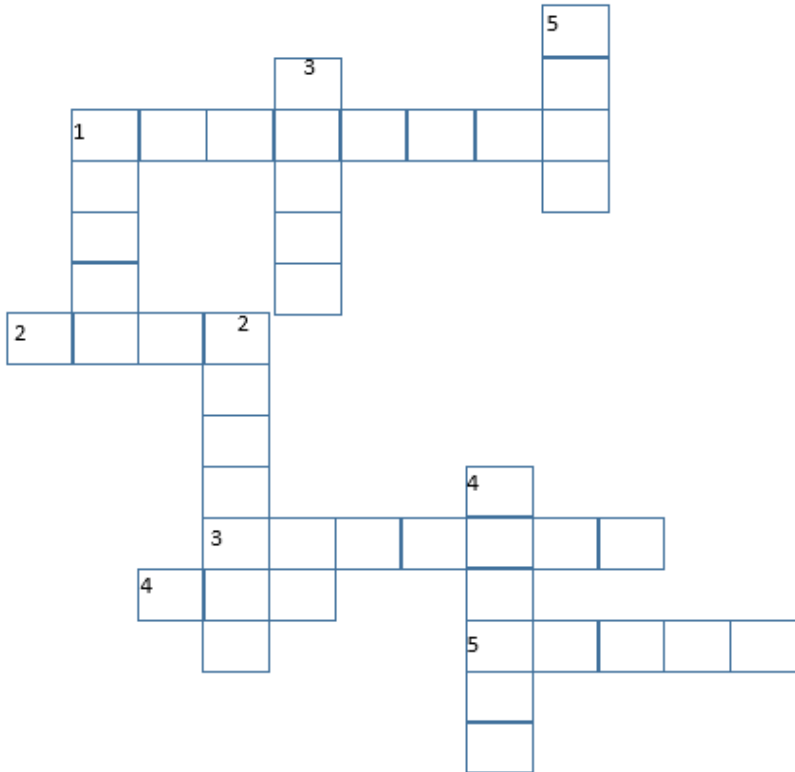
Q5: Which Chapter of the Holy Quran contains the following prayer of Hazrat Yunus^(as) ?

“There is no god but Thou, Holy art Thou, I have indeed been of the wrongdoers.”

Q6: What actions did the people on the laden ship take to stop it from sinking?

Q7: What are the Arabic and English titles given to Hazrat Yunus^(as) in the Holy Quran and what is the chapter and verse for each?

ACTIVITY PAGE



Across

1. The ruler of the land where Hazrat Yunus(as) lived
2. What did Hazrat Yunus(as) use to get away from the people that he was preaching.
3. The number of years in a century
4. Like the ocean
5. Name of the Prophet you read in this book

Down

1. Biblical name for Hazrat Yunus (as)
2. A messenger sent by God
3. The plant that grew over Hazrat Yunus (as)
4. The way we communicate to God
5. Another word for leap

ACTIVITY PAGE ANSWERS



Answers to Quiz

A1: Jonah

A2: 900 years before

A3: They did not accept the message of Allah.

A4: Hazrat Yunus (as) boarded a ship.

A5: chapter 21 verse 88

A6: They randomly chose who would jump overboard.
Hazrat Yunus (as) was chosen.

A7: Dhun—Nun (21 :88), and the man of the fish 68: 49.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

Across

- 1.** Jeroboam
- 2.** ship
- 3.** hundred
- 4.** sea
- 5.** Yunus

Down

- 1.** Jonah
- 2.** Prophet
- 3.** Gourd
- 4.** Prayer
- 5.** Jump

Notes

