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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

My Dear Children

Assalamo Alaikum

I hope and pray that you read the series of books on the stories mentioned in the Holy Quran and learn from them. There is so much to learn from these books like power of prayers, importance of being truthful and kind, how brave and resilient they were and much more.

May Allah enable you to read these books and learn from them for your own benefit and knowledge. All that you learn at this age helps your understanding of your faith and makes it stronger. These stories are also very inspiring and have many moral lessons to learn.

Please read them yourself or even better, with your parents.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely

Fariha Khan

Serving as Sadr Lajna UK



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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.

Wives of Hazrat Ibrahim^(as)

Today we will be learning about the wives of Hazrat Ibrahim (as). Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was a Prophet of Allah. He had two wives: Hazrat Sara and Hazrat Hajrah. From each of these wives, he had one son, Hazrat Ishaq (as) and Hazrat Ismael (as). Both his sons were also prophets!

Hazrat Ibrahim's family tree is below:



ساره

Hazrat Sara is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible as 'Sarah'. Christians also believe that she was a pious woman and the wife of Hazrat Ibrahim (as).

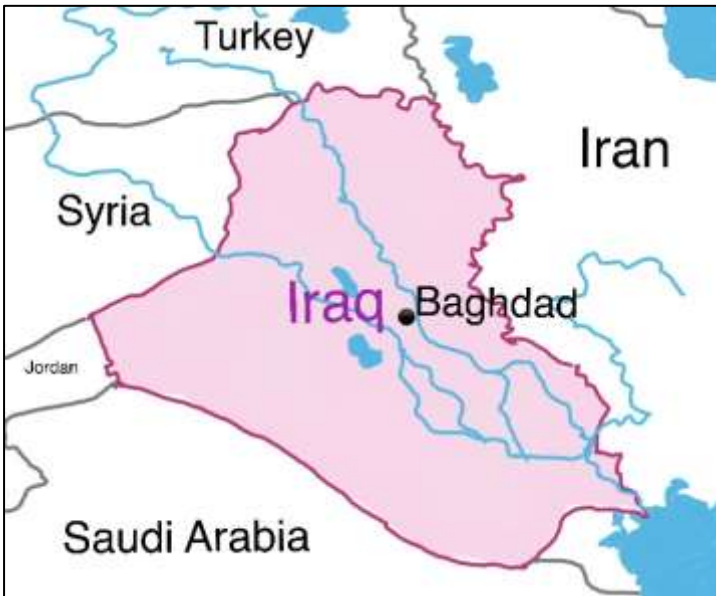
هَاجِرَا

Hazrat Hajrah is also mentioned in the Hebrew Bible – she is known as 'Hagar'. She was from the Egyptian royal family in North Africa.

Hazrat Ibrahim (as) is a very important prophet in not only Islam, but also Christianity and Judaism. His name 'Abraham' means '**Father of Many Nations**'. Hazrat Sara and Hazrat Hajrah are also incredibly important women. They nurtured two prophets of Allah.

Hazrat Ibrahim^(as)

Hazrat Ibrahim was a prophet and messenger of Allah and an ancestor to the Ishmaelite Arab and Israelites. The followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam give him great respect. He was a native of a place called Ur. Ur in present day is called Al-Muqayyar (or Mughair), and is about two hundred miles southeast of Baghdad in Iraq.



Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was brought up in the house of his uncle Azar. The Holy Quran mentions Azar as his *Ab*. *Ab* in Arabic is equally applicable to father, uncle and grandfather. His paternal uncle ran a shop where idols were sold. Ibrahim (peace be upon him) observed the crafting of idols at his uncle's home.



The idols were made by humans and sold to public as their gods. He would voice out his displeasure time and again. In the beginning he discussed this issue very politely but later on had bitter discussions with his uncle. His uncle mostly ignored such religious discussions but at the end warned Hazrat Ibrahim (as) of severe consequences.

However, his uncle was very much impressed by his noble character and offered him his daughter Sarah in marriage.

Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was seventy-five years old when God commanded him for migration. He migrated from 'Ur' with a few selected members including his nephew Lot (Hazrat Lut^{as}). They passed through Egypt. The king was impressed by Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and offered some presents and a royal lady by the name of Hagar to him.

Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and Sarah did not have any child, so when Hagar was presented by the king of Egypt, Sarah married her to Hazrat Ibrahim (as) so that they can have a child.



Hazrat Hajrah

Hazrat Hajrah was Hazrat Ibrahim's second wife and the mother of his first son, Hazrat Ismail (as). She was from the Egyptian royal family in North Africa.

Both Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and Hazrat Hajra were pious people, they prayed to Allah to bless them with righteous children. Allah accepted this prayer and they were given the glad tidings that they would have a baby son, despite the old age of Prophet Ibrahim (as). They named this son Isma'il

Did you know?

Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was already 86 years old when his first son was born!

When Hazrat Isma'il (as) was very young, Hazrat Ibrahim (as) left him and Hazrat Hajrah in a bleak and barren Valley of Mecca. He did this with great difficulty, but for the sake of Allah. They were left in an area where there were no necessities – food and water- for miles on end. This was a very difficult thing for Hazrat Ibrahim (as) to do. He had waited for 86 years to have a child, and he had to leave his family in the desert alone with no help. Their faith in Allah was strong enough to do this.

**Do you know what bleak and barren mean?
This describes an area that lacks warmth and
cannot support life**



As the prophet left, Hazrat Hajrah ran after him and asked

“Are you leaving us here?”

He did not answer. Then she asked him again saying,

“Are you leaving us here by the command of God?”

Hazrat Ibrahim (as) just pointed towards the sky. She understood this and said that then God will not waste us, and returned to the baby. This shows how faithful Hazrat Hajrah was. She knew Allah was the provider and would give them everything they need to survive.

So, she began looking for water and food for her son. She ran between two mountains as her son kicked his heels in the ground.

The two mountains were called Safa and Marwah.



As she searched, water began springing from the ground where Hazrat Ismail (as) was kicking his heels.

In a barren, bleak land, this was surely a miracle. Hazrat Hajrah knew this was a blessing and miracle from Allah.

It is mentioned in the Holy Quran, that although it was Hazrat Ibrahim (as) that made the decision to leave, the sacrifice was a shared blessing between all three of them.

Their cooperation and willingness to obey God's command pleased Him immensely.



ACTIVITY

A large part of this story speaks of the sacrifices that Hazrat Ibrahim and his family made in their lives. As Muslims, we celebrate these sacrifices in a number of religious events and celebrations.

Which religious celebration relates to Hazrat Ibrahim (as)?

Which religious event is related to this celebration and is one of the Pillars of Islam?

What is Hajj?

When do we can perform Hajj?

Where do we perform Hajj?

ACTIVITY

Hazrat Hajrah showed on a number of occasions her faithfulness to Allah. Match the following attributes of Allah with their right translation.

الرَّحْمَنُ

The Gracious

الرَّحِيمُ

The Creator

الْخَالِقُ

The Merciful

الرَّزَّاقُ

The Great

الْعَظِيمُ

The Provider

Hazrat Sarah

Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and Hazrat Sara were married for a while but they did not have any children for a long time. One day, messengers came to visit them. These Messengers brought a very special news with them. They informed Sara that she would bear a child, even though she and her husband were very old.

The Holy Quran tells us about this in chapter 37, verse 113:

وَبَشَّرْنَاهُ بِإِسْحَاقَ نَبِيًّا مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

And we gave him the glad tidings of Isaac, a prophet, *and one of the righteous.*

Not only this, but they also were informed of the birth of a grandson. This meant that their son would be healthy enough to marry and father a child. This grandson was to be called Yaqub.

The news of a son was shocking to Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and Hazrat Sarah because they were very old! Hazrat Ibrahim was almost 100 years old. The expression of surprise on the part of Hazrat Sarah is described in the Holy Qur'an:

قَالَتْ يَوَيْلَئِي ءَايَاتُ رَبِّي وَأَنَا عَجُوزٌ وَهَذَا بَعْلٌ شَيْخٌ إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ

She said, 'Oh woe is me! Shall I bear a child when I am an old woman, and this my husband is an old man? This is indeed a strange thing!'

Surah Hud, Verse 73

Now, this verse does not mean that Hazrat Sarah doubted the truth of the news that had been told to her by God. As a believing woman, she did not doubt the great and wonderful powers of Allah. She was surprised by the news however.

The news of a baby boy to a couple of such old age shows the great powers of Allah. Hazrat Ibrahim (as) showed an immense amount of gratefulness to Allah. He prayed, as stated in the Holy Qur'an says

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ
رَبِّي لَسِيئِعُ الدُّعَاءِ

‘All praise belongs to Allah who has given me, despite my old age, Ishmael and Isaac. Surely, my lord is the Hearer of Prayer.’

Surah Ibrahim, Verse 40

As Allah had promised, He granted Hazrat Ibrahim (as), a righteous son. Eventually, Hazrat Ishaq (as) got married and had a son, Hazrat Ya'qub (as). Hazrat Ishaq (as), was the prophet for the Israelites. The Israelites were decedents of Hazrat Ishaq (as). They were from Canaan.

Did you know...?

Hazrat Yaqub (as) was also a prophet!

He is known in the Bible as Jacob.

Where is Canaan?

Canaan in modern day maps is the region across the Middle East, including areas in Palestine, Jordan, and Syria.



ACTIVITY

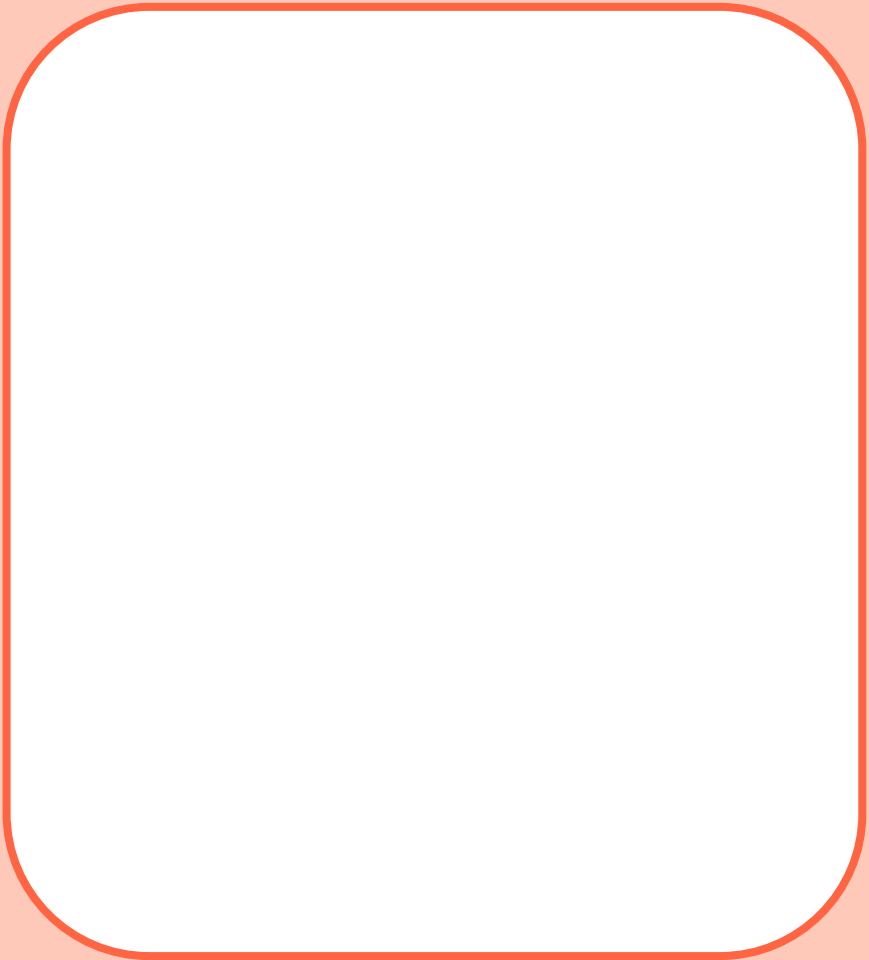
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WORDS:

**Yaqub, Sara, Abraham, Lot,
old, mother, Canaan, Messengers**

ACTIVITY

Can you draw the family tree of Hazrat Ibrahim (as)?



Notes

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