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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

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

My Dear Children Assalamo Alaikum

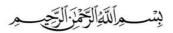
I hope and pray that you read the series of books on the stories mentioned in the Holy Quran and learn from them.

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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Mrs. Lubna Sohail Serving as Secretary Ishaat Lajna Ima'illah UK

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.

In this book, we will be learning about the wives of prophets. As we have learnt from our other books, Prophets are pious believers who come to teach their people about Allah. Prophets are chosen by Allah; they have exemplary characteristics.

Do you know what characteristic means?

A characteristic is a feature or trait used to describe a person or thing. We identify people's characteristics based on their behaviour, their attitude, and their treatment to people around them. 'Exemplary characteristics' are traits that people admire and respect as excellent examples of good behaviour. All prophets have different characteristics that make them special, however, they are always:

> Obedient True to Allah Honest Compassionate

Often, prophets are surrounded by supporting and loving family that trust and encourage their message. They are inspired by their exemplary characteristics and support them, even if other people turn on them.

One example of this is Hazrat Ibrahim's (as) wife Hazrat Hajra. Under Allah's command, Hazrat Abraham (as) left her and her baby Ishmael in the dessert without food or water. He simply told her that this was for the sake of Allah, and she trusted that Allah would grant them safety and did not get angry at her husband.

Another example is Hazrat Khadijah (ra), the wife of the Holy Prophet (sa). She always supported him and helped him when the Meccans turned against him. However, this is not always the case. Sometime the family and friends of the prophets turn against them because they don't like the message they bring. This is the difference between a ...

Believer:

someone who accepts the message of a prophet of Allah **Disbeliever:** someone who rejects the message of a prophet of Allah

In the Holy Quran in Surah Hud, verse 25, a disbeliever is described as 'blind and deaf'. This obviously doesn't mean that anyone who is blind and deaf is a disbeliever in a literal sense! It's talking metaphorically – they are blind and deaf in a spiritual way.

What does this mean?

When the Quran describes disbelievers as blind and deaf it means that they saw the message of prophets and heard what they were explaining but chose to reject the message. So even though the truth was explained to them they closed their eyes and ears and ignored what was being said. Every prophet has had to face disbelievers in their lifetime. Sometimes these disbelievers include their family and friends.

An example of this is given in Surah Tahrim, verses 11-13. It explains that the wives of Hazrat Nuh (as) and Hazrat Lut (as) were disbelievers.

In fact, these verses highlight that despite their closest family being prophets, close to Allah, they chose to remain misguided. In contract, these verses state that Hazrat Maryam (as), the mother of Hazrat Isa (as), and the wife of Pharaoh are the best examples of believers.

Let's discuss the example of the wives of Hazrat Nuh (as) and Hazrat Lut (as), and what they did to be labelled as disbelivers.



The Family of Sazrat Nuh (as)

Hazrat Nuh (as), just like all other prophets, came to guide his people to the right path. He came with a warning to help them understand their true condition. He did not come to dishearten or disappoint people – he came with reason and to help them improve their spiritual condition. He taught his people about the oneness of Allah.

The oneness of Allah means:

- There is only one God
- He has no partners or helper
- He is a spiritual being, above human beings

He explained to people that there was a punishment approaching and that if they accepted the oneness of Allah and repented their mistakes, they would be protected from this punishment.

Like all prophets, Hazrat Nuh (as) faced rejection and anger from his enemies. They argued that there was nothing special about him, he was in no way more superior than they were. He was merely just a human being.



An important note:

Prophets are simply human being, just as we are. They are very spiritual and so very close to Allah. When Allah chooses a prophet, He communicates to them to help guide everyone.

This did not stop Hazrat Nuh (as), he knew that people may reject his teachings, but he still must try

his best to reach these people and help them understand.

His truthfulness was known in his community, yet they still ridiculed him. These disbelievers included Hazrat Nuh (as)'s family, his wife and son. Despite knowing Hazrat Nuh (as) very well they rejected his message, they did not want to correct their ways. They believed that Hazrat Nuh (as) was no one special so if they ignored him there would be no consequences. They did not understand the power of Allah.

So, Allah instructed Hazrat Nuh (as) to build an ark and lead his followers on board, as well as a pair of each animal. This protected all the believers from the heavy rain that began to fall.



Slowly, the whole land was flooded as water began to gush out from springs and fountains – water came from the heavens and the earth. Despite the many warnings, his son and wife refused to join Hazrat Nuh (as) on board the ark. Only those who listened to Hazrat Nuh (as) were protected from this storm. Hazrat Nuh (as) prayed:

بِسْمِ اللهِ مَجْرِهَا وَمُرْسَهَا لَنَّ رَبِّي لَغَفُوْرٌ رَّحِيْمٌ

'In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. My Lord is assuredly Most Forgiving, Merciful.'

This prayer is mentioned in Surah Hud, verse 42. We recite this prayer whenever we set off for a journey.



With the flood rising, Hazrat Nuh (as) pleaded with his son to join him on the ark. His son refused and remained arrogant.

They lived in a place with many mountains so his son said he would seek shelter in the mountains, he does not need the ark for protection.

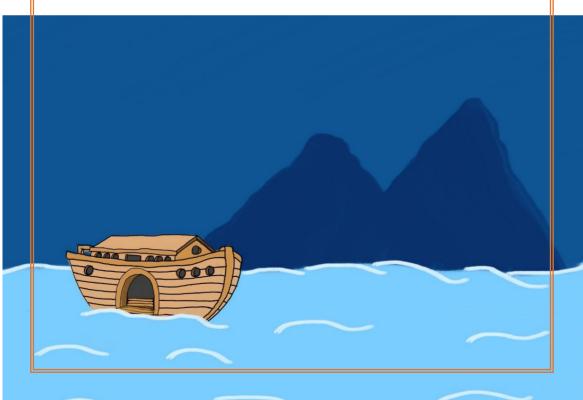
He did not understand that without Allah's protection, he could not outrun the storm.

Then came two waves and drowned the son of Hazrat Nuh (as). His wife maintained a similar level of pride and died a similar death.



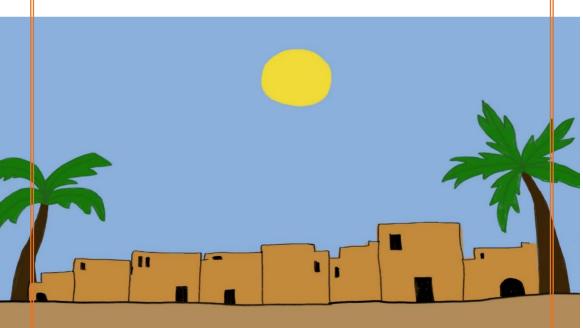
Hazrat Nuh (as) was devastated, he had hoped that all his family would be protected from this horrific storm, even if they didn't listen to him. However, after this happened, Hazrat Nuh (as) understood that his real family were those that accepted his message and stood by him as his enemies mocked him.

In the end, only those on board the ark were able to survive the horrific storm, and only the progeny of Hazrat Nuh's (as) believing sons and other believers survived.



The Wife of Sazrat Lut (as)

Hazrat Lut (as) was a subordinate prophet to Hazrat Abraham (as). This means that Hazrat Abraham (as) was his superior and they were from the same place. As the story of Hazrat Lut (as) tells us, he was commanded by Allah to tell his people to stop sinning and to believe in Allah. He informed them that they should change their ways. Their behaviours and actions were unacceptable. He also warned them that if they did not, they would have to endure the displeasure of Allah. The story of Hazrat Abraham (as) also tells us that some messengers came to inform him of the glad news about his son to be born and also informed about the punishment of the people of Hazrat Lut (as)



Some messengers also came to inform Hazrat Lut (as) that his wife would not leave the city. At first, Hazrat Lut (as) believed they were there on a casual visit. However, they explained to him that the punishment of his people was nearby. That he should evacuate the place he inhabited along with his community of believers as soon as possible. Due to the impending punishment, the messengers suggested that the Hazrat Lut (as) should walk behind the group as they left the city. This was because he was a prophet so would be protected by Allah from any threatened punishment. This would ensure everyone who believed, would make it out of the city safely.

However, as foretold, his wife did not join them. She remained in the city and suffered the punishment of all those who stayed behind. The Quran explains Hazrat Lut's wife to be different from the family of Hazrat Nuh (as).

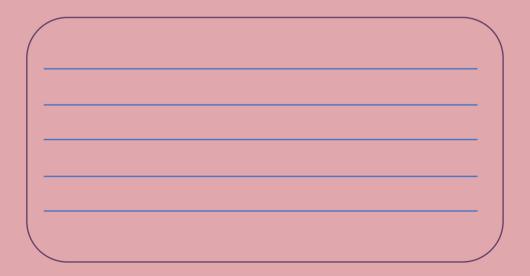
It seemed that she outwardly believed Hazrat Lut (as) and accepted his message. However, when the time came, she chose to remain behind. This meant she had believed differently in her heart to what she used to say. She was internally corrupt.

When the time came, there was a violent eruption and the disbelievers suffered death, including Hazrat Lut's wife. Only Hazrat Lut's family, who accepted his message, escaped, as was willed by Allah.

ACTIVITY

In the story, wife of Hazrat Lut (as) is known as 'internally corrupt'. This means she appeared to have accepted the teachings of Lut, but in her heart she didn't truly believe. Allah knew her true intentions because is Al-Khabeer, the All-Aware, and Al-Hasib, the Bringer of Judgement.

In this story we have learnt about Allah's power. Allah possess many attributes, many of which are mentioned in the Holy Quran. Can you list 5 attributes that describe Allah's power in the stories mentioned in this book.



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Can you find these words? Allah, Nuh, Wife, Son, Ark, Storm, Flood, Wave Can you find these words?

Allah,

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