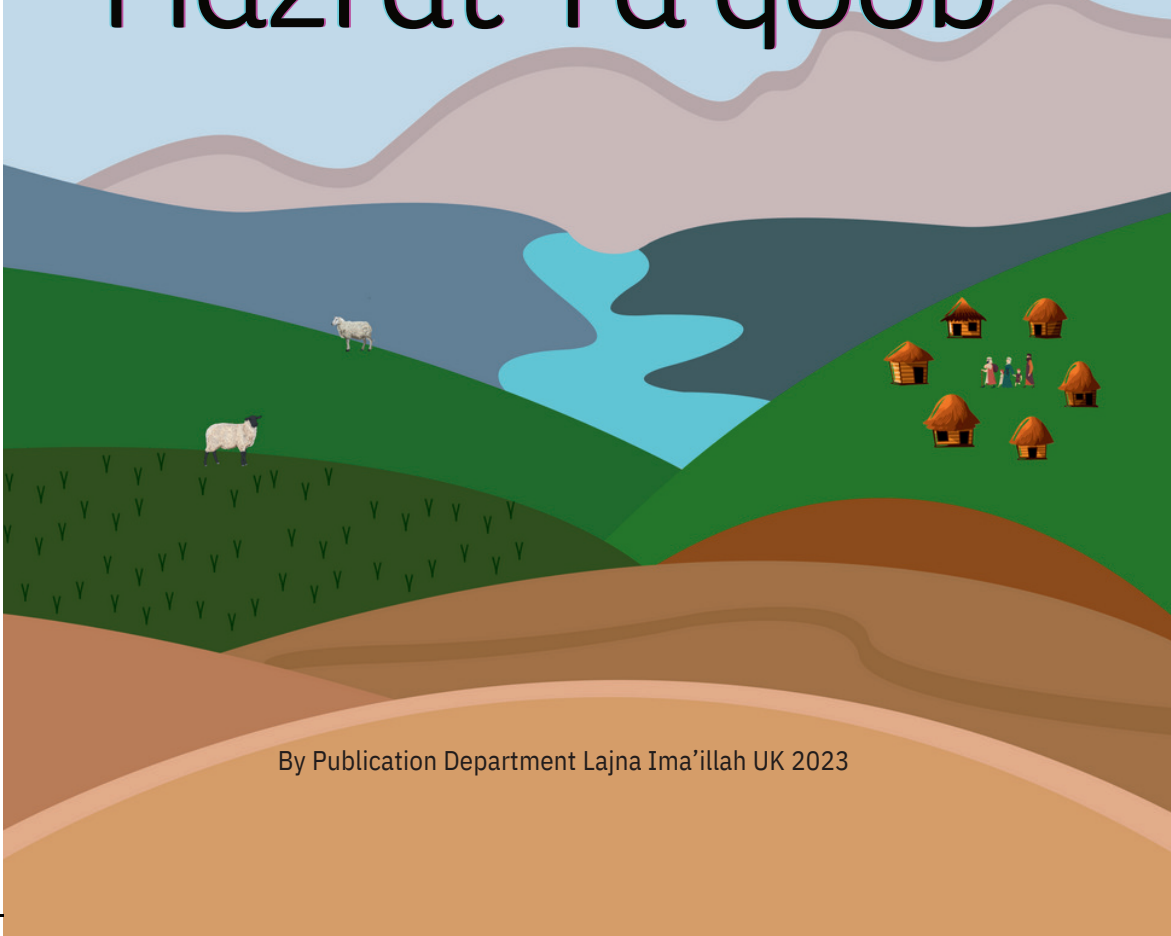


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References to the Holy Quran contain the name of the surah [i.e. chapter] followed by a chapter:verse citation, e.g. Surah al-Jumu'ah, 62:4, and count Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim ['In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful'] as the first verse in every chapter that begins with it.

The following abbreviations have been used: *sa* *sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*, meaning 'peace and blessings of Allah be upon him', is written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*sa*).

as *'alahis-salam*, meaning 'peace be on him', is written after the names of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*sa*).

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My Dear Children

Assalamo Alaikum

I hope and pray that you read the series of books on the stories of prophets and learn from them.

Allah the Almighty has sent hundreds of thousands of prophets over the course of humanity for our benefit. All prophets have one main message and that is to bring their people closer to God.

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

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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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 of the prophets narrated in the Holy Qur'an. The books are designed for children of primary school age who can read for themselves 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 Qur'an and read them for themselves.

We also hope that you will also be able to use the books with younger children by reading to them and discussing the story events. Then you can enjoy doing 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.

Let's learn about...

Hazrat Ya'qoob^{as}

Introduction

Dear children,

In this book, we will be learning about a Prophet of Allah called Hazrat Ya'qoob (as). He is mentioned by name in the Holy Qur'an and has been praised for his many qualities. We find some of his life story in our Holy Book. He has also been mentioned in the Holy Books of the Jews and Christians. So as you can see, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) is an important personality in many religions.

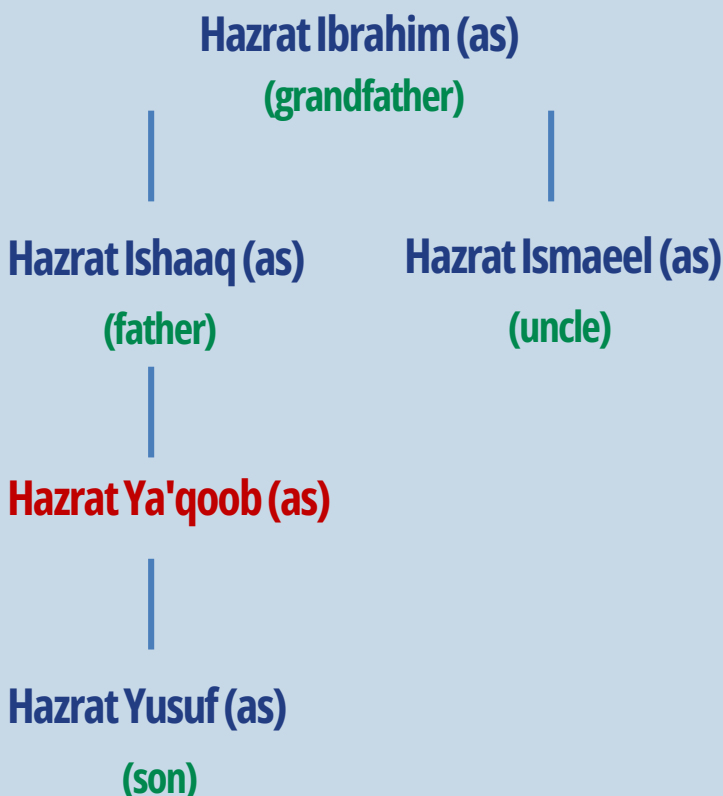
Who is a Prophet?

A person who is chosen by Allah

They guide mankind to the right path

There have been different Prophets sent in the world at different times and places, and they all went through different situations.

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was related to a number of Prophets. Do you know which ones?



Let's begin reading the story of Hazrat Ya'qoob (as). As you read his story, there will be tasks for you to complete. At each point, think about what this Prophet's story teaches you. There are also some activities at the end of the book.

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was the son of Hazrat Ishaq (as), and the grandson of Hazrat Ibrahim (as). Just like his



father and grandfather, he is also a Prophet mentioned in the Holy Qur'an.

In our Holy Book, we are told that Allah the Almighty tested Hazrat Ibrahim (as) with different matters to see how obedient he was to His instructions.

In these tests, Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was found to be someone who listened to God every single time. Our Holy Book mentions this in the following verse:

“And *remember* when his Lord tried Abraham with certain commands which he fulfilled. He said, ‘I will make thee a Leader of men.’ *Abraham* asked, ‘And from among my offspring?’ He said, ‘My covenant does not embrace the transgressors.’ “ (2:125)

Due to his exceptional obedience, Allah rewarded Hazrat Ibrahim (as) with the promise that He would make him a leader.

As Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was a very thoughtful and caring person, he wished that this blessing of Allah would also be given to other people, such as his children. This prayer of his was accepted by Allah the Almighty, and his children and progeny, who were good, were chosen by God as Prophets.

You may have heard the story of Hazrat Ibrahim (as). For many years, Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and his wife did not have any children. The Holy Qur'an narrates an incident from that time:

“And his wife was standing *by*, and she *too* was frightened, whereupon We gave her glad tidings of the birth of Isaac and, after Isaac, of Jacob.” (11:72)

As this verse shows, they were told many years earlier that they would be blessed with a son whose name would be 'Ishaq', as well as a grandson who would be called 'Ya'qoob'.

The Holy Qur'an states what a pious man Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) grew up to be, and the sort of things he taught his people:



“And We bestowed upon him Isaac, and as a grandson, Jacob, and We made all *of them* righteous.

And We made them leaders who guided *people* by Our command, and We sent revelation to them *enjoining* the doing of good works, and the observing of Prayer, and the giving of alms. And they were worshippers of Us *alone.*” (21:73-74)

As you can understand from this verse, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was a great Prophet of Allah who told people to do good works and worship the One God. Let us now read about his life.

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) in the Holy Qur'an

Did you know



Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was not only the son and grandson of a Prophet, but also the father of a Prophet!

Most of the story about Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) in the Holy Qur'an is told alongside the story of his son, Hazrat Yusuf (as).



“And We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and We placed *the gift of* prophethood and the Book among his descendants, and We gave him his reward in this life, and in the Hereafter he will surely be among the righteous.” (29:28)

This verse shows that Prophethood was given to the progeny of Hazrat Ishaq (as), which includes Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) and Hazrat Yusuf (as).

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) had 12 sons, the 11th of which was Hazrat Yusuf (as).



He was a wonderful child of Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) who carried out good deeds. In the Holy Qur'an, Allah the Almighty tells us that He blessed Hazrat Yusuf (as) with knowledge about the meaning of dreams, just like He blessed his elders with favours before him:

“And thus shall it be as thou hast seen, thy Lord will choose thee and teach thee the interpretation of things and perfect His favour upon thee and upon the family of Jacob as He perfected it upon two of thy forefathers — Abraham and Isaac. Verily, thy Lord is All-Knowing, Wise.” (12:7)



The Holy Qur'an narrates some, but not all of the life stories of Hazrat Ya'qoob (as), so more details about him are found from other books. From there, we discover that when Hazrat Yusuf (as) was 10 or 11 years old, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was aged around 50.

We also learn that out of the 12 sons which he had, the youngest two, Hazrat Yusuf and Hazrat Benjamin, were named by Hazrat Ya'qoob (as), whilst the rest were named by their mothers.

Did you know



Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) is mentioned 16 times by name in the Holy Qur'an!



Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was also very wise and clever. He knew that Hazrat Yusuf's (as) brothers were jealous of him. So when the young Hazrat Yusuf (as) saw a dream which informed him that he too would become a Prophet when he grew up, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as)

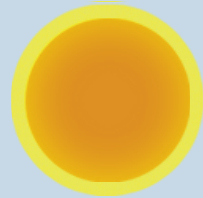


instructed him not to tell his brothers about this dream. Otherwise, they might become even more jealous.

Do you know what the dream was which Hazrat Yusuf (as) saw? The dream was that the sun and moon and 11 stars were bowing towards Hazrat Yusuf (as).

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) loved Hazrat Yusuf (as) very much because of his great character. So whilst his son was away from him in a distant land, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was of course upset. However, his love for Allah was greater, and his relation to God was very strong.

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was told by Allah in a revelation that Hazrat Yusuf (as) was safe and there was nothing to worry about. In this way, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) teaches us about always having belief in Allah.



“And remember Our servants Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, *men* of strong hands and *powerful* vision. We chose them for a special *purpose* — reminding *people* of the abode *of the Hereafter*. And truly, they are in Our sight among the elect *and* the best. “

(38:46-48)

He also had great trust in Allah the Almighty. He did not rely on his other sons to keep Hazrat



Yusuf (as) and Hazrat Benjamin safe whilst they were both away from him. Instead, he placed his trust in Allah alone to protect his children. Allah the Almighty blessed him because of this trust, and safely reunited

Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) with his family some years later.

Many people believe that Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was blind. They believe this because the Holy Qur'an speaks of him being sad about Hazrat Yusuf (as) being away. They say he cried so much that he lost his sight because of it. However, this is not true. He was upset, but a Prophet trusts Allah and has total faith in Him. So, it is false to say that he could not see due to his pain.

When Hazrat Yusuf (as) was found and finally met his father, it was a moment which showed the faith of Hazrat Ya'qoob (as). This is because he had already declared that Hazrat Yusuf was safe and would be found again.

He was informed of this by Allah the Almighty. It showed that God spoke to Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) and his revelation was true. He was a righteous Prophet of Allah.



Did you know



Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) and his family were brought back together again in Egypt.

When Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) met his son Hazrat Yusuf (as) after such a long time, he started to praise and thank Allah for this blessing, and for hearing his prayers. His other sons also realised that their jealousy was wrong, and they started to believe in the message of Allah, which was brought to them by their father and brother.

“The same did Abraham enjoin upon his sons — and *so did* Jacob — *saying*: ‘O my sons, truly Allah has chosen this religion for you; so let not death overtake you except when you are in a state of submission.’”

(2:133)

Remember you read about the dream of Hazrat Yusuf (as)? This dream came true when the family was brought back together, in which the sun represented his father, and the moon represented his mother, and the 11 stars represented his 11 brothers.



Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) prayed for the forgiveness of his sons and Allah heard his prayer and fulfilled this dream. At the time of the death of Hazrat Ya'qoob (as), he advised his children to worship God as the Holy Quran states:

“... ‘What will you worship after me?’ They answered, ‘We will worship thy God, the God of thy fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac, the One God; and to Him we submit ourselves.’” (2:134)

Dear children, Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) was a noble Prophet of Allah who had many great qualities within him. May Allah enable us to learn from these Prophets.



Writing Task #1

What have you learnt from this story?

Writing Task #2

Why is jealousy not a good thing?

What can we do to not feel jealous of others?

Word Search

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It is believed that Hazrat Ibrahim (as) was from the region which is now known as I_ _ _ and S_ _ _ _ .

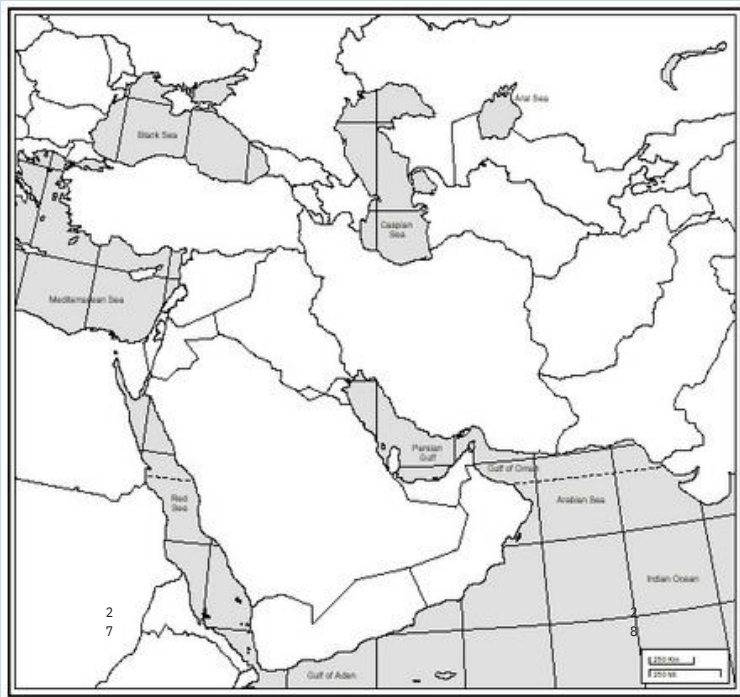
He later moved to another place, which is known as P_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in our times, and it is the place where his family, including Hazrat Ya'qoob (as), settled in.

Before that, on the command of Allah, Hazrat Ibrahim (as) took his wife and young child to Makkah, the place where the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was born many years later. This city is located in A_ _ _ _ _ .

As you have read, Hazrat Yusuf (as) was taken to a distant land. This place is called E_ _ _ _ , where Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) and his family were reunited with Hazrat Yusuf (as) and the promise of Allah to Hazrat Ya'qoob (as) came true here.

Label the Map

This is a map of the Middle East. Can you label the following countries on it: Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.



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