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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

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

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## **Guide to 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 and enjoying 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 enjoy sharing the 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.

# Introduction

Our universe and all that it contains is the creation of Allah, the Wise. He has created everything with a purpose and to achieve that purpose He has provided all necessary guidance and means. He has created man in His own image and has made him the chief of His creation. Both good and bad have been made manifestly clear to man. He has also been blessed with wisdom by which he can find out the right path, can sift right from wrong and truth from falsehood.

The Holy Quran tells us that man has been endowed with both spiritual and physical eyes by which he can distinguish good from evil and has been given a tongue and two lips that he might ask for guidance, and above all God has placed before him a supreme object of his life that he may devote all his faculties and energies to achieve it. Man has been granted the choice of both selection and action.



Hence he is the master of his own destiny. To achieve the object of life, God, out of His benevolence raises prophets, who serve as models. Prophets are ordinary men chosen by Almighty Allah to teach and explain to their communities about the purpose of life, and how to develop a relationship with their Creator and how to live successfully with others in this world. Prophets lived in their communities for many years before God asked them to be teachers and leaders of their communities, so they are well known to them.

They are known to be honest, truthful men, trusted by their family and friends, known for their integrity and reliability and often they are already looked upon as leaders in one way or another. These prophets have been appearing in every people and in all parts of the world.

Their mission has always been to guide mankind to its Creator, through their example and model. The guidance revealed through each prophet was assigned to cater for the specific needs of the time and location; hence they were essentially temporary in nature. With the advancement and maturity of mankind, God sent advanced and matured teachings suitable to their time. God's guidance for human race commenced through Hazrat Adam (peace be upon him) and reached the zenith through Hazrat Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

According to one saying of the Hazrat Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) the number of prophets who were chosen to convey the message of God to mankind is 124,000. The names of all of them are not mentioned anywhere.

However the Holy Quran states in very clear words,

**“There is no people to whom a Warner has not been sent” (35:25)**

Belief in all the prophets and their messages is an integral part of the belief of every Muslim.

The Holy Quran states,

**“This messenger of Ours believes in that which has been revealed to him from his Lord, and so do the believers; all of them believe in Allah, and in His angels, and in His Books, and in His Messengers, saying, ‘We make no distinction between any of His Messengers.’ ” (2: 286).**

Dear Children, only 28 prophets are mentioned by name in the Holy Quran. For some of these prophets, their lifetime and their story is mentioned in immense detail, such as Hazrat Isa (as). For others however, we do not have the detailed story. So, to learn more and understand their teachings and who they came to preach to, we can draw conclusions by learning what is mentioned in the Holy Quran. You will learn about four of these prophets in this book. They are, Hazrat Yasa (as), Hazrat Luqman (as), Hazrat Uzair (as), and Hazrat Idris (as).



*28 Prophets*  
**MENTIONED IN  
Holy Quran**



Hazrat Adam <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Solomon (Sulaiman) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Noah (Nuh) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Elias (Elijah) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Abraham (Ibrahim) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Jonah (Yunus) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Lot (Lut) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Ezekiel (Dhul-Kifl) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Ishmael (Ismael) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Elisha (Alyasa) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Isaac (Ishaq) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Idris (Enoch) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Jacob (Yaqub) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Job (Ayyub) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Joseph (Yusuf) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Zechariah <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Hud <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat John (Yahya) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Salih <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Isa (Jesus) <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Shuaib <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Luqman <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Moses (Musa) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Ezra <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat Aaron (Harun) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Dhul-Qarnain <sup>as</sup>
Hazrat David (Dawood) <sup>as</sup>	Hazrat Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

# HAZRAT YASA AS.



Dear children,

Today we will be reading and learning about the story of Hazrat Yasa (as). Hazrat Yasa (as) is one of the 28 named prophets in the Holy Quran.

He is only mentioned twice in the Holy Quran:

1. Surah Al-An'am, verse 87.
2. Surah Sad, verse 49.

Hazrat Yasa (as) is also known as Elisha.

الْيَسَعَ

1. Surah Al-An'am, verse 87.

ط  
وَإِسْعٰقَ وَيُوْنُسَ وَلُوْطًا  
وَكُلًّا فَضَّلْنَا عَلٰى الْعٰلَمِيْنَ

And *We also guided* Ishmael and Elisha and Jonah and Lot; and each one did We exalt above the people.

2. Surah Sad,  
verse 49.

ط  
وَاذْكُرْ إِسْحٰقَ وَالْيٰسَعَ وَذَا الْكِفْلِ  
وَكُلٌّ مِّنَ الْاٰخِيَارِ ط

And remember Ishmael and Elisha and Dhu'l-Kifl; and all were of the best.

According to the 5 Vol commentary, Hazrat Yasa (as) was the son of Shaphat - the disciple of, and successor to, Hazrat Ilyas (as), born in 928 BC. This means that after Hazrat Ilyas (as) passed away Shaphat lead his people and guided them towards their Lord. Shaphat and Hazrat Yasa (as) came

from Galilee, a region in the middle east, on a current world map. This region is found between Palestine and Lebanon.

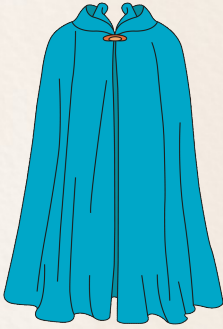


Specifically, Hazrat Yasa (as) and his father came from a village called Abel Medolah which is an ancient city mentioned a number of times in the Old Testament.

Under the divine guidance of Allah Almighty, Hazrat Yasa (as) was found by Hazrat Ilyas (as) in his native land and anointed as his successor.



From the Quran, we understand that Hazrat Ilyas (as) threw his mantle over Hazrat Yasa (as).



A **mantle** is a cloak that overs the shoulders and drapes down the rest of the body.

This was a symbolic gesture to show that he was a true successor of Hazrat Ilyas (as) and was given authority to lead his people after his death.

He spent his prophethood guiding his people and teaching them wrong from right. We learn in the Quran that he led a life of purity and he even performed miracles! However, his people were not swayed by his pious nature or any of his miracles. Despite his many efforts he was not able to reform most of the nation.

He passed away at the age of ninety in 838 B.C

# HAZRAT LUQMAN AS.

لُقْمَانَ

'the wise  
one'

Like Hazrat Yasa (as), Hazrat Luqman (as) is not mentioned very often, however, chapter 31 is named after him. From this Surah, we can learn quite a bit about the life and stories of Hazrat Luqman (as).



### Chapter 31. Luqman

سُورَةُ لُقْمَانَ



Chapter 31, verse 13 suggests Hazrat Luqman (as) was not an Arab but of African or European descent. It is thought that he was probably from Ethiopia, which means that he was said to belong to Egypt or Nubia. Some people say that he was actually from Greek "Aesop".

From the beautiful moral precepts he gave to his son which are embodied in the present and the next few verses, Hazrat Luqman (as) appears to be a Prophet of God.

The name Luqman means 'the wise one'. This name has been mentioned 3 times in chapter 31. This Surah focuses on universal moral principles and the basic belief that there is no god but Allah. It also talks about the rights of people on each other.

All of Allah's creations must be treated with respect. Allah's creation includes people, animals, plants, and the earth. These were the principal teachings of Hazrat Luqman (as) that were taught to his family and his people.



## Gratitude



Another quality that Hazrat Luqman (as) focused on was gratitude. He would teach his son the importance of being thankful to God Almighty and others around him for what they have been given. In the Quran, we are told that we can be thankful to Allah in 3 ways:

1. With our hearts
2. With our tongue
3. With our limbs



## *Rights of Parents*

Hazrat Luqman (as) taught that after our duty to Allah, we have obligations to mankind, especially our parents. Even if we disagree with our parents, we must always be kind to them. Parents, especially mothers, sacrifice so much for the sake of their children so it is our responsibility to be kind to them.

These characteristics are important to us as Muslims as well. Hazrat Luqman (as) explains that when we strive to do good and worship Allah, we will be rewarded. Hazrat Luqman (as) says that even if the weight of your good deeds is as light as a mustard seed, Allah will never forget it. No action good or bad, goes unnoticed. Allah is All-Aware, All-Knowing.

# NOTES



عَزِيرُ

Hazrat Uzair, also known as Ezra, is mentioned once in the Holy Quran, in Surah Tau'bah, verse 30. He lived in the 5th century B.C.

**HAZRAT  
UZAIR AS.**



His story focuses on the polytheistic people of the middle east. He is a very important prophet in Judaism. He was a descendant of Seraiah who was a high priest, and after becoming a member of the priestly order, he was known as Ezra the Priest. He was honoured among the Prophets of Israel due to his high knowledge of the Jewish Law and to this day his name is associated with important institutions by the Rabbi. Ezra is thought to have led a party of Jews to Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon. He was involved in the recompiling of the Jewish Law, the Torah and the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem.

## *What is Rabbi?*

A Rabbi is a spiritual leader or teacher in Judaism.

In the 5th century BC, there were many idolatrous believers and pagan practices present in Arabia. The Jews that lived in Medina, and those in Hadramaut (the south of Arabia) believed that Hazrat Uzair (As) was the son of God.

This was not a claim made by Hazrat Uzair (as) but a practice that those Jews had taken from pagans. The Israelites often called men the son of God, due to this pagan practice.



## *What is Paganism?*

Paganism, as referred to in the Holy Quran, is a term for those that associate partners with God. They practise polytheism, which means they worship many Gods.

Like Hazrat Luqman (as), Hazrat Uzair (as) spoke to his people of the oneness of God. Instead of listening and learning what he was trying to explain, they decided that if he was such a pious man, he must be the son of God himself. This is completely wrong, and Allah warns that anyone who associates partners with God will be cursed.



# NOTES



إِدْرِيسَ

**HAZRAT  
IDRIS AS.**

Hazrat Idris (as) also known as Enoch. The name Idris is thought to mean one who reads much or teaches much.



The story given in the Bible resembles closely, the story given of Hazrat Idris (as) in the Holy Quran. In the Quran, his name is mentioned in Surah Maryam and for a second time in Surah Al - Anabiya.

In the Holy Quran, Hazrat Idris (as) is said to be a truthful man and a Prophet. It is also said that he was given a lofty station. These three attributes are very similar to Hazrat Ismael (as), son of Hazrat Ibrahim (as). They are mentioned together in the Holy Quran and their stories have several similarities.



Like Hazrat Uzair (as), Hazrat Idris (as) is incorrectly referred to as the son of God in Jewish literature. This is because it is said that Hazrat Idris (as) 'walked with God'. Of course, this does not mean he literally walked beside God, but this is the interpretation Jews took. Hazrat Uzair (as) was blessed with a close relationship with God because he was a devout worshipper.

When these attributes are given to prophets, their teachings are often forgotten. As Muslims, we can learn from Hazrat Idris' (as) story to be truthful and to learn our religion carefully to know exactly what the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) really taught. We can also learn from his people that we should never become ignorant or associate partners with God.

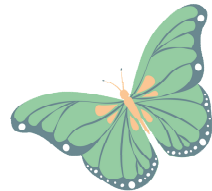
Although the stories of these prophets are short, we can learn so much from them! Hazrat Yasa's (as) story shows us that sometimes we can work hard to spread our religion, but people don't always listen. Hazrat Luqman (as) teaches us to strive for good and that our efforts are never in vain. Hazrat Uzair's (as) story teaches us that a man can never be God and that we should never associate partners with Him. Finally, from Hazrat Idris (as) we learn that we must study and reflect on our religion to ensure we are not becoming ignorant of the true teachings of the Quran.

May Allah enable us to learn from these prophets and work on ourselves to become better Muslims. Ameen





# ACTIVITY PAGE



## Prophets Of God

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- EZRA
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- ADAM
- HUD
- JONAH



# Notes

The image features a light green watercolor background with various shades of green leaves and foliage scattered across it. At the top center, there is a dark green rounded rectangle containing the word "Notes" in a bold, black, cursive-style font.

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