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Stories of the Prophets for Young Readers

Adam, Nuh, Ibrahim, Yusuf, Musa, Yunus, ‘Isa and Muhammad ﷺ — told simply, with the lessons for us

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1. Adam — the first human

Allah created Adam from clay, breathed life into him and taught him the names of all things. He honoured him and commanded the angels to bow. Iblis refused out of pride.

Adam and his wife Hawwa lived in the Garden, but Shaytan tricked them into eating from the one tree that was forbidden. They did not blame anyone — they turned to Allah and said: “Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; if You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we will surely be among the losers.” (Quran 7:23)

> *Lesson: when you make a mistake, admit it and ask Allah’s forgiveness.* — Read: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:30–37

2. Nuh — the patient caller

Prophet Nuh called his people to worship Allah alone for nine hundred and fifty years (Quran 29:14). He called them by night and by day, in public and in private, but only a few believed.

Allah commanded Nuh to build an Ark. People laughed at him for building a ship on dry land. Then the great flood came, and Allah saved Nuh and the believers.

Lesson: keep doing what is right even when people laugh at you. — Read: Surah Nuh (71) and Surah Hud 11:25–48

3. Ibrahim — the friend of Allah

As a young man, Ibrahim looked at the stars, the moon and the sun and realised that they all set — none of them could be God. He said: "I have turned my face to the One who created the heavens and the earth." (Quran 6:79)

He broke his people's idols, and they threw him into a huge fire. Allah said: "O fire, be coolness and safety for Ibrahim." (Quran 21:69) Later, with his son Isma'il, he built the Ka'bah in Makkah.

Lesson: think for yourself, stand for the truth and trust Allah completely. — Read: Surah Al-Anbiya 21:51–70

4. Yusuf — from the well to the palace

Young Yusuf saw eleven stars, the sun and the moon bowing to him in a dream. His jealous brothers threw him into a well. He was sold as a slave in Egypt, wrongly accused and put in prison — yet he stayed honest and patient.

Allah gave him the gift of interpreting dreams. He explained the king's dream about seven fat and seven thin cows, and became the minister in charge of Egypt's food. When his brothers came begging for grain, he forgave them: "No blame on you today." (Quran 12:92)

Lesson: patience and forgiveness turn the hardest story into the best ending. — Read: Surah Yusuf (12) — "the best of stories"

5. Musa — courage before Pharaoh

Pharaoh was killing the baby boys of the Children of Israel. Musa's mother placed him in a basket on the river, trusting Allah, and Allah brought him up in Pharaoh's own palace.

Years later, Allah spoke to Musa and sent him with his brother Harun to Pharaoh. Musa was afraid, so he prayed: "My Lord, expand my chest and make my task easy for me." (Quran 20:25–26) Allah parted the sea for Musa and his people, and saved them.

Lesson: when you are scared, make dua and take the first step. — Read: Surah Ta-Ha 20:9–79

6. Yunus — dua from the darkness

Prophet Yunus left his people in anger before Allah allowed him to. On a ship in a storm he was thrown into the sea and swallowed by a great fish. In three darknesses — the night, the sea and the belly of the fish — he called out:

The dua of Yunus

لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

La ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu minaz-zalimin

There is no god but You, glory be to You; I have been among the wrongdoers.

Quran 21:87

> *Lesson: no darkness is too deep for Allah to hear you.* — Read: Surah As-Saffat 37:139–148

7. ʻIsa — a miracle from birth

Maryam was a pure, devoted woman. Allah gave her a son, ʻIsa, without a father. When people accused her, baby ʻIsa spoke from the cradle: "I am the servant of Allah." (Quran 19:30)

Allah gave ʻIsa miracles — healing the blind and the sick by Allah's permission — and he called people to worship Allah alone. Muslims love and honour him as one of the greatest Prophets.

> *Lesson: Allah can do anything; trust Him when others doubt you.* — Read: Surah Maryam 19:16–36

8. Muhammad ﷺ — the final Messenger

Muhammad ﷺ was known in Makkah as "al-Amin", the trustworthy, even before prophethood. At forty, the angel Jibril brought him the first words of the Quran in the Cave of Hira: "Read in the name of your Lord who created." (Quran 96:1)

For twenty-three years he taught people to worship Allah alone, to be honest, kind and just. He forgave his enemies when he returned to Makkah, and he was the most merciful of people. Allah says: "And We have not sent you except as a mercy to the worlds." (Quran 21:107)

> *Lesson: follow the Prophet ﷺ in kindness, honesty and prayer.* — Read the Seerah: the Sukon eBook "The Life of the Prophet ﷺ"

A note on this book

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