

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Prophets in Islam

Lesson 8 of 13

Worksheet

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Muslims believe that Prophet Adam was the first human created by Allah and that we are all the descendants of him and his wife known as Hawa. Muslims believe that Adam was created from clay as in the Qu'ran it states:

“Who perfected everything that which He created and began the creation of man from clay.”
[Quran 32:7. Translation taken from Sahih International].

It is believed that angels collected soil of red, white, brown, and black and that Adam's descendants were to be as diverse as the clay he was created from. Adam was the first prophet who built the Kaaba and worshipped Allah. Prophet Adam was given the ability to identify and give names, to speak, to reason, evaluate, and make choices.

All quotations are taken from The Quranic Arabic Corpus.



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When Adam was created it is mentioned in the Qur'an that Allah commanded all of the angels and Iblees (who had free-will and is also known as Shaytaan or the devil) to bow down to Allah's creation. Out of arrogance Iblees refused. Allah told the angels to bow down to Adam out of respect and admiration, which showed the supreme status of human beings. Iblees and Adam disobeyed Allah when Iblees tempted Adam to go against Allah's command and eat from the tree of eternity.

Adam repented his sins and regretted his choice and sought the forgiveness of Allah. This is important for Muslims today as it reminds them that they are weak and in need of Allah's mercy and compassion to forgive their sins.

Allah created Adam as a Khalifah meaning a vice regent of Allah who would look after the world. Muslims today are reminded of them and aim to look after the creation of the world, which is seen as a gift from Allah.



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Ibrahim is a key and significant prophet in Islam. He is believed to be one of the first prophets to teach the idea that there is only one God. During his lifetime, it was common for people to practice idolatry. Prophet Ibrahim refused to worship idols and would only worship Allah alone. The miracle of the cooling of the fire is associated with Prophet Ibrahim when Allah saved him from burning in a fire after his community was outraged that he had destroyed their idols to show them that idol worship was not God. Prophet Ibrahim was known as a prophet who was tested by Allah and through his patience and submission accepted these tests. For Muslims today they are reminded that they should completely submit to the will of Allah in the same way that Prophet Ibrahim did.



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One of the most significant tests that occurred for the Prophet Ibrahim was when he had a dream to sacrifice his only son Ishmael. Putting his trust in Allah, and Ishmael telling his father Ibrahim to follow the command, they went up to a mountain to fulfill his command to which Allah called down to Ibrahim telling him that he had completed his test and a ram or a goat was to be sacrificed instead. From this story, Muslims are reminded to be like Prophet Ibrahim: to put their trust in Allah, to have patience, and to submit to him and him alone.

This event is commemorated during Id ul-Adha in which able Muslims sacrifice or donate the sacrifice of a goat to remember the event of Ibrahim going to sacrifice his son Ishmael. Also, like Prophet Adam, Prophet Ibrahim was instructed by Allah to build the Kaaba in Mecca, only the foundations of which laid by Adam remain after centuries.



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Whilst Prophet Isa (known as Jesus) is commonly associated with Christianity, he is a very significant and important prophet in Islam. Prophet Isa was sent by Allah with the revelation of the **Injils**, which are known as the Gospels. Muslims today believe that while some of the **Injils** remain in part in their original form, much has been distorted or changed. Muslims believe that Prophet Isa was able to perform miracles and that some of these were that he was able to speak from the cradle, create birds out of clay, and heal the blind and the sick. Prophet Isa, according to the Islamic tradition, was not crucified or resurrected. Muslims believe that Allah saved him from dying on the cross and that he ascended to Jannah (Heaven) by the will of Allah and someone else was put on the cross instead. According to the majority of Muslims, Prophet Isa is believed to still be alive and will return to the world in the end times when the world is coming to an end and fight the Antichrist known as the Dajjal. Prophet Isa is still seen as a prophet who taught people to worship Allah alone and he never called on people to worship him.



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Without a doubt, we cannot mention the Prophets of Islam without mentioning the greatest and most important prophet of them all in the Islamic tradition, Prophet Muhammad. Prophet Muhammad was born an orphan to an important tribe in 510 C.E. He was chosen by Allah to be the final prophet of humanity and to reveal Allah's direct and divine word known as the Qur'an. Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad is of the best of humankind to have walked on this earth and that he was given the final revelation of the Qur'an over the span of 23 years during which Angel Jibreel revealed the words of Allah to him.

He is associated with removing injustices in society such as female infanticide (the killing of female children), inequality, lack of rights for women and orphans, racism and tribalism. It was through the revelation of the Qur'an, his actions and his words that equality and justice occurred in society, and the restoration of Tawhid, that worshipping Allah alone occurred.



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Muslims believe that the most important miracle appointed to the Prophet Muhammad was that of the revelation of the Qur'an, which is protected from any distortion or error unlike the previous revelations given to prophets and changed by people. Another miracle that is associated with the Prophet Muhammad is the splitting of the moon, which he performed through the power of Allah after people questioned him being a prophet. After this miracle, many submitted and accepted that he was a prophet of God who only spoke truth. Prophet Muhammad is known as the 'Seal of the Prophets' because Muslims believe that there will be no prophets that will come after him. He was known for his honest character, his trustworthiness, and his unique kindness and care for all. Muslims believe that he was a descendent from the family of Prophet Ibrahim. He was born in Makkah and died in Medinah, which are two of the holy cities in Islam today that Muslims visit when they do the Hajj pilgrimage.

