



MuslimVille Ramadan Study Guide 2009 For Islamic Knowledge Competition

Theme of This Ramadan:

Prophets of Humanity

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JK to Grade 2

Learn about Allah

Allah is One.

Allah made us.

Allah made the mountains, the rivers and the flowers.

Allah made the Sun, the moon, the stars and the sky.

No one created Allah.

Allah has no partners.

Allah has no father or mother.

Allah has no sons or daughters.

We cannot see Allah.

Allah sees us all the time.

Learn about Prophets.

Prophets of Allah are:

Adam(A), Idris(A), Nuh(A), Hud(A), Salih(A), Ibrahim(A), Isma'il(A), Ishaq(A), Lut(A), Ya'qub(A), Yusuf(A), Shu'aib(A), Ayyub(A), Musa(A), Dhul-kifl(A), Dawud(A), Sulaiman(A), Ilias(A), Al-Yasa(A), Yunus(A), Zakariyya(A), Yahya(A), Isa(A) & Muhammad (S).

**(S)- We have to say Sallallahu alaihi Wasalam after the name of Prophet Muhammad.*

**(A)- We have to say Alaihis salam after the name of other Prophets.*

As a Muslim we believe in all the prophets.

Adam (A) is the first man and also the first Prophet

Muhammad (S) is the last Prophet of Allah.

Our prophet is Muhammad (S)

Allah will love us if we follow Muhammad (S).

Muhammad was born in Mecca.

His mothers name was Amina.

His father's name was Abdullah.

Learn about the Quran

The Quran is the book of Allah.

The first Surah of the Quran is Sura Fatiha.

The last Surah is Sura Nas.

Smallest surah is Surah Kawsar.

Other small surahs are Surah Ikhlas and Surah Asr.

Recitation and Memorization

Surahs

Al-Fatiha, Al-Ikhlās, An-Kawsar & Al-Asr.

Duas

For knowledge- Rabbi Zidni Ilma

For parents – Rabbir hamhuma kama rabbayani sageera

Before going to bed: Bismika Allahumma Amutu wa ahya

Before entering the washroom:

Allahumma inni a'udhu bikaminal khubuthi wal khaba'ith

Leaving the washroom: Ghufuranaka

Kalimah Tayyibah –

'La ila ha Illah Lah Muhammadur Rasulullah'

Names of Prayer

Fajr, Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib, Isha.ma

Short Dua for all occasions:

Parents/Teacher: teach the participants of group A to memorize the Dua & know the occasions.

Bismillah

In the name of Allah

We say this when we begin something. Like before reciting the Quran, eating, getting into a vehical, etc.

Alhamdulillah

Praise be to Allah

We say it to thank Allah. We also say it when we sneez.

Yarhamuka-Allah

May Allah bless you - We say it when we hear someone sneeze.

Assalamu Alaikum

Peace be on you

We say it when meeting a Muslim.

Walaikum Assalam

Peace be on you too

We say it in reply of Assalamu Alaikum

Insha'-Allah

If Allah wishes

We say it when hoping to do something in future or make a promise.

Subhan-Allah

Glory be to Allah

We say it to praise someone or when we see some thing amazing.

Mash-Allah Allah

has willed it

We say this in happy occasions, when hearing good news or when giving appreciation to someone.

Fi Amanillah

In the protection of Allah

We say it when we say farewell to someone.

Jazak-Allahu Khairan

May Allah give you the best reward

We say it to thank someone.

Astagfirullah

I seek Allah's forgiveness

We say it when we feel sorry for something bad we thought, said or done.

Audhubillahi minas shaitanur razim

I seek refuge in Allah from shaitan

We say it before reciting the Quran. We also seek Allah's protection from Shaitan (devil) by saying it so that Shaitan can not do any harm to us.

Practising Islam

Learn how to pray.

Learn the steps for performing Wudu (ablutions) and Salah

Learn the timings for five time prayers

Learn how to call Azan

Grade 3-5

Who made us?

Allah made us.

Who is Allah?

Allah is our creator. He is the creator of everything.

Why has Allah created us?

Allah has created us to worship and obey Him.

Allah says in the Qur'an: "Indeed, I created Jinns and mankind for no other purpose but to worship me." (Surah 51, verse 56)

Can we see Allah?

No, we cannot see Allah.

What more do you know about Allah?

Allah is the Almighty. He is very Kind and Loving. He has given us everything we have. He has given us our fathers and mothers and our brothers and sisters who care for us and love us. He gives us food, water, light, air and all that we need. We should thank Allāh for everything He has given us. We thank Him by obeying His commands. We and everything on this earth belong to Allāh.

What is Islam?

Islam is the way of life that pleases Allah.

Who is a Muslim?

A Muslim is a person who follows Islam. If we follow Islam, Allah gives us peace and happiness.

A Muslim always tries to do good. He always speaks the truth. He helps others. He cares for the old and the needy. He does not like bad things. He follows Allah's commands.

We feel proud to be Muslims. Allah has given us the name Muslim.

How did we come to know about Islam?

We came to know about Islam from the Messengers and Prophets of Allah.

Who are called Prophets?

A prophet is person chosen by our Lord Allah.

He receives messages from Allah and carries that message to people. He teaches and follows the orders of Allah. They were sent by Allah to guide people.

The Arabic of Prophet: Singular- *Nabi* ; plural- *Anbiya*

Were all Prophets human?

Yes, Prophets were human beings. They were not angels. None of them claimed themselves as God or son of God. None of them claimed the power of Allah.

Who are called as Rasul-Allah?

Allah has also sent books of guidance

to some prophets. Those prophets are called *Rasul* (plural-*Rusul*). Rasul-Allah means messengers of Allah.

How many Prophets were sent by Allah?

Since the beginning of creation Allah sent many prophets. Allah sent prophets to every nation at different times. There numbers are 124,000. The names of some of them are in the Quran.

How many Prophets have been mentioned in the Quran?

The Quran mentioned the name of 25 prominent Prophets.

Are the Prophets named in the Quran are also known as Prophets by other religion?

Yes, Prophets mentioned in the Quran are also believed to be Prophets by Christians and Jews. Following are the Quranic names and English names of Prophets mentioned in the Quran.

Adam; Idris (Enoch); Nuh (Noah); Hud (Heber); Saleh (Shelah); Ibrahim (Abraham); Lut (Lot); Ismail (Ishmael); Ishaq (Isaac); Yaqub (Jacob); Yusuf (Joseph); Ayub (Job); Shoab (Jethro); Musa (Moses); Harun (Aaron); Dhul-Kifl (possibly Ezekiel or Gautama Buddha); Daud (David); Sulayman (Solomon); Ilyas (Elijah); Al-Yasa (Elisha); Yunus (Jonah); Zakariya (Zacharias); Yahya (John the Baptist); Isa (Jesus) and Muhammad.

Did all Prophet preach the same message?

Yes, the message of all the prophets is one and same. As Allah is one, so is His message.

As Muslim which prophet should we believe?

As Muslims, we must believe in all the Prophets and messengers.

As Muslim which Prophet we do follow and why?

A Muslim believes in all the Prophets of Allah, but as the teaching of earlier Prophets are lost or have been changed as Muslim we follow Muhammad (S) only. He is the last of all prophets of Allah.

What does the name Muhammad means?

The name Muhammad means 'praiseworthy'

What do you know about the birth and childhood of Muhammad (S)?

Muhammad(S) was born into the noble tribe of the Quraish in Makkah, Arabia in 570 CE (Christian era). His father, Abdullah, died before his birth. His mother, Aminah, died when he was only six. A few days after his birth he was given to the care of Halimah; his foster-mother. It was the custom of the tribe of Quraish to give their newborn babies to foster mothers for breast feeding; Muhammad (S) was with Halimah for two years.

After the death of his mother, his

grandfather, Abdul Muttalib looked after him. His grandfather died when Muhammad (S) was only 8 years old. Muhammad (S) was then looked after by his uncle Abu Talib.

The name Muhammad (S) means praiseworthy.

What is the name of the year when Prophet Muhammad (S) was born?

It is known as the year of the Elephant because in that year a king from Habsha named Abraha came to demolish the holy place of worship, Kaba, in Makkah. He came with a big army and lots of elephants. But Allah saved the Kaba with only some small bird who threw thousands of stones from the sky on the army and elephants of Abraha, and they all died.

In remembrance of that, the year was called the "The Year of Elephant" by Arabs. This event is mentioned in Surah Al-Fil.

At what age did Muhammad (S) become Prophet of Allah?

At the age of 40 Muhammad (S) was given the first revelation from Allah through angel Jibrail. For the next 23 years of his life he preached the teachings of Allah .

What are the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (S)?

Prophet Muhammad (S) asked people to worship Allah alone. He taught love and brotherhood. He asked his followers to be kind and polite towards both children and elder and to help one another. He stopped people from doing harm to one another. He asked us to always be truthful, and to practise what we preach. He established Truth, Justice and the Islamic Society.

What are the main source of knowledge for a Muslim?

The Quran and the Hadith are the two main source of knowledge.

What is the Quran.

The revelation given to prophet Muhammad (S) is called the Quran.

What are Hadith's?

Hadith's are the sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad (S) recorded by his followers after his death.

What Muhammad(S) told us to believe?

Muhammad(S) told us to believing the followings:

- Allah
- Angels of Allah (Malaikah)
- Book of Allah (Kitabullah)
- Messengers of Allah (Rasulullah)
- The day of Judgement (Yawmuddin)
- Predestination
- supremacy of divine will (Al-Qadr)
- Life after Death (Aakhirah)
- The Arabic of belief or faith is Iman. The above are the basic beliefs of Islam.

What are the basic duties of a Muslim?

Muslims have 5 basic duties:

Ash-Shahadah (The Declaration of faith)
As Salah(Five compulsory daily prayers)
Az Zakah (Welfare contribution)
As-Sawm (Fasting during Ramadan)
Al-Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah)

What is Shahadah?

A person becomes Muslim by reciting and believing in Ash-Shahadah. Ash-Shahadah is *LA ILAHA ILLAL LAHU MUHAMMADUR RASULUL LAH.* This means: *There is no God But Allah, and Muhammad (s) is the messenger of Allah.*

Study the Stories of Prophet Adam(A), Nuh(A) and Ibrahim (A).

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Who and what lived on earth before human being?

Angels and Jinn used to live in earth before human being.

Who is Adam (A)?

Adam(A) is the first man created by Allah. Adam(A) was also the first prophet of Allah.

Who is Hawwa?

Hawwa (Eve) is the first woman created by Allah. She was wife if Adam(A).

Where did Adam(A) and Hawwa live at first?

They used to live in paradise.

After creating Adam(A) whom Allah commanded to prostrate before Adam(A)?

Allah created Adam(A) from clay and give him the best of form. He then commanded the angels and Jinn to prostrate before Adam(A).

Who prostrate and who refused to prostrate before Adam(A)?

The angels obeyed and prostrate before Adam(A). Iblis, who was one of the Jinn, refused to prostrate

What mistakes did Adam(A) and Hawwa when they were in heaven?

Allah asked Adam and Hawwa to live in paradise and told them not to approach a certain tree. This way Allah wanted to test them and teach them self-control. But Iblis tempted to go to that tree. They made the mistake tempted by Iblis.

What was the prayer of Adam(A) and Hawwa after they were trapped by the devil?

Adam and Hawwa asked forgiveness and prayed: Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and grant us mercy, surely we shall be losers. (Surah Al-Araf: 23)

Why did Prophet Nuh(A) have to build an ark?

Nuh(A) tried to guide his people to worship Allah but most of them did not listen. They mocked him, laughed at him and called him crazy. A few people responded. Nuh(A) was shoked and tired. He asked Allah's help to rescue him and his followers. Allah asked him to build an ark.

What happened to the people who did not listen to Prophet Nuh(A)?

Nuh(A) told his people that a flood would soon overcome them they have no place to take shelter. And it happened a devastating flood happened. Every thing was drowned except the Nuh' ark. Those who listen to Nuh's were saved and those who did not listen were destroyed.

What you should say after the name of prophets?

One has to say *Sallallahu alaihi Wasalam* after the name of Prophet Muhammad and *Alaihis salam* after the name of other Prophets.

Who was Khaliullah and what does this name mean?

Prophet Ibrahim (A) was known as Khalilullah. It means 'friend of Allah'.

Who was prophet Ibrahim's father?

Azar was the father of Ibrahim(A). He was well-known priest of his time, used to make idols and sell them.

Name the son of Ibrahim(A) who helped him to build Kaba?

Ismail(A) was the son of Ibrahim(A). Ismail helped Ibrahim to build the Kaba.

Al-Quran:**Recitation and Memorization (30 marks)**

- Surah Al- Imran verses 26 – 27
- Az-Zilzalah, At-Tin , Al-Qadr and all surahs mentioned in Study Plan for grade JK to 2

Grade 5 students have to study meaning of above suras.

- Dua Qunut, Dua for entering mosque, Dua for riding a car and all Dua mentioned in Study Plan for grade JK to 2

Study reference of fasting (sawm) in the quran and hadith, see page 6.**(Also study notes for grade 3 to 5)****What is the meaning of Islam?**

Islam means obedience. Obedience means to accept, to submit and to follow. Islam therefore, means to submit to Allah and to follow his commands. We can have peace in our lives if we follow the commands of our Creator. So another meaning of Islam is peace. True peace lies only in following Allah's commands.

How could we know and follow the guidance of Allah?

Allah sent His guidance through the Prophets. They were men of great virtue and character. Their lives were truly pure and honourable. They are role models for mankind. They taught us how to obey Allah- our Creator. None of the Prophets claimed to be God. They themselves obeyed Allah and invited others to obey Him. Allah sent prophets to all people at

different times.

What is the Quranic term for guidance?

The Arabic of guidance in Quran is Hidayah.

Why we need guidance from Allah?

We humane being are weak and frail. We have no knowledge of future and the knowledge we do have is limited. Also, we are not perfect. With so many weaknesses, we are unable to make any guidance for ourselves which can hold good for all times and all conditions. This is why Allah has blessed us with guidance through prophets.

Why Allah sent prophets at different times?

It was necessary to send prophets at different times to bring back forgetful humane beings back to the right path.

What is the meaning of revelation?

Revelation is the message and guidance of Allah. The Arabic word for revelation is Wahi.

What is Risalah?

Risalah is the channel of communication between Allah and mankind. Risalah means prophet hood. As a Muslim we should believe in this Prophet hood. This is one of the fundamental believe in Islam.

What are common messages of all the Prophets?

Message to man from all the prophets were the same. They are:

There is no God but Allah.

Man has to worship only Allah.

Every person has to die.

All of us will be given life after death.

On the day of judgement every person will be judged by Allah alone based on his or her acts in this world.

Those who worship Allah and do good deeds in this world will be granted paradise.

Those who disobey Allah willingly in this world and do not ask for forgiveness will be punished, the punishment will be hell.

What were the common things the Prophets did?

All of the Prophets preached the message of God. They preached peace and justice. While preaching the message of God, the Prophets were tortured, betrayed and ignored by the disbelievers. However, the good people of their time followed the Prophets with

The Prophets gathered the good people and taught them how to obey and worship God.

What do you know about the Books of Allah?

Allah has taught us how to live, to obey and worship Him. This guidance was given through Prophets in the form of revelations. The revelations given to the Prophets have always guided mankind. The revelation given to prophet

Muhammad (S) is called the Quran.

A Muslim believes in all revealed Books. They are the Tawrat (Torah) to Musa (Moses); Jabur (Psalms) to Dawud (David); the Injil (Gospel) to Isa (Jesus) and the Quran to Muhammad (S). The Quran also mentions Suhuf-i-Ibrahim (Scrolls of Abraham).

But the Books given to the Prophets before Muhammad (S) were not fully preserved, some were lost or they were changed by the people. Allah's words were mixed with man's ideas.

Which book of Allah do Muslims follow?

Muslims follow the Quran. The words of the Quran are fully preserved in its original form. Not a single word of it has been changed or lost. It is found today exactly as it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (S). A Muslim believes in all the Books of Allah, but as the earlier Books are lost or have been changed; a Muslim follows the Quran only.

How is the Quran being protected?

Allah has guaranteed the protection of the Quran.

The words of the Quran were revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S) throughout the last 23 years of his life. The Prophet used to memorize those and told his companions to memorize its words. The revelations were written down by his followers.

During the time of Caliphate Abu Bakr (R), all those words and sentences were collected in the form of a book and were arranged following the direction given by the Prophet Muhammad (S).

Among the Muslims there are always some people who memorize the whole Quran by heart.

The Quran would always be preserved by memorization and printing.

What does the Quran teach us?

The Quran teaches us how to serve and worship Allah. It tells us how to live a life of virtue. It tells us how to behave in the home. It tells us how to treat our parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, neighbours and strangers.

The Quran tells us how to become good men and women.

The Quran tells us the story of previous nations. It tells us the stories of good people of the past that followed the path of Allah and His prophets. It also tells us stories of bad people and how Allah punished them in this world.

Why do people call Muhammad (S) Al-Amin and As-Sadiq?

From his childhood Muhammad (S) was gentle, sober and soft spoken. He never used to say bad words. He never quarrelled with anyone. He never told a lie so people called him As-Sadiq, meaning truthful. He was also very trustworthy. People used to keep money or valuable things with him. He was such a good

person that his conduct earned him the title Al-Amin meaning the trustworthy.

What do you know about the people of Makkah when Prophet Muhammad (S) was born?

Makkah was a city known for the holy place Kabah – a house built by Prophet Ibrahim (A) for the worship of one God. But the people of Makkah forgot the message of Prophet Ibrahim (A). They worshipped idols made by themselves and placed them around the Kabah. They thought of the idols as daughters of god and asked for their help, took oaths in their names and fought for them. The people of Makkah used to fight for any silly reason. Senseless bloodshed and tribal disputes were their way of life. So much so that war and disputes over silly reasons continued for years causing tremendous hardship for both sides. Poor people were helpless around the powerful tribal leaders. Woman had no status in social life. There were Jews and Christians who claimed that they believed in God and Prophets. But most of their religious leaders, rabbi's and priests, were so corrupt that their religion no longer had any appeal to reason and wisdom.

When did Prophet Muhammad (S) receive the first revelation from Allah?

It was during the days of his retreat in the month of Ramadan, in the cave Hira, that Allah, The Lord of the universe favoured Muhammad (S) with blessings – The first revelation of the Quran. Thus Muhammad (S) became the Prophet of Allah –when he was 40 years old.

When Muhammad (S) told people that he was a Prophet of Allah, did they listen?

At the early stage nobody except his wife and a few people believed in him.

Who were the first four people who accepted Muhammad (S) as a Prophet of Allah?

First Khadijah (R), wife of the Prophet accepted Islam. Second, Ali (R), his cousin. Third Zaid (R) his household servant. Fourth was Abu Bakr (R).

What was the reaction of the people of Makkah when Prophet Muhammad (S) continued preaching the message of Allah?

Muhammad (S) continued to spread the message of Allah. It was gradually spreading among people of different age groups especially the youth. People began to talk about Muhammad (S) and his message. A few good men, especially the oppressed people, accepted the truth. Tribal leaders became very hostile. They were not ready to leave the religion practiced by their forefathers. They began to harass the followers of Islam. They spread false propoganda. They did all they could to stop Muhammad (S) and

his followers, but nothing worked.

Can you name some people who were tortured by the Makkan for accepting Islam at the early stage?

The first Muslim to suffer was Saad Bin Abu Waqqas (R). He was struck with a sword while fighting with the non-believers as they attacked the Prophet and his followers while they were praying in a valley.

The Prophet was once preaching in the area of the Kabah and was attacked. Harith Bin Abi Halah (R) tried to calm the mob but he was attacked and killed.

Bilal bin Rabah (R), an Abyssinian slave, was tortured by his master for accepting Islam. He was thrown onto the sand under the burning sun of the desert with a heavy stone placed on his chest. Bilal (R) faced the torture and kept repeating "Allah is One!".

Others who suffered terribly in the hands of the unbelievers were Ammar(R), Abu Fukaiha(R), Suhaib Rumi(R) and Khabbab(R). Among the women tortured were Sumaiyyah (R), Lubainah (R), Nahdiyyah (R) and Umm Ubais (R).

What did Muhammad (S) and his followers do in response to the torture and persecution?

Muhammad (S) and his followers continued their preaching with more enthusiasm. The unbelievers increased the level of their persecution. The threat to life and property became unbearable, so some Muslims migrated to Abyssinia. This way the Prophet passed 13 years preaching the message of Allah in Makkah. He never stopped preaching even with the threat to his life and property. The unbelievers of Makkah became more violent. They plotted to kill the Prophet. Finally, Muhammad (S) and his followers decided to migrate to the city of Yathrib (later renamed Madina).

What should we do as the followers of Muhammad (S)?

The Prophet left two things for us, one the Quran and the other his Sunnah. The Quran is the Book of Allah and the Sunnah is the teachings of the Prophet. So, as followers of the prophet we should follow the path of the Quran and the Sunnah. We should preach to others to follow the same way.

Study the Stories of Prophets: Adam(A), Nuh(A), Ibrahim (A), Musa(A) and Isa(A). Visit www.MuslimVille.com for stories of Prophets

- Why Iblis refused to prostrate before Adam(A)?
- What assurance Allah gave to Adam(A) and Hawwa when they send down to earth from heaven?
- Briefly narrate the story of Nuh's(A) ark.

- What did Ibrahim(A) told to his father about the worship of idols?
- Why Ibrahim(A) was thrown to fire? Did fire burn him?
- 'Prophet Ibrahim(A) life was one of true sacrifice'- explain this statement with example.
- How is the prophet Ibrahim(A)'s life is related with the rituals of Hajj?
- How is the prophet Ibrahim(A)'s sacrifice is related with the festival of Eid-ul-Adha?
- Make a list of the miracles that happened during Prophet Musa(A)
- What was the special about prophet Isa(A)?
- What book did Allah revealed to prophet Isa(A)?
- Was Prophet Isa (A) crucified? Explain your answer.
- Prophet Isa's (A) life includes many miraculous things, but he was still a humane being- justify the statement.
- What was the teaching of prophet Isa (A)?
- Did Isa (A) ask his followers to worship him?

Al-Quran and Hadith study:

Study, Recitation and Memorization

- **Al-Kahaf verses 109-110**
- **All surahs mentioned in Study Plan for Group A & B.**
- **Duas from Quran (Surah Ibrahim- 41, Al-Araf- 23, Al-Baqarah- 201 and all Dua mentioned in Study Plan for Group A & B.**

Study the reference of fasting (Sawm) in the Quran and Hadith (see page 6)

More to study for grade 8:

- What lessons do we learn from the story of Adam and Hawa as regards the origin of evil, forgiveness of Allah, and the equality of women and men.
- Contrast the Islamic understanding of creation with the 'Theory of Evaluation'.
- How the story of Prophet Ibrahim's life is connected with rituals of Hajj?
- Describe the incidents from Musa's(A) life to show how his Iman was tested. Give examples of how Muslims are being tested nowadays.
- 'Risalah was the channel of communication between man and Allah'. Discuss.
- Explain the doctrine of Towhid and Trinity. What are differences between two.