

PART 1



DUA

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيْلُ

Sufficient for us is Allah, and [He is] the best Disposer of affairs.

Surah Al Imran: 173



Tafseer Ibn Katheer

Narrate the story of Ibrahim to kids

Allah tells us about his close friend Ibrahim (PBUH) and how he bestowed upon him guidance aforetime. From early age Allah inspired him with truth and evidence against his people. Ibrahim preached his people and argued in his best manner to teach them the truth. They blamed Ibrahim for not protecting their God. When their arguments were refuted and their incapability became clear, When truth was made manifest and falsehood was defeated They said "Burn him and help your Gods, if you will be doing."

So they gathered together a huge mount of wood.

As Suddi said "If a woman was sick, She would make a vow that if she recovered she bring wood to burn Ibrahim. Then they made a hole in the ground and set it a flame, and it burned with huge sparks and immense flames. There had never been fire like it.

They put Ibrahim, peace be upon him, into a catapult, at the suggestion of a nomadic Kurdish man from Persia." Shu`ayb Al-Jaba'i said, "His name was Hayzan, and Allah caused the earth to swallow him up, and he will remain sinking into it until the Day of Resurrection.

When they threw him he said, `Sufficient for me is Allah, and He is the best disposer of affairs.' "

This is similar to what Al-Bukhari recorded from Ibn `Abbas that Ibrahim said, "`Sufficient for me is Allah, and He is the best disposer of affairs," when he was thrown into the fire, and Muhammad said it when they said: "Verily, the people have gathered against you, therefore, fear them. But it increased them in faith, and they said: "Allah is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs."

(3:173)

Sa`id bin Jubayr reported that Ibn `Abbas said: "When Ibrahim was thrown into the fire, the keeper (angel) of the rain said: `When will I be commanded to send rain' But the command of Allah was more swift. Allah said: "O fire! Be you cool and safety for Ibrahim!", and there was no fire left on earth that was not extinguished."

Tafseer Ibn Katheer and other sources

Ibn `Abbas and Abu Al-`Aliyah said: "Were it not for the fact that Allah said, (and safety), Ibrahim would have been harmed by its coldness." Qatadah said: "On that day there was no creature that did not try to extinguish the fire for Ibrahim, except for the gecko.'

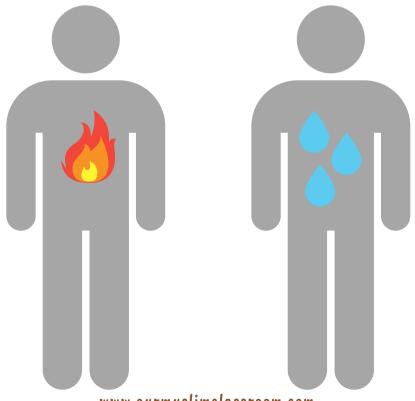
they were defeated and humiliated, because they wanted to plot against the Prophet of Allah, but Allah planned against them and saved him from the fire, and thus they were defeated.



In the event of fear and anxiety one should seek the help of Allah and frequently recite this ayah of the glorious Qur'an.

A true Muslim understands very well that Allah alone is the Bestower and Withholder of Mercy, and He alone is the Remover of Harm and Affliction. Reciting Hasbunallahu Wa Nimal Wakeel provides the healing touch that is very much necessary in one's life. By putting one's complete Trust in Allah, by leaving matters unto Him, by seeking only His grace and mercy, by accepting His decree, by submitting to His Will - a Muslim can equip oneself to face the challenges of life.

Recite this Dua when you are depressed and worried or anytime to feel good. Show the following picture to kids to understand the feeling once they recite and reflect upon this dua:))



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ACTIVITIES

- Find the Dua in the Quran. Open up the Quran with your kids to make it more exciting.
- Explain it briefly according to their age level (We have provided the explanation of each Dua)
- If possible gather around the fire to explain the Dua in order to give them the feeling of warmth and make the story more lively. At the very least, you may use a candle.

 Please do mention that Fire of Ibrahim was hotter than the fire that they are around.
- A "Fire" craft after the brief discussion.

what you need:

- Wooden sticks or ice cream sticks
- Glitter foam sheets (orange and Gold)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Cardboard
- · Color pen



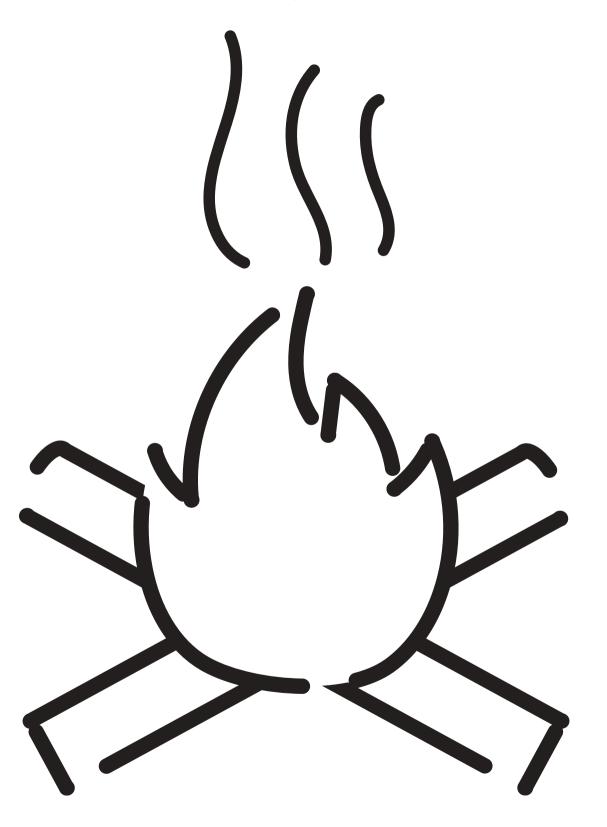
Method

Cut a fire shape out of Glitter foam sheet and paste it on the card board. Use both orange and Gold glitter foam sheets to make it more beautiful. Paste the sticks around the fire. You may use the following papers that I have provided for craft if cardboard is not available and have kids who love to paste.

Write "O fire! Be cool and safe for Ibrahim"

"O fire! Be cool and safe for Ibrahim" Surah Al Anbiya: 69

"O fire! Be cool and safe for Ibrahim"



FACTS ABOUT FIRE



- Fire is a chemical reaction that releases light and heat.
- Substances combine with oxygen in the air, combusting with a flame and often smoke.
- Fires require fuel, oxygen and heat to burn. Different types of fuel include coal,
 oil and wood.
- Flames are the part of a fire which we can see, they can be different colors, depending on the substance which is burning.
- A candle flame typically burns at around 1000 degrees Celsius (1800 Fahrenheit).
- Fire is very dangerous to humans as it can easily burn or blister skin.
- It is important to take safety precautions when using fire.
- Fire is also very useful to humans for lighting, heating, cooking and more.
- Scientists believe that humans began using fire to cook food in a controlled way around 1 million years ago.
- Forest fires can be extremely destructive and are dangerous to both humans and wildlife.
- Fires are also an important ecological process that can stimulate growth.
- Fires can be stopped in 3 different ways:

Removing the fuel source by exhausting it or taking it away.

Removing the oxygen by smothering the fire.

Removing the heat by absorbing it with water.

• Fire extinguishers are often used to control fires by discharging water, foams, carbon dioxide, dry chemicals or other substances.

SCIENCE Experiment

Things that burn in fire (Please use extreme caution when performing this experiment)

- We focus on flammable materials (things that burn in fire) through this experiment. You may teach kids about non flammable materials if you are interested to give them a deeper knowledge. (Please google to get more information about non flammable)
- Flammable materials are the ones that are ignited or flame immediately when contacting with
 fire or high temperature in the air and continue to burn or slightly flame when leaving fire,
 such as plywood, fiberboard, wood and foil.

What you need:

Paper, Wooden sticks, Tissue paper, Hand tissue, Leaves, A piece of cloth, Cotton wool, Empty cardboard box

Method

Burn theses materials in fire .Then kids can see how these materials burn and how long it takes to burn. Please do mention that fire can burn humans too(Don't do it through an experiment:)))

Please visit our website www.ourmuslimclassroom.com or Instagram page @ourmuslim_classroom to get an idea about the experiment.

Next let them feel the coolness of water NOT the heat of fire:))

Once you complete the experiment, We hope the kids will get a complete understanding of how things burn in fire. Explain kids that Ibrahim didn't burn in fire because Allah made it cool to Ibrahim which is not a nature of fire. Mention that Ibrahim recited this Dua when he was throwing in to fire by people. Teach them the fact that everything is possible to Allah and He is our protector - Al Muhaymin.

DUA

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِی مُقِیْمَ الصَّلَوْةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّیَّنِی رَبَّناً وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعآءِ

My Lord, make me an establisher of prayer, and [many] from my descendants.

Our Lord, and accept my supplication.

Surah Al Ibrahim: 40



Tafseer Ibn Katheer

Ibrahim(PBUH) praised and thanked his Lord the Exalted and Most Honored for granting him offspring after he became old,

"All praise is due to Allah, Who has given me in old age Isma'il (Ishmael) and Ishaq (Isaac). Verily, my Lord is indeed the All-Hearer of invocations."

`He accepts the supplication of those who invoke Him, and has accepted my invocation when I asked Him to grant me offspring.'

Ibrahim said next,"O my Lord! Make me one who performs Salah,", preserving its obligations and limits,

"and (also) from my offspring,", make them among those who establish the prayer, as well,

"our Lord! And accept my invocation.", all of my invocation which I invoked You with herein.



Prophet Ibrahim, may peace be upon him, which asks Allah to make him and his family among the best Muslims. In this short dua Prophet Ibrahim asks of Allah for the following things:

- Be among the Muslims who have the discpline to pray the five salats consistently.
- Asks Allah to have children who would remember the importance of establishing prayer.



ACTIVITIES

- Find the Dua in the Quran. Open up the Quran with your kids to make it more exciting.
- Explain it briefly according to their age level
 (We have provided the explanation of each Dua)
- Explain the words (Prayer, Descendant and supplication) for kids
- Please do mention that there were many prophets from the descendants of Ibrahim. They are Ismaeel, Ishaaq, Ya'qub, Yusuf and Muhammad (PBUT) and his nephew Lut(PBUH). This help kids to understand the power of his Dua.
- Explain that Dua is the best gift you can give for someone. There is nothing greater than performing Salah and being righteous to Allah. I hope this will be an amazing topic to discuss with kids.
- There are many sources you can find about Salah. As this is the month of Dhul Hajj we
 decided to focus more about Kabah. So narrate the story of Qiblah for kids.
 (We have included the story)
- A "Qiblah direction" craft after the brief discussion. Please check our website or Instagram for craft idea.

what you need:

- Scissors
- Glue
- · Cardboard
- Color pen
- colour papers

Method:

Cut the cardboard in to an arrow shape and decorate it as you wish. If you like drawa a tiny kabah:)



STORY OF QIBLAH

Not a few months had yet passed since the migration of the Prophet to Madina when the Jews rose to oppose him. Exactly in the seventeenth month of migration a mandatory Divine command came that from then onwards the 'qiblah' of the Muslims would be the Ka'bah and while offering their prayers they should turn their faces to Masjidul Haram.

Details of the above event: During the thirteen years of his prophetic mission in Makkah the Prophet used to offer his prayers with his face towards 'Baytul Maqdis' (Jerusalem) and even after his migration to Madina the Divine order was that 'Baytul Maqdis' would continue to be the 'qiblah' and while offering their prayers the Muslims should also turn their faces to the same 'qiblah' to which the Jews turned theirs.

This was in itself a sort of collaboration and a means of bringing the two religions -one old and the other new-nearer to each other. But the Jews became panicky on account of the advancement of the Muslims, because their ever-increasing successes went to show that very soon the religion of Islam would spread to the entire Peninsula and the strength and influence of the Jews would come to an end.

They, therefore, began indulging in obstructionist activities and hurt the Muslims and their dignified leader in many ways. Amongst other things they put forward the question of offering prayers facing 'Baytul Maqdis' and said: "Muhammad claims that his is an independent religion and his law supersedes all previous laws, but he does not yet have an independent 'qiblah' and offers his prayers facing the 'qiblah' of the Jews".



STORY OF QIBLAH

This news hurt the Prophet. He came out of his house at midnight and looked at the sky. He was awaiting revelation.

In the meantime an order was revealed to him as contained in the following verse:

Many a time We have seen you turn your face towards heaven. We will make you turn towards a 'qiblah' that will please you. (Surah al-Baqarah, 2:144)

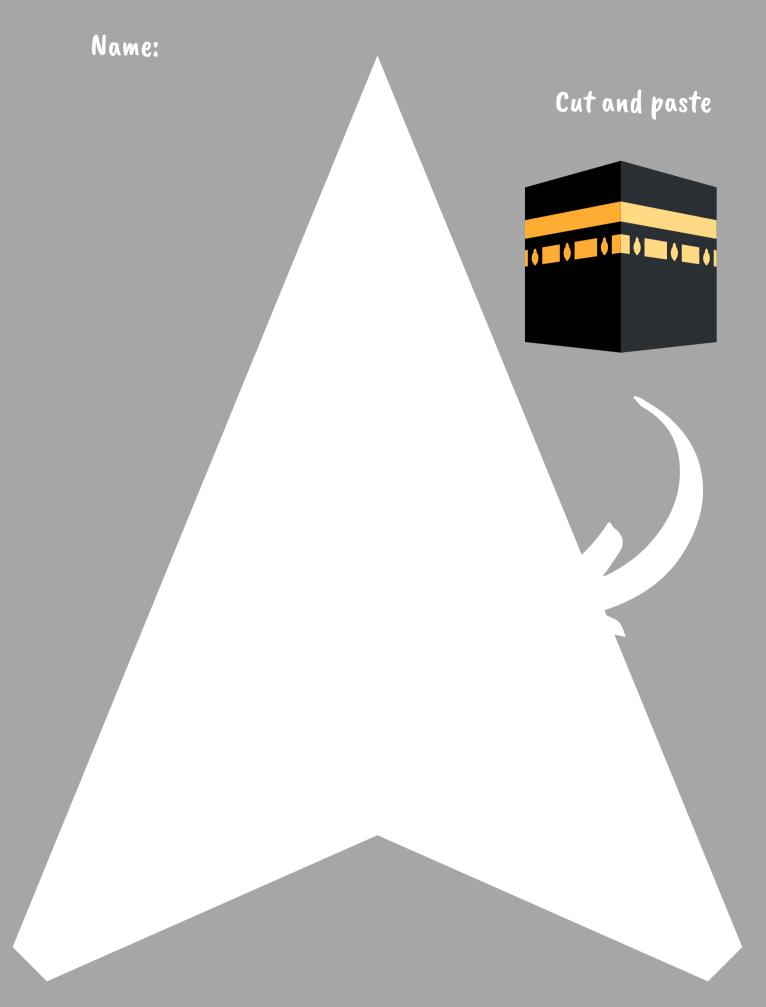
It appears from the verses of the Qur'an that change of qiblah was not due only to the objection of the Jews, but there was also another reason for it. It was that the matter possessed an aspect of test.

The intention was that the true believers and those who were not sincere in their faith should be identified and the Prophet should fully recognize such persons, because the second order, in obedience to which he turned his face towards Masjidul Haram, while performing prayers, was the sign of faith in the new religion and disobedience and delay is a sign of double-mindedness and hypocrisy. The Qur'an itself mentions this fact clearly in the following verse:

We decreed your former qiblah only in order that We might know the Prophet's true adherents and those who were to disown him. It was indeed a hard test, but not for those whom Allah guided. (Surah al-Baqarah, 2:143)

No doubt, there are other reasons also for this change which we find from the history of Islam.





DUA

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْلِى وَلِوَالِدِىَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

Our Lord, forgive me and my parents and the believers the Day the account is established.

Surah Al Ibrahim: 41



Tafseer Ibn Katheer

"Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents,"

Ibrahim said this before he declared himself innocent from his father, after he became sure that he was an enemy of Allah,

"and the believer", all of them, "on the Day when the reckoning will be established." on the Day when You will reckon Your servants and recompense or reward them for their deeds - good for good and evil for evil.



O Allaah (the Most High) praises and commands those who seek forgiveness from Him, and those who seek forgiveness from Allaah (the Most High) He has promised them an immense reward. And all of this shows us the great importance of al-istighfaar, and its excellence, and our need for it.

And Allaah (the Most High) mentions to us the stories of His Prophets and their people and those Prophets, they were the ones who were foremost in seeking forgiveness from Allaah, and they would constantly repent to Allaah, and they would constantly ask Allaah (the Most High) to forgive them.

Islam motivate us to seek forgiveness for everyone. Ibrahim PBUH seek forgiveness for himself, parents and Muslim community. Also this Dua shows how important it is to seek forgiveness for your parents and all the believers. We can't be selfish when we seek forgiveness.



ACTIVITIES

- Find the Dua in the Quran. Open up the Quran with your kids to make it more excited.
- Explain it briefly according to their age level (We have provided the explanation of each Dua)
- Explain the name of Allah Al Ghafur-The forgiver
 - Explain the importance of seeking forgiveness which was a practice of all the Prophets.
 - A "Dua hand" craft after the brief discussion. Please check our website or Instagram for craft idea.

what you need:

- Scissors
- Glue
- Cardboard
- · Color pen
- · colour papers

Method:

Cut the cardboard in to a dua hand shape and decorate it as you wish. write the Dua on it and paste it on a wall near to your prayer area.

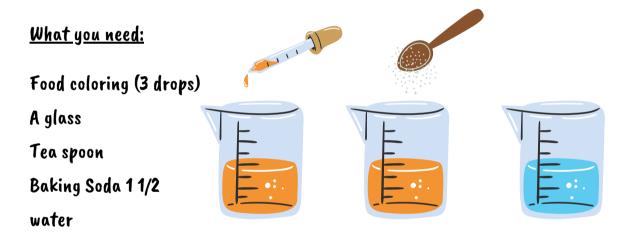
SCIENCE Experiment

How do you make color water clear again?

You can conduct an experiment that illustrates how to neutralize food coloring in water. When you add baking soda to the colored water, the oxidation process occurs more quickly for a vivid transformation from colored water to clear water.

Colour water represents a <u>person with sins.</u>
clear water represents a <u>person without sins</u>.

Baking Soda represents good deeds or <u>seeking forgiveness</u> from Allah.



Method:

Fill water to a glass. Mention that clear water is a person without sins and add few drops of food coloring to water and stir well until combined. Kids can observe the change of colour in water. Mention this is what happen when someone is sinning. I prefer using a black food coloring if it is available. Then add baking soda and stir well Then the water gradually becomes clear.

Once you complete the experiment, We hope the kids will get a complete understanding of how forgiveness can purify our sins.