

Study Guide Level 6A

Remember at least one lesson from the following stories

Wahshi story(Forgiveness)

Aisha(Ifk or Slander)

Abu Bakr (Repentance)

Zaid ibn Harith (Character of the Prophet)

Firr (Samosa Story)

Bilal (Racism) – Surah Hujurat

- 1) The Prophet's tribe was Banu Hashim and when his uncle Abu Talib was the leader of this tribe he protected the Prophet. However, after he died, Abu Lahab became the leader and he removed the protection and hence Muslims were now tortured.
- 2) The Prophet and the Muslims were being tortured since they were not protected anymore. The Prophet was about 60 years old when the Conquest of Makkah took place. The Prophet came with about 10,000 Muslims to Makkah.
- 3) The Prophet told everyone that it was salah time, he told Bilal to climb the Kabbah and give the adhaan.
- 4) Bilal used to be an Abyssinian slave much like Wahshi who used to get tortured severely since he was a Muslim. Abu Bakr had freed him from slavery
- 5) All the leaders were watching Bilal climb the Kabbah. They were amazed since the leaders were only allowed to touch the Kabbah but now a former slave was climbing it.
- 6) Abu Sufyan said " Thank god my forefathers are not here to see this." he even said " How could that black crow stand on the Kabbah."
- 7) Everybody always said that the Prophet was always smiling and rarely ever got mad, but this was one of those times when he got mad because the Prophet hated racism. Even in Islam racism isn't allowed because our religion is big in "equality."
- 8) Prophet recited Ayahs from **Surah Hujurat** which reminded everyone about the evil of Racism and how everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah

Lessons:

- 1) Islam prohibits Racism. In the eyes of Allah the most honorable person is the one who has the most 'TAQWA' (someone who is most conscious of Allah)

Abdullah bin Umm Maktum (Surah Abasa)

- 1) Abdullah bin Umm Maktum was a blind man by birth and cousin of Khadija (ra)

- 2) One day the Prophet was in a meeting with many great leaders of Quraysh.
- 3) Abdullah bin Umm Maktum came up to the Prophet during his meeting and told him, “ O Prophet! Teach me what you know.” The Prophet slightly looked in his direction and frowned at him.
- 4) Later on Allah told the Prophet that he shouldn’t have done that.
- 5) Technically what the Prophet did was not even a mistake because Abdullah bin Umm Maktum was blind and he did not see the frowning
- 6) The first few Ayahs in **Surah Abasa** were revealed after this incident

Lessons:

- 1) The main lesson here is that Abdullah bin Umm Maktum was a man who was willing to learn which is why the Prophet should have given him preference Unlike the leaders whom the Prophet had to approach but Abdullah bin Umm Maktum came to the Prophet to learn. Sure he came at the wrong time, but that was only because he was blind and couldn’t see what was happening around him.

Zainab (Sacrifice)

- 1) Zainab is the Prophet’s eldest daughter and she went through a lot of tough times. At first it started off when Zainab got married to Al-Aas her cousin and Khadijah’s nephew.
- 2) Initially it was a happy marriage and Al-Aas worked as a business man and he was often away on long business trips. During one of his business trips, the Prophet officially became a Prophet and Zainab was one of the first people to become Muslim.
- 3) When Al-Aas came back Zainab told him that she now was a Muslim. She told him that her father is As-Sadiq and Al-Ameen meaning he was trustworthy and honest. She told him that to comfort him by mentioning that her father doesn’t lie and that this was genuinely happening.
- 4) Then Al-Aas said ,” I will never be Muslim.” Now there was tension since they both were following a different religion. They both had two children together, Ali and a daughter Umayma.
- 5) Soon came the time to migrate to Madinah and since Al-Aas wasn’t Muslim he wasn’t going, so Zainab asked her father if she could stay in Makkah with Al-Aas. The Prophet agreed.
- 6) Soon after that the Battle of Badr came and Zainab was yet again caught in the middle with her father on one side and her husband on the other. She made a very famous du’aa ,” O Allah! Please do not make me an orphan and please do not make my children orphans.” What she meant was that don’t take my father and don’t take my husband either.
- 7) Allah listened to her du’aa and instead of death, Al-Aas was captured as a prisoner of war. The only way the prisoners would get released is if the prisoner gave some ransom to get out or they taught 10 Muslims how to read or write since there were a lot of illiterate people there.

- 8) Lucky for Al-Aas, Zainab sent Khadijah's necklace as ransom to bail him out. When the Prophet was looking through all of the ransoms he found the necklace he started to cry because it was Khadijah's and he remembered his dear wife.
- 9) He then sought permission to let Al-Aas free and send the necklace back. Even though Prophet Muhammad was the leader, it is okay to ask for permission sometimes too. This shows the humility of the Prophet
- 10) Before Al-Aas left, the Prophet told him to tell Zainab to come to Madinah, they were no longer allowed to live with each other. When he went back, she was overjoyed to see him, however he told her she had to go back. Zainab's brother, Zaid ibn Harith was her guide back to Madinah.
- 11) Meanwhile, Hind was still upset and still wanted revenge so she sent someone to kill Zainab. There was a small fight and Zainab got stabbed in the stomach leaving her unable to get out of bed for a few years.
- 12) In about 6 AH Al-Aas went on a business trip to Syria and since the Quraysh and the Muslims were still fighting, they captured his caravan. Now, Al-Aas was POW a second time.
- 13) This time however he was extremely impressed by how the Muslims treated their prisoners. He finally became Muslim.
- 14) Zainab was overjoyed to find out that information since she been making du'aa for 19 years. Sadly, a year later Zainab passed away due to that past injury.
- 15) A year after that, Al-Aas passed away of the grief and the loneliness.

Lessons:

- 1) We learn about the amazing character of the Prophet. Even though he was a leader he sought permission. We also learn how much he loved his wife
- 2) We also learn the importance of patience, Zainab was patience for such a long time and eventually Allah blessed her with what she wanted

Fatima Story #1

- 1) When the Prophet first started preaching - one day the Prophet was praying in front of the Kabbah. Many leaders were there like Abu Jahl and a lot of other big leaders.
- 2) That day they had just sacrificed a camel near the Kabbah and the insides of the camel were there and it smelled really bad.
- 3) A lot of the blood and mush was over the floor. Abu Jahl came up with an idea to throw the mush on the Prophet. He asked everyone who was man enough to throw all that disgusting junk on the Prophet.
- 4) A man named Uqba ibn Abi Mui't spoke up and volunteered to do so. He took all the junk and threw it on the Prophet while he was in sajdah.
- 5) The Prophet didn't move, he just stayed in place. Fatima happened to be passing by and she quickly bent down and scraped all of the mush off of the Prophet. Even though it smelled and was just disgusting in general, she did it anyways because she loved her dad

- 6) Abu Lahab used to be so proud of his sons and children, but before he died he had a disease and nobody wanted to touch him. He was rotting in his house for about two weeks. Nobody cared to bury him.
- 7) The Prophet was very fortunate to get such caring children, who cared about his every need.

Lessons:

- 1) It is very important to love and respect your parents. Fatima is a really good role model for us in this regard

Fatima Story #2

- 1) In Madinah when fatima was married to Ali, she loved to keep her house clean and organized.
- 2) Fatima was a very hard-working lady. She wanted a prisoner of war to help her with cleaning the house. The Muslims had gained many prisoners of war since they had won a battle recently
- 3) She walked to the Prophet's house, however the Prophet was not home but Aisha was. So Aisha asked if she could take a message and Fatima told her. When the Prophet came home, Aisha told him that Fatima had come and she had left a message.
- 4) The Prophet went to her house and by this time, Ali was home as well. He told her that instead of a POW he told her to say Alhamdulillah, Subhan Allah 33 times each and Allahu Akbar 34 times before going to bed.

Lesson: Saying Tasbeeh helps you spiritually and physically, it also helps you sleep better. The better the sleep the more energy you'll have

Fatima Story #3

- 1) When the Prophet was on his deathbed, Fatima was taking care of him. He whispered something into her ear and she started crying, he whispered a second thing and she started smiling.
- 2) Later on people asked her what the Prophet had told her. She said that first the Prophet told her that he was about to leave the Earth which made her cry. The second thing he said was that Fatima would be the next one to join him (in the family.) It was true since Fatima died a few months after the Prophet.

Lesson: Fatima was not upset that she was about to die. She loved her dad so much that this news didn't scare her.

Abdullah bin Masud Story #1

- 1) The Prophet and Abu Bakr used to preach, but not a lot of people used to listen. They used to get taunted and teased by people. One day, they realized that they needed a break and went a few miles away from Makkah.
- 2) They found a shepherd Abdullah bin Masud, the Prophet asked him for some milk. Abdullah bin Masud said "I can't give you because they are not my sheep." So the Prophet said that you are very honest and was very impressed.
- 3) He told him to bring a sheep that didn't produce any milk. He brought him one, the Prophet put his hand on the sheep and it instantly started to produce milk. Abdullah bin Masud became very curious about the Prophet and he started to follow him. Pretty soon he became Muslim and very close to the Prophet.

Lesson: Abdullah bin Masud's honesty led him to becoming a Muslim !!

Abdullah bin Masud Story #2

- 1) Abdullah bin Masud became very close to the Prophet. He became so close that the Prophet even told him that , " you don't have to ask to come in my house."
- 2) Abdullah bin Masud started to do some favors for the Prophet. He used to climb the trees and get the Prophet's miswaks.
- 3) One day while he was climbing, some wind blew and exposed some of Abdullah bin Masud's legs. Abdullah bin Masud was very very thin. Some of the Sahabah started to laugh at Abdullah bin Masud since he had such thin legs.
- 4) The Prophet saw them making fun of him and said , " Don't laugh at the legs of Abdullah bin Masud . By Allah they are heavier than Mount Uhud." He may seem physically weak, but he is strong in his faith in Allah's eyes.

Abdullah bin Masud Story #3

- 1) Abdullah bin Masud and the few Muslims at the time were together were thinking of ways to spread Islam. Someone came up with the idea to read Quran at the Kabbah.
- 2) Abdullah bin Masud volunteered to read the Quran at the Kabbah even though he would get beaten up as he was physically weak and had no protection from any clan
- 3) He read **Surah Rehman**. Abdullah bin Masud was making the leaders upset and he wasn't even from a rich tribe where he could've been protected. After that, he was attacked so bad that he fainted.
- 4) The early Muslims took him to his house and took care of him. They asked him why he would do it after he was so skinny. He said , " By Allah if I get a chance to do it again, I will do it again."

Lesson: We learn that the real strength comes from the faith inside your heart

Abdullah bin Masud #4

- 1) Abdullah bin Masud was most famous for the knowledge and recitation of the Quran. One day, the Prophet told Abdullah bin Masud to recite the Quran for him.
- 2) Abdullah bin Masud asked him why would I recite it to you when you got the revelations. The Prophet said no just read.
- 3) So he started to read **Surah Nisaa**. When he got to ayah 41 the Prophet firmly said “stop!” When Abdullah bin Masud stopped. He looked up and he was crying so much. He was crying so much because he felt so burdened because he was a witness for every witness. He was scared that he was that burdened.

Lesson: we learn here the importance of Listening to the Quran. Prophet knew the whole Quran but he still wanted to listen

Suhaib Ar Rumi:

- 1) Suhaib Ar Rumi lived in Makkah but was originally from the Byzantine empire
- 2) While in Makkah, he became wealthy as his business was very successful
- 3) He became muslim when he visited the Prophet in Darul Arqam
- 4) When he was ready to migrate to Medina, the Makkans stopped him
- 5) He made a deal: He would give away ALL his money away if the Makkans will let him migrate
- 6) Allah swt loved this act so much that he revealed an Ayah in Surah Baqarah (207) in his honor

Lesson: Allah loves that we give away something we love for his sake ! Lets try to give charity as much as possible

Tufayl ibn Amr Ad Daws

- 1) Tufayl ibn Amr was from the town of Daws
- 2) He was told to wear cotton plugs in Makkah so that he doesn't hear the prophet recite Quran
- 3) However he heard the prophet recite one day and after talking to him, he became muslim
- 4) When he went back to Daws to teach his people about Islam, he came across as very rude and serious. Hence hardly anyone became muslim
- 5) When he complained to the prophet about his people, prophet reminded him to be GENTLE with his people
- 6) When he became soft with this people – the entire town of Daws became muslim

Lesson: We learn that its not WHAT you say, its HOW you say that's really important. When Tufayl became gentle people listened to him, when he was rude no one cared about what he was saying

Zaid ibn Arqam:

- 1) Zaid ibn Arqam was an 11 year old boy who one day heard the Munafiqoon conspire against the Muhajiroon. Munafiqoon wanted to kick the Muhajiroon out of Medina
- 2) He immediately informed the Prophet
- 3) Abdullah bin Ubayy who was the leader of the Munafiqs started lying and told the prophet they were innocent.
- 4) Prophet (saw) decided not to punish them and Zaid thought that the Prophet didn't believe him
- 5) He ran to his tent and started crying but Allah was watching and He revealed **Surah Munafiqoon** to expose the Munafiqs and confirm his honesty

Lesson: Allah is always watching you and He loves you. Allah is so great that he revealed a Surah in the honor of a 11 year old boy !!