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Stories of the Prophets

The Story of Eesa
While the incorporation of professional curriculum design standards, hallmark literacy & numeracy conventions, modern learning theory and comprehensive coverage of the Islamic Sciences all serve to make the Stem Series a feature-rich, pioneering and unparalleled resource; the real secret of the series lies in its creative approach in both content and design that engage, enthuse and enliven children's study and love of the Islamic Sciences.
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You are on a journey.
You will learn about the lives of some of the best men that ever lived.
These were men sent by Allah.
You will learn why they were sent,
who they were sent to,
and what lessons we can learn from their lives.
They are the Prophets.
The first of them is Adam ✨
and the last of them is Muhammad ✨.
As with any journey, you will need to know where you are going; having a map of your route certainly helps! On the following pages you will see a map of the Prophets mentioned in the Noble Quran. Follow the path on the map carefully and look out for the names you have heard before.
From amongst all of these Prophets of Allah, five are mentioned in the Quran (in Surah Al-Ahzaab, Ash-Shura & Al-Ahqaaf) as Prophets of great determination. They are Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa, Eesa and Muhammad. We shall learn about the life of Muhammad in detail in a dedicated subject in the Stem Series. For now, we'll take a closer look at the other four Prophets mentioned, as well as the Prophet Adam; the first Prophet of Allah. Take a look at the map on the next page...
As you may have guessed from the title of this book, you’ll be learning about the story of ‘Eesa ﷺ. You can discover more about the other Prophets in the rest of this series.

As you travel, you will need to acquaint yourself with some essential information. Without it, you will be lost, and may not reach your final destination. Read up on the following symbols to find out what to expect along your way.

Before you begin any journey, you need to know where you are going and why you are going there. With all the stories in this book, your aim is broken into three parts. You must be able to read the story yourself, summarize the main events and place them in the correct order. You should be able to understand the finer details of what occurred in the story. Finally, you could be able to understand the reasoning behind some of the story events. You will be able to test whether you have achieved your targets at the end of each section by attempting to overcome the obstacles in your way.

One of the other things you need to do before any journey is to prepare! **Pack Your Bags** involves reminding yourself about the meanings of some essential key words that occur in the story.
Once you have set off on your journey, you'll need to think actively about what you are learning.

**Reflections** occur in the middle of stories and get you to ponder a little deeper into the events.

Once the reading is over, you'll take a well earned rest at the **Rest Point**. You'll do some light word-work to ensure you understand the language used in the story.

Now begins your chance to prove what you have learnt. You have to cross three different obstacles, each getting harder as you go along. By completing each of these you will ensure you have covered the aims of your journey. First you have to **Jump the Fence** by proving you know enough about the events of the story.

The next task is a little harder. **Cross the River** is all about checking whether you picked up the smaller details of what actually happened in the story.

The final and hardest task is called **Climb the Mountain**. Here you have to show an understanding of why things happened the way they did in the story.
After completing each section,
be sure to have your answers marked
in *The Farewell Mark* chapter at the end of this book.
Well that's all you need to know before you start!
*It's time to begin your journey...*

*Bismillah!*
Before you start your journey, you'll need to be prepared. Some of the words that occur in the story are mentioned below. Take a quick look at them to see which ones you already know. Try to think of more than one meaning for the words, especially the last one. We'll do some work on these and other words at the end of the story.

SLAVE
TRUE
WILL
Long ago there lived a nice lady. She was the best lady in Islam. Her name was Maryam. 
‘Alay-has-salaam

Maryam was good and pure. She prayed to Allah alone. That is what we are here for.
The call of each prophet to their people was the same; it was to pray to Allah alone and do what Allah likes. There is a word that comes to mind that covers the meaning of this message. The word begins with the letter W. Can you think about what it might be? Write your thoughts down below and discuss its full meaning.
Allah sent an Angel to Maryam. The Angel came with good news. Maryam was about to have a baby.

Some time went by. Maryam felt some pain. She sat under a tree. Allah made things easy.
Allah said, “Be!”
Just like that.
Maryam had the baby.

The baby was called ‘Eesa.
He was a Prophet of Islam.
May Allah bless ‘Eesa.
‘Alay-his-salaam
'Eesa was the slave of Allah.  
He prayed to Allah alone.  
He did what Allah likes.  
That is our aim in life.  

'Eesa spoke when he was born.  
It was by the will of Allah.  

He gave life to dead people.  
It was by the will of Allah.
He made real birds from clay.  
It was by the will of Allah.

He made ill people feel better.  
It was by the will of Allah.

Allah made him do all of that.  
It was to show that Allah is True.  
But the bad people did not care.  
The Muslims with 'Eesa were few.
The bad people did not like 'Eesa. They tried to kill him too. Allah took 'Eesa high. He is safe with Allah and did not die.

What 'Eesa said was true...
"Pray to Allah alone. Do what Allah likes."

That is our aim in life.
There were so many amazing signs from Allah to ‘Eesa’s ∞ people! Let’s do a little word-work before exploring this story further. Use each of the words below to write a suitable sentence.

MARYAM

‘EESA

SLAVE

WILL

TRUE

suitable sentence.
Jump the fence by sorting out the story events in order. Write the letters in the circles below. What word do they spell?

U 'Eesa did many amazing things.

R Allah said, "Be!" Just like that, Maryam had a baby.

T The bad people tried to kill 'Eesa.

H Allah saved 'Eesa.

T An Angel told Maryam that she was going to have a baby.
Now to cross the river. For each question, select one correct answer from the list of four possible answers. Write the letters for each of your answers in the hexagons. What word do they spell?

Who was the best lady in Islam?
- Y: Fatimah
- Z: Khadijah
- A: Maryam
- B: Aasiyah

Who did Allah send to Maryam?
- J: Zakariyya
- K: Yahya
- L: ‘Eesa
- M: An Angel

What news did the Angel come with?
- Z: Maryam was going to be very rich.
- A: Maryam was going to have a baby.
- B: The bad people were after Maryam.
- C: Maryam was going to be famous.
What was Maryam’s baby called?

`Eesa
Zakariyya
Yahya
Muhammad

What was special about `Eesa?

He was able to fly.
He was a Prophet of Islam.
He was very rich.
He was very tall.

What did the bad people try to do to `Eesa?

Kill him.
Injure him.
Help him.
Arrest him.

What happened to `Eesa at the end of the story?

`Eesa was hung on a cross.
The bad people were able to catch `Eesa and harm him.
`Eesa escaped by running away from the bad people.
Allah saved `Eesa by raising him high into the heavens.
Now let's climb the mountain. Write your answers to the following questions in the spaces provided below.

1. Why did Maryam sit under a tree?

2. How was 'Eesa able to do such amazing things?

3. Why did Allah allow 'Eesa to do such amazing acts?
You have reached the last story in your journey. There is little preparation to do here. As always, try to make sure you know what the words below refer to before you start.

THE LAST DAY
After ‘Eesa came Muhammad ﷺ. He is the best Prophet of Islam. May Allah bless Muhammad. ‘Alay-his-salaatu-was-salaam.

Muhammad ﷺ is the last Prophet. He told us about the Last Day. It is the day the Earth will end.

On that day Shaytaan will fear. His time will be up. The Last Day is very near.

The Prophets will be safe. Those with them will be safe too. They are the people of Jannah. Let us try to be with them too.
There are just two words to cover at this **Rest Point**. Show that you know what they mean by using them in suitable sentences.
Crossing the river is the only obstacle you will have to face for this story. All of the statements below are incorrect. Correct each statement and rewrite them in the spaces provided.

1. Shaytaan will feel proud on The Last Day.

2. 'Eesa was the last Prophet.

3. Muhammad was the best and only Prophet.
The special day that will come after the last Prophet is called Friday.

The ones who did what they wanted on Earth will be happy on The Last Day.
Every journey, no matter how long, must come to an end. You have come to the end of your journey through the life of Prophet ‘Eesa ﷺ. One of the ways you can measure your success is through seeing how well you did in clearing the obstacles that came in your path. Suggested answers to each chapter are offered in the pages that follow. You are encouraged to have your progress marked.

However, there is more to measuring your success than just clearing the obstacles. One of the most valuable measures is your own thoughts on what you have learnt and enjoyed most. Hopefully, you will take away a treasure chest of lessons from this wonderful and important story, and continue learning more about it in the future. This chapter offers you the chance to judge for yourself what was your most valuable farewell mark.
At the end of a journey, it’s always nice to pause and think over what you can most benefit from. Think hard about what were the most valuable lessons you learnt during this journey. Take a moment to think again and select one lesson, idea or thought that you will take away from your experience...
### the amazing baby

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<td><strong>Slave:</strong> 'Eesa was the slave of Allah.</td>
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