

MCCGP Sunday School

Levels 3-5 Jr. Jeopardy Study Materials

The Story of Prophet Isa (عيسى عليه السلام) and His Blessed Mother Maryam (مريم عليها السلام)

Long ago, in the holy city of *Baytul-Maqdis* – Palestine (بيت المقدس - فلسطين), there lived a righteous woman named **Hannah** (حنّة). She longed to have a child who would serve Allah in the *Masjid al-Aqsa* (المسجد الأقصى). So she made a sincere *du'a* (دعاء) to Allah ﷻ:

[رَبِّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ]

“My Lord! I have dedicated what is in my womb entirely to Your service, so accept it from me. Indeed, You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.” (Surah Al Imran 3:35)

When she gave birth, she was surprised—it was a girl! But she trusted Allah’s wisdom and named her baby **Maryam** (مريم).

[فَلَمَّا وَضَعَتْهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا أُنْثَىٰ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعْتَ وَلَيْسَ الذَّكَرُ كَالْأُنْثَىٰ وَإِنِّي سَمَّيْتُهَا مَرْيَمَ وَإِنِّي أُعِيذُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ]

“My Lord, I have delivered a female... and I have named her Maryam, and I seek Your protection for her and her descendants from Satan, the accursed.” (Surah Al Imran 3:36)

Allah accepted baby Maryam with honor and made her among the most special women in history.

Maryam (عليها السلام) was raised inside the *Masjid al-Aqsa*. Her caretaker was the noble Prophet **Zakariyya** (زكريا عليه السلام), the husband of her aunt. Every time Zakariyya entered her prayer chamber, he found fruits and food that no one had given her — even fruits that were not in season!

[كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا زَكَرِيَّا الْمِحْرَابَ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا قَالَ يَمْرِئُ أُنْثَىٰ لَكَ هَذَا طَقَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ]

“Whenever Zakariyya visited her in the prayer chamber, he found provision with her. He said, ‘O Maryam, where does this come from?’ She said, ‘It is from Allah. Indeed, Allah provides for whom He wills without limit.’” (Surah Al Imran 3:37)

Maryam (مريم) grew up pure, modest, and devoted to worship. She spent her days in remembrance of Allah, reading, learning, and serving in the holy place.

One day, when Maryam (مريم) had grown into a righteous young woman, she went far away from her family to worship in peace. Suddenly, she saw a man approaching her! She became afraid and said:

“I seek protection from the Most Merciful from you, if you fear Allah!”

The man was actually the Angel **Jibrīl** (جبريل عليه السلام). He said: “I am only a messenger from your Lord to give you the glad news of a pure boy.”

Maryam was astonished and said:

“How can I have a son when no man has touched me, and I have not been unchaste?”

Jibrīl replied:

[قَالَ كَذَلِكَ قَالَ رَبُّكَ هُوَ عَلَيَّ هَيِّنٌ]

“He said, ‘So it will be; your Lord says, It is easy for Me.’” (Surah Maryam 19:21)

This was a miracle from Allah — just as He created **Adam** (آدم) without a father or mother, He could also create **Isa** (عيسى) without a father. Maryam (مريم) left her home and went to a faraway place. When the time came for her to give birth, she rested near a date-palm tree. She felt pain and sadness, but Allah comforted her. A voice called from below her:

[أَلَا تَحْزَنِي قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكَ تَحْتَكِ سَرِيًّا]

“Do not grieve; your Lord has provided a stream beneath you.” (Surah Maryam 19:24)

Then she was told:

[وَهْزِي إِلَيْكَ الْجَذْعَ النَّخْلَةَ تَسْقِطُ عَلَيْكَ رَطْبًا جَنِيًّا]

“Shake the trunk of the palm tree toward you, and fresh ripe dates will fall upon you.” (Surah Maryam 19:25)

Maryam (مريم) ate the sweet dates and drank from the stream. Soon she gave birth to her blessed baby, **Isa** (عيسى) — the Prophet of Allah.

When Maryam (مريم) returned to her people carrying baby Isa (عيسى), they were shocked. They accused her of wrongdoing. She stayed silent, just as Allah commanded her, and pointed toward her baby. The people said, “How can we speak to a baby in the cradle?” Then Allah made a miracle happen — baby Isa (عيسى) spoke!

[قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ آتَانِيَ الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا]

“He said, ‘Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet.’” (Surah Maryam 19:30)

He continued, saying that Allah blessed him, made him kind to his mother, and commanded him to pray and give charity.

This was the first miracle of Prophet Isa (عيسى) — speaking as a baby to defend his mother’s honor and declare that he was a servant of Allah, not His son.

As Isa (عليه السلام) grew older, Allah gave him wisdom, knowledge, and kindness. He became a Prophet to the people of *Bani Isra’il* (بنی اسرائیل) — the Children of Israel.

He reminded them to worship Allah alone and to obey His commandments. Allah gave him many miracles to show His power:

- ❑ He healed the blind and those with leprosy.
- ❑ He made a bird out of clay, breathed into it, and — by Allah’s permission — it became alive.
- ❑ He told people what they had eaten and what they kept hidden in their homes.
- ❑ He even brought the dead back to life — by Allah’s permission!

Allah says:

[وَأُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ]

“And I cure the blind and the leper, and I give life to the dead — by Allah’s permission.” (Surah Al Imran 3:49)

But even with all these miracles, many people still refused to believe. Some followed him with love, while others plotted against him.

When the disbelievers planned to kill Isa (عيسى), Allah protected him. The Qur’an tells us that they did not kill him or crucify him — it only appeared that way.

[وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَٰكِن شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ]

“They did not kill him, nor did they crucify him — but it was made to appear so to them.” (Surah An-Nisa 4:157)

Instead, Allah raised Isa (عيسى) up to the heavens:

[بَل رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا]

“Rather, Allah raised him up to Himself. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.” (Surah An-Nisa 4:158)

Muslims believe that Isa (عيسى عليه السلام) is still alive in the heavens and will return near the end of time to bring peace and justice, destroy falsehood, and remind everyone to worship Allah alone.

Lessons from prophet Isa and his mother Maryam stories:

1. Faith and Trust in Allah:

Maryam (مريم) believed in Allah’s plan even when she didn’t understand it. Allah always takes care of those who trust Him.

2. Purity and Modesty:

Maryam (عليها السلام) was honored for her modesty, patience, and obedience. She is one of the best women ever to live.

3. The Power of Allah:

Allah can do all things — He created Adam without parents, Hawwa’a from a man, and Isa from a woman alone.

4. Isa (عليه السلام) as a Prophet of Islam:

Muslims believe that Isa (عيسى عليه السلام) was a great Prophet, not the son of God. He taught the message of *Tawhīd* (تَوْحِيد) — that there is only One God, Allah.

5. Hope and Patience:

Even in hard times, Allah is near. Just like He comforted Maryam (مريم) under the palm tree, He comforts us when we turn to Him.

Prophet Isa (عيسى عليه السلام) and his mother Maryam (مريم عليها السلام) are among the most honored and beloved figures in Islam. Their story teaches us about faith, patience, miracles, and the power of Allah's mercy.

May Allah make us among those who follow the example of the Prophets and grow in love, kindness, and belief.

Arabic Vocabulary

These words are either mentioned in the surah or in the meaning and reflection of these surah that by memorizing these vocabulary will help understand the Quran.

Arabic	English	Surah Reference
بَيِّنَه	Clear evidence	Al-Bayyinah 98
عِبَادَة	Worship	Al-Bayyinah 98
آيَات	Signs / verses of the Quran	Al-Zalzalah 99
قُلُوب	Hearts	Al-Adiyat 100
صَلَوَات	Prayers	Al-Qari'ah 101
صَدَقَة	Charity	At-Takathur 102
كُفَّار	Disbelievers	Al-Humazah 104
مَسْكِين	Poor	Al-Ma'un 107
بُشْرَى	Good news	Al-Balad 90
ثَوَاب	Reward	Al-Balad 90
ظَلَم	Wrongdoing	Al-Balad 90
مُؤَصَّدَة	Sealed or closed	Al-Balad 90
كَذَبَ	To lie	Al-Shams 91
ظَهَرَكَ	Your back	Al-Inshrah 94
عَظِيم	Mighty	Al-Balad 90

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Arabic	Transliteration	Meaning
الْقُدُّوس	Al-Quddus	The Most Pure
الْحَكِيم	Al-Ḥakim	The All-Wise
الْعَزِيز	Al-‘Aziz	The Mighty
الْجَبَّار	Al-Jabbar	The Compeller
الْمُتَكَبِّر	Al-Mutakabbir	The Supreme
الْخَالِق	Al-Khaliq	The Creator
الْبَارِئ	Al-Bari'	The Evolver
الْمُصَوِّر	Al-Musawwir	The Fashioner
الْغَفَّار	Al-Ghaffar	The Great Forgiver
الرَّشِيد	Ar-Rashid	The Guide to the Right Path
الْحَلِيم	Al-Ḥalim	The Forbearing
الْكَرِيم	Al-Karim	The Most Generous
الرَّؤُوف	Ar-Ra'uf	The Most Kind
الْوَدُود	Al-Wadud	The Most Loving
السَّمِيع	As-Sami'	The All-Hearing

Animals/Insects in the Qur'an

Animal	Story / Quran Reference	Brief Scientific Fact
Spider (العنكبوت)	Surah Al-Ankabut 29:41 Spider's web as an example	Spiders produce silk and build webs to catch prey
Camel (الجمال)	Surah Al-Ghashiyah 88:17 Camel as a sign of Allah's creation	Camels can survive long periods without water
Crow (الغراب)	Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:31 Teaching burial lesson	Crows are intelligent birds
Fish (الحيوت)	Surah As-Saffat 37:142 Prophet Yunus (AS) and the whale	Fish live in water and breathe through gills
Donkey (الحمار)	Surah Luqman 31:19 Humble transportation	Donkeys are domesticated animals used for carrying heavy loads but don't have the intellect like human

Spider (العنكبوت) In *Surah Al- 'Ankabūt* , Allah compares the home of a spider to the weakness of those who rely on anyone or anything besides Him. The spider's web may seem carefully built, but it is one of the most fragile homes in nature — it can be destroyed with just a touch. In the same way, the plans and false beliefs of the disbelievers are weak and cannot protect them. True strength and protection come only from trusting Allah.

Camel (الجمال) Allah mentions camels to show His amazing creation. Camels can travel long distances without water and carry heavy loads. Their patience and strength remind us of endurance and trust in Allah's provisions.

Crow (الغراب) In the story of Qabil and Habil (Cain and Abel), a crow showed Cain how to bury his brother. Crows are intelligent and teach us lessons even through small acts. The story encourages wisdom and learning from nature.

Fish (الحيوت) Prophet Yunus (AS) was swallowed by a great fish. Inside, he prayed and asked Allah for forgiveness. The fish carried him safely, showing Allah's power and mercy. Fish live in water and breathe with gills, another sign of Allah's creation.

Donkey (الحمار) Allah created the donkey (الحمار) as a strong and patient animal, able to carry very heavy loads over long distances. It serves people faithfully and works hard without complaint. But even though the donkey is powerful and useful, it does not have the intellect or understanding that Allah has given humans. From this, we learn that strength alone is not enough — true honor comes from using our minds, knowledge, and wisdom to obey Allah and do good.