

Build your Jannah Series for Children

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Episode 2 - A page of the life of Nuh, peace be upon him

3 important things to begin each session with:

Ask Allah to bless - eg bismillahir rahmaanir raheem

Praise Allah -eg alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen

Ask Allah to send praises and blessings on Prophet - eg Allahumma salli wa sallam ala nabiyyina Muhammad

1. First a question: Who was the first Messenger that Allah sent?
2. Where was Nuh born?
3. How long did he live?
4. How old was he when he became a Prophet and how long did he teach people to worship one Allah?
5. What was the name of the people Nuh was sent to in Arabic? What does that mean? (Bonus: why were they called this?)
6. How did shaytan trick the people of Nuh, what did he tell them to do?
7. Nuh persevered in calling the people to worship Allah only. What does persevere mean?
8. To persevere you need patience, what does patience mean? Can you give an example in your life you needed to have patience?
9. Nuh never gave up and tried telling the people about Allah in different ways. Name some of the ways he tried.
10. Did the people listen to Nuh? What did they do?
11. Nuh then thought, let me try teaching the people all the blessings Allah gave them, like rain, money, children, gardens and rivers. What did Nuh tell them people to do so they would get even more blessings?
12. What did Allah tell Nuh to build? And what did he have to put on it?
13. In which Surah can we find some of the story of Nuh?
14. What kind of punishment did Allah send?
15. Did Nuh's wife and son listen to him? What happened to the people who didn't believe in Allah?

Lessons to learn:

1. Never ever give up!

Ibrahim, alayhissalam, taught us you are not too small to do amazing things. But when you try to do big things as a small person, people might not believe you. Even your parents might not seem to believe you, but they always believe in us. For example sometimes when you try to raise money for charity, people don't give. Still persevere. Believe in yourself then success will come. Only in Jannah things comes straight away, we are not in Jannah. You have to keep on trying. Don't huff, puff and stomp your feet, persevere and keep trying.

2. We must always do what Allah and the Prophet tell us to do, even if it doesn't make sense to us!

Believe in your heart and your mind, but if your heart and mind say it's not correct but Allah says in Quran it is correct, you can't listen to your heart or mind. This is because sometimes shaytan tricks us. Sometimes something doesn't make sense in your mind because of shaytan. Nuh didn't make sense to other people, but he was listening to Allah. So would you listen to your mind or the sunnah? You first look at what the Quran and Sunnah say. Put Allah first, even if things sometimes don't make sense in your heart or mind.

3. If you listen to Allah, it will be like you are in the ark.

The Quran and Sunnah today are like the ark for us. We have something like the ark of Nuh, if you listen to what the Quran and Sunnah say, it is as if you are inside the ark. You will be safe.

4. Be dynamic.

Don't do things the same way all the time. Nuh tried different ways. He called people publicly, privately, day and night. He called to Allah in different ways. Sometimes you can study, while watching, while reading, with your parents or with your teachers so you don't get bored and others won't. Try different ways while learning and while teaching others.

5. Say astaghfirullah.

Nuh told his people to ask Allah to forgive you and then your difficulties will be lifted. We learned to say hasbiyallahu wa ni'mal wakeel when you are scared or worried. Also say astaghfirullah: O Allah forgive me (or I seek Allah's forgiveness). What happens? Allah will give you (more) blessings! It's easy, everytime you feel scared or worried, say astaghfirullah. When you did something wrong, say astaghfirullah!

Who was first Messenger? It was Nuh, alayhissalam! The first Prophet was Adam.

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