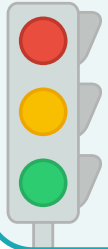


Laylat al-Qadr & The Qur'an



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



State why Ramadan is known as the month of the Qur'an

Identify when Laylat al-Qadr is

Explain why Laylat al-Qadr is the best night



Key Words

Laylat al-Qadr

Odd

Descend

T Thinking Starter

Why do people recite more Qur'an in Ramadan?



IT'S STORY TIME!

A Miraculous Meeting

There once lived a man who was loved by everyone around him: he was so kind, caring and helpful. He never lied or broke his promises and everyone trusted him. His name was Muhammad.

Sometimes, he would leave the busy city in which he lived, and climb up the huge mountains. Here, he would sit alone, in the cave of Hira, spending his time thinking and worshipping Allah.

One dark night, as he was sitting in the cave, a figure suddenly appeared in front of him. "Read," the figure commanded. Muhammad was startled. "I am unable to read," he replied. Without warning, the angel embraced him, squeezing him so tightly that he thought he would faint. The angel then released him.

He then repeated his command: "Read!" Bewildered, Muhammad replied, "I am not of those who can read." Then, the angel squeezed him again. "Read!" came the impossible command once more. When Muhammad repeated the same reply for the third time, the angel gave him one final powerful squeeze, before releasing him.

This time the angel said, **"Read in the Name of your Lord who created; who created the human from a clinging substance. Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous, who taught by the pen. He taught man what he did not know."**

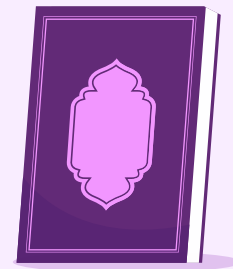
The words shook Muhammad to his core. His heart pounded so loudly he could hear it. He didn't understand what was happening. Terrified, he climbed down the mountain and rushed home to his beloved wife Khadijah. Soon after, Muhammad found out that this figure was Angel Jibril: sent by the Lord of the worlds with a special message: the Qur'an. Muhammad had been chosen to be the one who would carry this message to the entire world. From this point onwards, he was no longer just Muhammad. He was now the Prophet and Messenger of Allah, Muhammad, صلى الله عليه وسلم.



Which surah was the first to be revealed?

Ramadan: the Month of the Qur'an

The night in which the Qur'an was revealed is so special that Allah gave it its own special name: **Laylat al-Qadr**. The Qur'an is Allah's greatest gift to us. Ramadan is the month of the Qur'an. In this month, we should try to recite and understand the Qur'an as much as we can.



I Act On What I Learn

I will try my best to recite as much Qur'an as I can in Ramadan.

Laylat al-Qadr: A Very Special Night

Laylat al-Qadr is a very special night. It is the best night of the entire year. This is because:

1. On this night, if we worship Allah, we will get the reward of worshipping Allah for more than a 1000 months.
2. On this night, a huge number of angels descend to the earth, including the best angel. The earth is full of angels. Imagine all the blessings and peace!
3. If you pray salah throughout this night with true iman and only for the sake of Allah, all your past sins will be forgiven.



What is the name of the best angel?

When is Laylat al-Qadr?

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Seek out Laylat al-Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten (days) of Ramadan." (Bukhari)



Did You Know?

This night was so special that Allah revealed an entire surah about it! This surah is called Surah al-Qadr.



Task 1

Find and colour-in the odd numbers.

20 29 28 12 30
 23 26 21 27
 22 14 19 16 15

The odd nights are 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th or the 29th.

Allah has kept the exact date for Laylat al-Qadr a secret. This is so we can work hard and worship Allah not just in one night but all the nights!

What To Do In Laylat al-Qadr

In the last 10 days of Ramadan, our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would stay in the masjid, and would do extra good deeds.





Task 2

Musa is excited! It is the 25th night of Ramadan.

It may be Laylat al-Qadr tonight!

He has no school tomorrow so he is joining his dad in the Masjid and he will spend the whole night there with him. He has had a nice bath, worn some clean clothes and has even used his dad's perfume. He wants to smell nice for all the angels who will be coming down tonight. Give him some ideas for how he should spend his night.



Pray salah in the masjid

Ask Allah to forgive him



Task 3

My Laylat al-Qadr Fact File

The Best Night of The Year

When is this night:

What happened on this night:

Who comes down on this night:

What should you do on this night:

P Progress Check



1. Why is Ramadan known as the month of the Qur'an?

2. When is Laylat al-Qadr?

3. Why is Laylat al-Qadr the best night of the year?