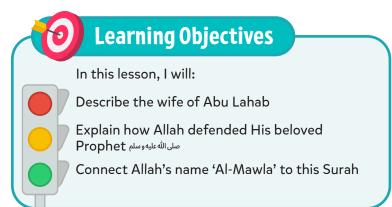
Lesson 19

Level 3

Surah al-Masad: Ayahs 4-5





Thinking Starter

If someone said something mean or nasty to you, how would you respond?

IT'S STORY TIME! Abu Lahab's Wicked Wife

Abu Lahab had a wife who was known as Umm Jamil: she was rich and beautiful, however, she was a very nasty woman. She used to spread terrible rumours about the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and would talk bad about him to others in the community. She would purposefully leave sharp thorns and firewood in the path of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in order to harm him.

Not only that, she promised to sell her necklace and use the money from it to harm the Muslims, and damage the reputation of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم did not respond by saying horrible things back to her, and remained calm and patient.

However, Allah always protects His special people. He sent down a special Surah to defend the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Upon hearing the Surah, Umm Jamil was furious. She came out of her house with a sharp stone in her hand, looking for the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and ready to hurt him but Allah had another plan. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was sitting near the Kaʻbah with his best friend, Abu Bakr مرضي الله عنه became worried, but the Prophet told him not to worry. A miracle occurred. Even though the Prophet was seated right next to Abu Bakr, she did not notice him. She only saw Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and said horrible and rude things to him before leaving.

Read Together

4. And so will his wife - the carrier of firewood.

وَامْرَأْتُهُ حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ

Abu Lahab's wife will also enter the Hell-fire because she also did evil things to the Prophet مىلىالله عليه وسلم She would harm the Prophet by putting thorns in his way.

We learn that helping others to do bad things will make us burn in the Hellfire like them.

5. Around her neck will be a rope made of twisted fibre.

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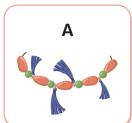
Abu Lahab's wife had a very expensive necklace. She threatened to sell it and use the money to harm the Prophet. Because she wanted to use her necklace for evil, Allah will punish her with a rope around her neck made from fire.

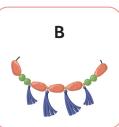


Task 1

Umm Jamil was very beautiful and she owned a very expensive necklace. Choose the correct string that would be needed to make this necklace:









Instead of a necklace, what will be found around Umm Jamil's neck in the next life?

Why?

Allah is aware of everything that happens. He always protects and defends His special servants.

He is: Al-Mawla The Protector



I Act On What I Learn

When I am worried and scared, I will call upon Allah, Al-Mawla. He will always take care of me and protect me from all evil.



Task 2

Write the answer to the following questions:

- 1. How did the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم respond to Umm Jamil's nasty words and actions?
- 2. How did Allah defend His Beloved Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم?



Task 3

Trace and say:



The Protector



"I love my Prophet!"



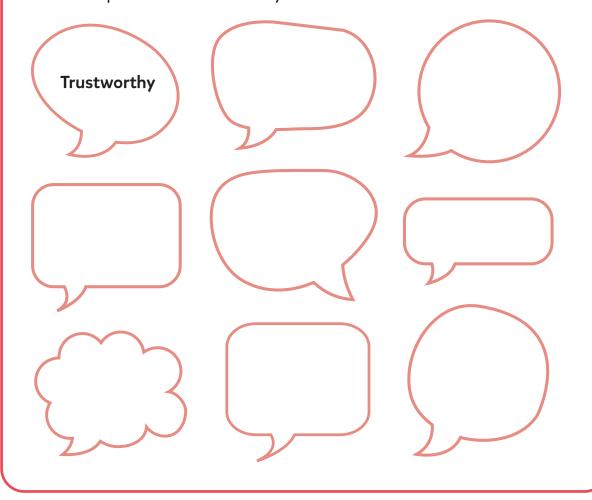


صلى الله عليه وسلم Defending the Prophet

It must have been very difficult for the family and friends of our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to see him and the religion of Islam being insulted.

Write some positive words in English or Arabic to describe and defend our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

One example has been done for you.



Progress Check



1. Who was Abu Lahab's wife and what did she do?



2. How did Allah defend the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم?



3. How does this Surah show us that Allah is al-Mawla?

