

Surah al-Kafirun: Ayahs 1-3



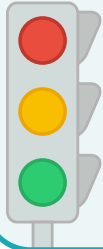
Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:

Recall the story behind why Surah al-Kafirun was revealed

Contrast Iman and Kufr

Explain why I should not compromise my din



Key Words

The Disbelievers - الْكَافِرُونَ

I worship - أَعْبُدُ

No/not - لَا

T Thinking Starter

Is it ok to go to the Masjid on Friday, and the Church on Sunday?



IT'S STORY TIME!

The Plot Fails


The Quraysh were getting fed up. The message of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was spreading too fast. They were desperate to stop him and so, they devised a plan. They approached the Prophet ﷺ and offered him lots of wealth, gold and animals. They also offered to marry him to the most beautiful women in Makkah. However, they had a condition: that he would stop preaching Islam.


The Prophet ﷺ did not agree. He was a firm believer and would never give up his religion or stop preaching, no matter how much money the Quraysh offered him. The Quraysh were furious and decided to change tactics. They then went back to the Prophet and asked to make a deal: they would worship Allah for one year and in return, the Prophet ﷺ would worship the idols for a year.


To respond to them once and for all, Allah revealed Surah al-Kafirun, making it very clear that Islam and Kufr can never be together.



R Let's Read Together

	الْكَافِرُونَ	يَا أَيُّهَا	قُلْ
(1)	disbelievers	O	say
Say [O Prophet]: O disbelievers!			
Allah is instructing the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to answer the disbelievers very clearly and openly.			

	تَعْبُدُونَ	مَا	أَعْبُدُ	لَا
(2)	you worship	what	I worship	not
I do not worship what you worship.				
The disbelievers were worshipping idols and statues they made themselves. Allah is telling the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to tell them that I do not worship those things which cannot see, hear or give any benefit.				

	أَعْبُدُ	مَا	عَبِدُونَ	أَنْتُمْ	وَلَا
(3)	I worship	(of) what	worship	You	and not
And you do not worship what I worship.					
The disbelievers during the Prophet's time believed that they also worshipped Allah. However, Allah is telling the Prophet that this is not true, because they did not worship Allah Alone and associated partners with Him (also known as shirk).					

Iman vs Kufr

Iman is to strongly believe that Allah is the One True God, and that Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is His final Messenger.

The opposite of Iman is **Kufr**. Kufr is to reject and disbelieve in Allah and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم. Those who commit Kufr are known as the **Kafirun**.

Kufr and Iman are opposites and they cannot mix in the heart of a Muslim. Allah has gifted us the best religion: Islam. Some people try to mix parts of other religions with Islam. However, Islam is the most perfect religion and we do not need any other religion.



What is 'ibadah?

(Hint: Go back to Surah al-Fatihah if you can't remember).

Ibadah

In this Surah, we are reminded that **we only worship Allah**. We are not like the Christians who believe Jesus is the son of God and worship him. Nor are we like the Kafirun of Makkah who used to worship idols.



A believer is a true servant of Allah, who obeys, loves and follows the religion of Allah happily.

Being a servant of Allah is so special that even our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was titled 'the servant of Allah'.



Task 1

How can you be a true servant of Allah?

No Compromising

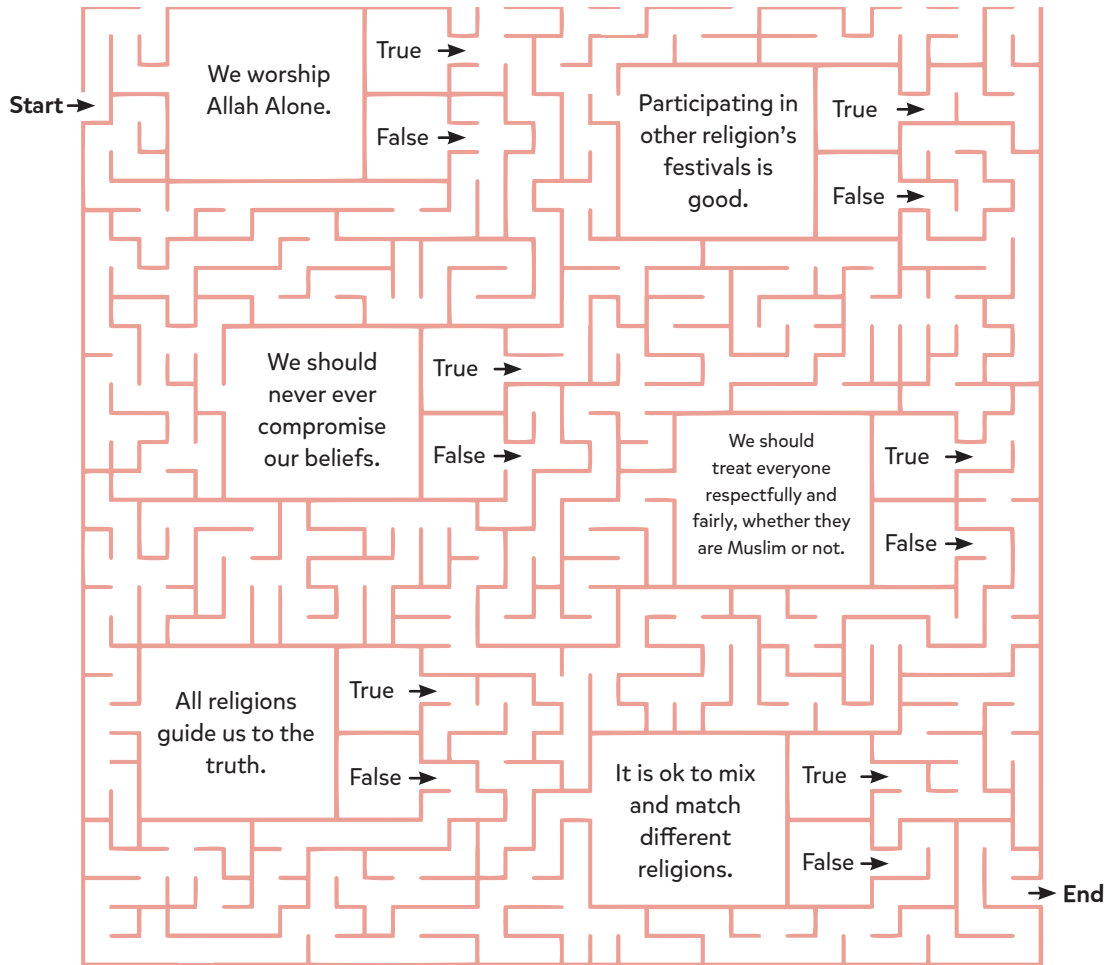
This Surah teaches us that we should never **compromise** our faith. This means that we should never give up on any of our beliefs just to make others happy. No matter what others say or do, we should remain firm on Islam as it is the only true religion.

To compromise: to agree to something that is not exactly what you want.



Task 2

Complete this multi-maze.



I Act On What I Learn

I will never do something against Islam just to be accepted by others. I will never compromise my religion for anyone.

Memorisation Check

Can you recite Ayahs 1-3 with the translation to your teacher/friend?



P Progress Check



1. Why was Surah al-Kafirun revealed? ☐
2. What is the difference between Iman and Kufr? ☐
3. Why should you never compromise on your din? ☐