Lesson 6

Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:

State what 'al-Fatihah' means

Define the word 'Rabb'

Explain why I should thank Allah

Key Words

The Opening - الفَاتِحَةُ All praise and thanks - الْحُمْدُ The Caring Lord - الرَّبُّ

Thinking Starter

Why do you think Surah al-Fatihah is called 'The Opening'?

Surah al-Fatihah is an introduction to the entire Qur'an. Understanding it will help us understand the message of the Qur'an.

IT'S STORY TIME: A Special Present

One day, the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was sitting with his close friend. Not a human friend but another special friend. Can you guess who it was?

Yes, it was the amazing Angel Jibril عليه السلام! All of a sudden, they heard a creaking sound. But it wasn't coming from an animal or a person. It was coming from above! It was coming from the sky. So Jibril looked up at the sky and he said to Prophet Muhammad, "This is the sound of a gate which has been opened in the skies today, and it has never been opened before!"

And then a special Angel appeared. This angel had never come down to the earth before. But today he was here for a special reason. "I have good news for you," the Angel said. He then told the Prophet Muhammad ملى الله عليه وسلم that Allah had given him two special lights: a unique present just for him. And that no Prophet before him had ever been given such a special gift. Can you guess what it was?

The angel then said, "They are Surah al-Fatihah and the last two ayahs of Surah al-Baqarah. Every time you recite a word from it, you will be given its special blessings." Surah al-Fatihah is a very special Surah. It is the first and the greatest Surah in the Qur'an. It has many powerful and amazing lessons we can learn from it. Surah al-Fatihah teaches us the most important thing we need to know in life: WHO Allah سبحانه وتعالى is, who we are and why He created us.

Task 1

State which of the sentences below are true (T) or false (F):

- 1. Surah al-Fatihah is the best Surah of the Qur'an.
- 2. Surah al-Fatihah means 'The Closing'.
- 3. We do not have to recite Surah al-Fatihah in every Salah.

R Let's Read Together

الْحُمْدُ لِللهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ٢

All praises and thanks are for Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.

In this first ayah, we learn that Allah is our Rabb. This means that He is the One Who created us. He is the One who takes care of us and gives us everything. He gives us food, drink and even our toys.

The word after Rabb is 'الْعَالَمِينَ' (the worlds). This means that Allah is the Rabb of everyone and everything. He is your Rabb, your friend's Rabb, and even your teacher's Rabb! Allah is the Rabb of everyone. Allah is in charge of everything and He looks after the whole world. Allah is our Lord!



Can you think of a du'a which starts with Rabbi or Rabbana?

الحُمْدُ لِلَّهِ

Al-Hamdu means -

Praise

Thanks

If someone gave you a chocolate bar for free, what would you say? You would say "Thank you" or "JazakAllahu Khayra".

Allah gives us EVERYTHING so we have to thank Him. Allah is so amazing and so powerful that He takes care of the entire world. He is Perfect. That is why we always praise Him and thank Him. To **praise** Allah is to show your respect to Him and to say how Great He is.





Interview 4 of your classmates/family members. Ask them: What would you like to thank Allah for today?

Name	Thank you Allah for
Musa	Giving me my friend Hasan

I Act On What I Learn

I will always remember the blessings of Allah and praise Him by saying Alhamdulillah. Thank you Allah for giving me the Qur'an!

Memorisation Check Turn to page 42 and tick the checklist once you have finished memorising Ayah 2 with the translation.

Progress Check

- 1. What does 'al-Fatihah' mean?
- 2. What does 'Rabb' mean?
- 3. Why do I have to thank Allah?