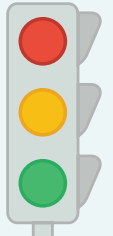


Salah: My Greatest Gift



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Recall the story about the gift of salah

Share an example of how Allah سبحانه وتعالى is the Most Appreciative

Explore how we can enjoy our salah



Key Words

Epic

Reduce

The Most Appreciative

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Thinking Starter

What is your dream present? What will you do with it?



IT'S STORY TIME!

The Epic Gift

Ten years after Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم became a Prophet, his uncle Abu Talib passed away. Abu Talib was not a Muslim, but he always supported the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and protected him from the cruel disbelievers of Makkah. Just over a month later, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم faced another heartbreaking loss—he lost his beloved wife, Khadijah رضي الله عنها.

Not long after, he travelled to the city of Ta'if to share Allah's message, but the people there treated him very horribly. This was a terribly difficult time for him, so much so that it became known as the Year of Grief.

To comfort and honour him, Allah سبحانه وتعالى blessed him with the most incredible journey of his life: first to Jerusalem (Palestine), and then upwards to the Heavens where he met some Prophets عليهم السلام.

Then, something even more extraordinary happened! Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was taken beyond the seventh Heaven, where he saw the magnificent Lote Tree. Even Angel Jibril عليه السلام could not go beyond this point!

Higher up, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم had a special meeting with Allah. Imagine how amazing that moment must have been! During this meeting, Allah gave him the most **epic gift: salah**.

Epic: Something really amazing.

On his way back, Prophet Musa عليه السلام asked him, “What did Allah command you?”

Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, “Fifty prayers every day.”

“Your Ummah will not be able to handle fifty prayers every day. Go back to your Lord and ask Him to **reduce** the number,” advised Musa عليه السلام.

So, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم returned to Allah, and the number was reduced. This happened several times, with Musa عليه السلام advising Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to go back each time.

Finally, Allah reduced the prayers to just five every day. When Musa عليه السلام suggested going again, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, “I feel shy. I am happy and accept (Allah’s command).”

And this was the beginning of the five daily salah—Allah’s gift to Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and his Ummah, including me and you!



How did Musa عليه السلام know that we would find it difficult to pray 50 times a day?



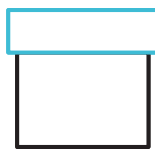
Task 1

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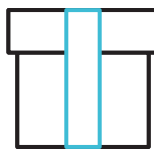
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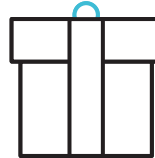
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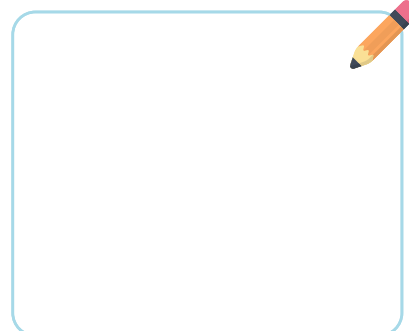
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Pray 5: Receive The Reward of 50

Can you imagine praying 50 times a day? Wouldn't that be difficult? One of Allah's Beautiful Names is **ash-Shakur: The Most Appreciative**. This means that Allah سبحانه وتعالى appreciates even our smallest acts of worship and gives us **MASSIVE** rewards in return. For praying just 5 salahs every day, Allah gives us the reward of praying 50!



Task 2

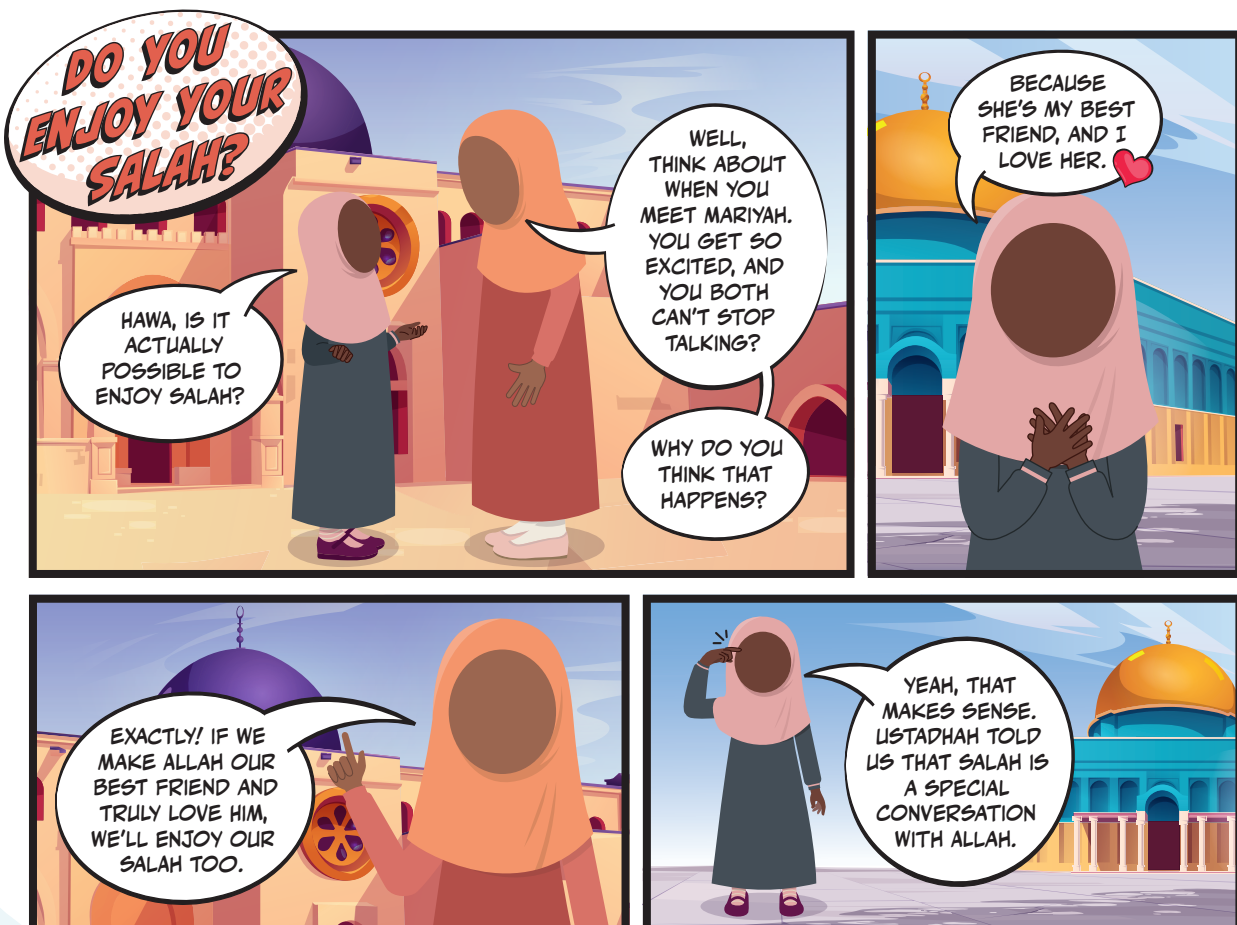
Complete the magic number challenge.

[Hint: Work backwards and reverse the operations!]

I am
thinking of
a number.

If you multiply
me by 2, then add
10, you'll get 110.

What
is my
number?





Did You Know?

Salah is unique as it was made compulsory in the seventh heaven. Allah gave this command directly to Muhammad ﷺ, instead of sending it down with Jibril عليه السلام.

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Task 3

It's Halaqah Time!

- 1 How do you take care of salah—Allah's gift to you?
- 2 How can you make Allah your best friend?
- 3 How can you love salah like Muhammad ﷺ?
- 4 Why did the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ love salah so much?
- 5 If someone gave you your dream gift, how would you take care of it?

I Act On What I Learn

I will always pray the 5 daily salahs.



P Progress Check



1. Where did the Prophet ﷺ receive the command of salah? ☐
2. How does 'The Epic Gift' teach us that Allah is the Most Appreciative? ☐
3. How can you enjoy your salah? ☐