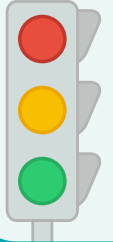


# Magnificent Angels



## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Identify that only Allah knows the exact number of angels

Describe Jibril عليه السلام

Explain the importance of Jibril عليه السلام in the Prophet's life



## Key Words

Magnificent

*al-Bayt al-Ma'mur*

The Lote Tree

## T Thinking Starter

How many angels can you name?

Do you remember what they do?



## Amazing Angels

Have you ever wondered what angels look like or how many there are? We don't know the exact number of angels, but we know that it is a HUGE number. When the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was taken up to the heavens, he was shown **al-Bayt al-Ma'mur**, which is the Ka'bah for angels. He was told that 70,000 angels pray in it every day, and once they leave, they never return. Imagine how many angels there must be in total! SubhanAllah!

And although we don't know exactly what angels look like, we know that they are beautiful. Angels are made from light and have wings.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاعِلِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا أُولَى أَجْنِحَةٍ  
مَّثْنَى وَثُلثَ وَرُبْعَ يَزِيدُ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾

**“All praise is for Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, who made angels (as His) messengers with wings—two, three, or four. He increases in creation whatever He wills. Indeed, Allah is All-Powerful over everything.” (Surah Fatir:1)**



## Task 1

Circle the odd word out.

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|---------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| a. The Ka'bah | al-Bayt al-Ma'mur | Mount Tur |            |
| b. Jibril     | Quran             | Mika'il   | Israfil    |
| c. Incredible | Magnificent       | Horrible  | Amazing    |
| d. al-Fatir   | al-Qadir          | Jannah    | ash-Shakur |
| e. Light      | Darkness          | Nur       | Iman       |

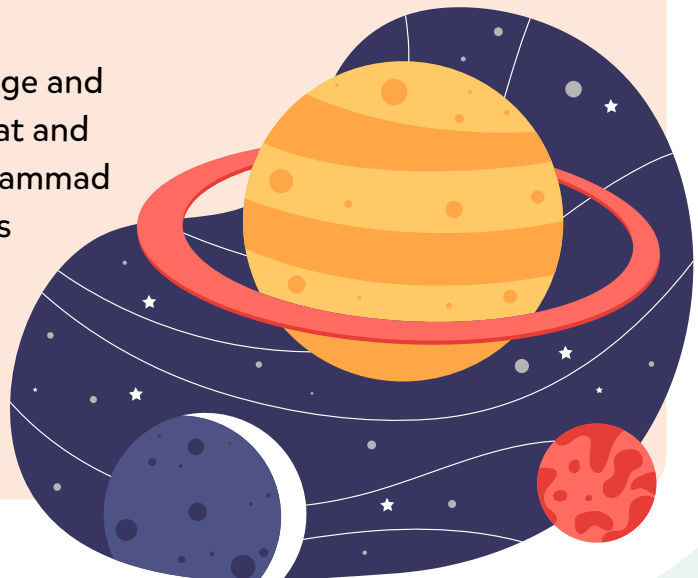
## The Greatest Angel

The greatest angel is Angel Jibril عليه السلام. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saw Jibril عليه السلام during the Night of Mi'raj by **the Lote Tree** in the heavens. He had 600 wings from which multicoloured pearls and rubies were falling! His wings are so huge that if he was to unroll a pair of them, they would fill the space between the sky and the earth.



Wow! SubhanAllah! Imagine seeing Jibril عليه السلام!

Even though Jibril عليه السلام is so huge and **magnificent**, he knows how Great and Magnificent Allah is. When Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم travelled to the heavens with him, he described seeing Jibril as if he were a flat, worn-out cloth, due to his fear of Allah!





## Task 2

Trace the Arabic and then match the words to their explanations.

السِّدْرَةُ الْمُنْتَهَى

The Lote Tree

The leader of all the angels: he is obeyed, trusted and loved by all the angels.

الإِسْرَاءُ وَالْمِعْرَاجُ

Isra and Mi'raj

A magnificent tree high up in heavens. Every angel has to stop at this point. Only the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم was allowed to go beyond it.

جِبْرِيلُ

Jibril

The special night journey in which Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was taken to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, and then up to the Heavens.

## The Prophet's Companion

Do you remember the mystery guest in the first lesson of this book?

When we study the stories of the Prophets, especially our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, we see that Jibril عليه السلام is always there. This is because he is the best angel, chosen for the best task: carrying the revelation from Allah to His Prophets.

Who opened the heart of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in the desert and cleaned it? Who squeezed him tight and told him to 'Read' in the cave of Hira? Who taught him how to perform wudu and salah? Who came to comfort him during the hardest day of his life? Who was his companion on the special Night Journey? Who brought him revelation after revelation? Who fought alongside him in Badr and Uhud? Who reviewed the Qur'an with him every Ramadan? Who did he صلى الله عليه وسلم miss and wished would visit him more often?

Jibril عليه السلام! Jibril loved Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم loved Jibril.



### Task 3



Write the questions to these answers.

One example has been done for you.

1 **Question:** *How many angels pray in al-Bayt al-Ma'mur every day?*

**Answer:** 70,000 angels

2 **Question:**

**Answer:** Jibril عليه السلام

3 **Question:**

**Answer:** Some have two, some have three, and some have more.

4 **Question:**

**Answer:** 600 wings



I love Jibril عليه السلام too!

### I Act On What I Learn

I will reflect on how Magnificent Allah is by thinking of His magnificent angels.

### P Progress Check



1. How many angels are there?



2. Why is Jibril عليه السلام so special?



3. What is the connection between Jibril عليه السلام and Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم?

