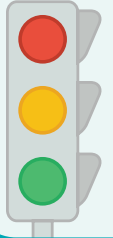


Allah: Ar-Raqib



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Define Allah's Name **ar-Raqib**

Draw lessons from the story of the milkmaid

Explain how I can worship Allah with His Name **ar-Raqib**



Key Words

The Ever Watchful - الرَّقِيبُ

Monitoring

Muraqabah

T Thinking Starter

Imagine there are cameras watching your every move. How would your behaviour change if your teacher was reviewing this camera footage?



Allah Is ar-Raqib

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says in the Qur'an:

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ رَّقِيبًا

“And Allah is Ever Watchful over all things.” (Surah al-Ahzab:52)

- 1 Allah is **ar-Raqib: the Ever-Watchful**. This means that He watches over all of His servants. Allah watches over all matters – the hidden and the apparent. Allah oversees everything, whether we are alone or with other people. Allah even knows our intentions and the state of our hearts!

Sometimes we may think we can do bad things in secret and no one will find out, but we should always remember that Allah is ar-Raqib: He is always watching and **monitoring** us.



- 2 Another meaning of ar-Raqib is that Allah watches over us and cares for us. Knowing this should bring us comfort and peace.

There is nowhere on earth where you can hide from Allah!



Task 1

Find the 'secret message'.

Solve the addition and subtraction problems, and use the key to match the correct letters to your answers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	15	20	23	30
T	H	G	E	L	A	Y	V	W	K	N	O	S	R	I	D

3+3	3+2	3+2	3+3	5-3
=	=	=	=	=

5-3	6-2	3+3	10+10	20-5
=	=	=	=	=

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20-5	6-2	6-2	20-5
=	=	=	=

3+3	10+1	10+20
=	=	=

5+5	10+1	11+2	10-1	20-5
=	=	=	=	=

6-2	10-2	6-2	10+10	4+3	2-1	5-3	19+4	10+1	5-2
=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=

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THE PIOUS MILKMAID

ONE LATE NIGHT, THE CALIPH 'UMAR IBN AL-KHATTAB رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ WAS WALKING THROUGH MADINAH WITH HIS SERVANT ASLAM, OBSERVING THE STATE OF HIS PEOPLE.

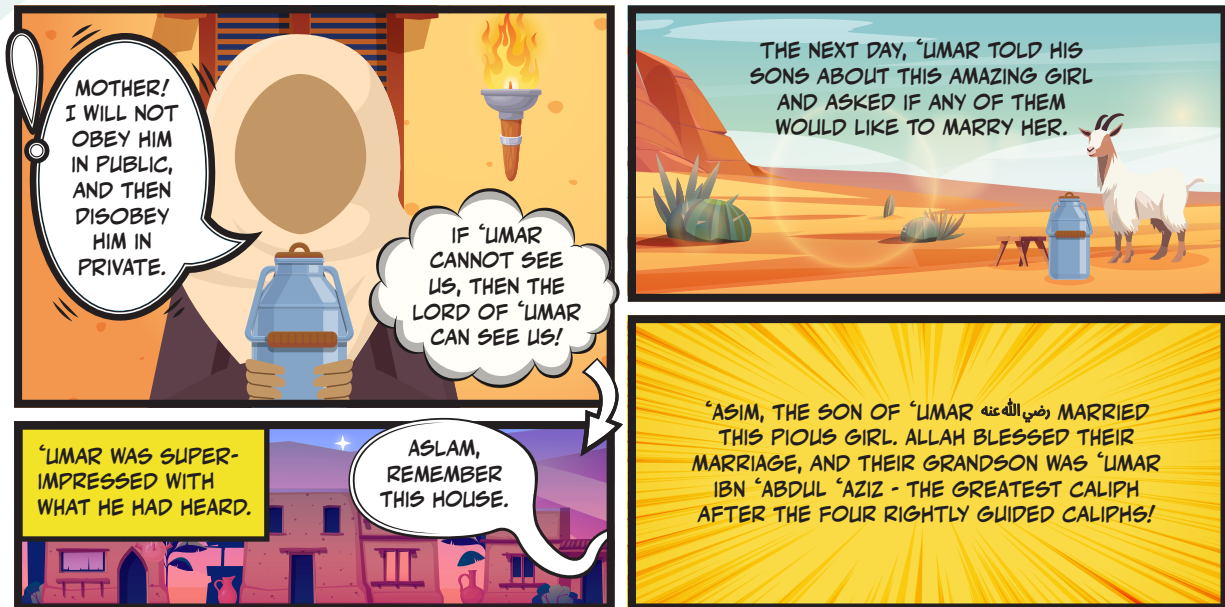
STAND UP AND ADD WATER TO THAT MILK.

MOTHER! DO YOU NOT KNOW ABOUT THE STRICT ORDERS OF 'UMAR?

MY DAUGHTER! WHAT WAS HIS STRICT ORDER?

'UMAR INSTRUCTED HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO INFORM EVERYONE THAT WATER WAS NOT TO BE ADDED TO MILK.

STAND UP AND ADD WATER TO THE MILK. YOU ARE IN A PLACE WHERE NEITHER 'UMAR CAN SEE YOU NOR CAN HIS REPRESENTATIVE!



Task 2

- 1 Why do you think the mother told her daughter to add water to the milk?
- 2 How would you describe the daughter in three words?
- 3 How does this story link to Allah's Name **ar-Raqib**?

How Can I Worship Allah ar-Raqib?

We can worship Allah, ar-Raqib, through **muraqabah**: being constantly aware of His presence. This awareness makes us mindful of what we think, say, and do. It makes us guard our tongues and even our intentions. It makes us feel ashamed to commit sins.



Muraqabah:

You are always aware that Allah is watching you, so you take care of your **heart** and your actions.



I polish my heart!



Task 3

Complete the table by describing how each person would behave if they remembered or forgot that Allah is ar-Raqib. An example has been provided for you.

Person	Remembers that Allah is ar-Raqib	Forgets that Allah is ar-Raqib
Employee in a shop	<i>He will arrive at work on time, work hard, and be honest.</i>	<i>He won't work hard and he may steal from the till when his boss is not around.</i>
Student in an exam		
Teacher		
Leader of a country		

I Act On What I Learn

I will obey Allah in private, just as I obey Him in public.



P Progress Check



1. What does Allah's Name **ar-Raqib** mean? ☐
2. What two lessons can you learn from the story of the pious milkmaid? ☐
3. How can you worship Allah with His Name **ar-Raqib**? ☐