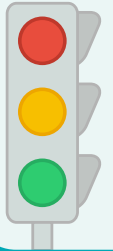


Stories From Surah al-Kahf: Part 2



Learning Objectives



In this lesson, I will:

- Identify how many years the people of the cave stayed asleep
- Summarise the key events of the story
- Describe the key lessons from the story



Key Words

Decade
Century
Preserved

T Thinking Starter

The people of the cave stood up for what was right.
How can you stand up for your din in your everyday life?



Protected by Allah

A **decade** is 10 years. A **century** is 100 years.

Years turned into **decades**, and decades into **centuries**. The world outside changed, but the young men slept peacefully, unaware of the changes around them.

From His mercy, Allah سبحانه وتعالى guided them to a cave where the sun wouldn't shine directly on them. While they slept, Allah made them turn from side to side. Like this, their bodies were **preserved**. At the same time, they looked so frightening that if anyone saw them, they would be terrified. In this way, Allah kept them safe. It was one of the wonders of Allah.

Preserved: protected

Then, one day, they woke up. One of them asked, "How long have you remained asleep?"

Another guessed, "Maybe a day, or part of a day."

Then, one said "Your Lord knows best!"

Their stomachs began to rumble—they were starving! So, they decided to send one of them into the city to buy some food. Before he left, they warned him, "Be careful! Don't let anyone recognise you. If they find out about you, they'll stone you to death or force you to turn back to their religion!"



A Shocking Discovery

The young man walked to the city, clutching old coins in his hand. But when he entered, everything looked so different! The people were different, their clothes were different, and even the market looked different.

When he handed his coins to a shopkeeper, the shopkeeper was stunned! "Where did you get these from?" he asked, marvelling at the ancient coins. The news spread like wildfire, and a crowd gathered around. The young man told them his story.

The people realised these were the young men who had disappeared centuries ago. Allah had made them sleep for 309 years! Allahu Akbar!

The people then followed the young man to the cave to meet the rest of his companions. After some time, Allah سبحانه وتعالى caused the young men to pass away peacefully.

Iman and trusting Allah can lead to extraordinary miracles!



What does this miraculous story teach us?



Task 1

If a person fell asleep in the year 1440 and woke up 309 years later, what year would it be?



Task 2

Complete the storyboard to summarise the story of the People of the Cave.



What We Learn

- ★ **Keep your iman in Allah strong:** Allah is The Protective Friend (al-Waliyy) of the believers. He protects the believers even during the toughest times.
- ★ **Trust Allah's power:** Nothing is impossible for Him.
- ★ **A sign of the Last Day:** This story is a sign that the **Day of Judgement** is real. If Allah kept them asleep for 309 years and then woke them up, He can surely bring the dead back to life.
- ★ **Be brave in your din:** We may face challenges in practising Islam, but we should stay strong and worship Allah Alone, no matter what.

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Task 3

Prepare a short speech to remind young people about being strong believers in Allah. Use the story of the people of the cave as your inspiration. Practise your speech and be prepared to deliver it.

A suggested title for your speech: **Young, Brave, and Pious**

An illustration of three children standing on a white background with horizontal pink lines. The child on the left is a boy with dark skin, wearing a white cap and a light blue tunic with a dark blue collar. He is waving his right hand. The child in the middle is a girl with light skin, wearing a white cap and an orange tunic with a black collar. The child on the right is a boy with light skin, wearing a white cap and a white tunic with a black collar. They are all smiling and looking towards the viewer.

I Act On What I Learn

I will be strong in my din, just like the young men of the cave.

P Progress Check



1. How long did the people of the cave sleep?

2. Can you summarise the story in your own words?



3. What did you learn from this story?

