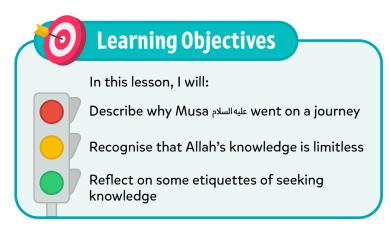
Lesson 24

Level 4

Stories From Surah al-Kahf: Part 3





Thinking Starter

How can being humble help you learn more?



IT'S STORY TIME!

عليهما السلام The Epic Story of Prophet Musa and al-Khadir عليهما السلام

The Quest for Knowledge

One day, Prophet Musa عليه السلام was delivering a sermon to the Banu Isra'il. Someone asked him, "Who is the most knowledgeable person?" Musa عليه السلام replied, "I am."

But Allah سبحانه وتعالى was not pleased that Musa سبحانه وتعالى did not attribute knowledge to Him. So, Allah told him that there was a servant of His who had knowledge that Musa did not possess. Eager to learn, Musa عليه السلام asked, "O Allah, how can I meet him?"

Allah سبحانه وتعالى told him to go on a journey and take a fish in a basket. Wherever the fish gets lost, Musa should follow its trail and there he will find this special man.

So, Musa عليه السلام set off with his young helper, Yusha'. They carried the basket with the fish and walked for a long time. Finally, they reached a large rock and decided to rest. While they slept, something amazing happened! There was a miraculous spring of water by the rock. Some of its water fell on the fish, and suddenly the fish came back to life! It jumped out of the basket and swam away into the sea, leaving behind a special trail.



Later, as they continued their journey, Musa عليه السلام felt hungry. "This journey of ours has been so tiring!" he exclaimed, asking Yusha' for some food. Yusha' suddenly remembered and said, "Oh no! I forgot the fish! Shaytan made me forget!"

Meeting al-Khadir عليه السلام

Musa عليه السلام immediately realised this was the sign from Allah! He said, "That's exactly what we were searching for!" So, they traced their steps back to the rock and just as Allah had promised, they found the special man. His name was al-Khadir عليه السلام.



When Musa عليه السلام greeted al-Khadir عليه السلام with salam, al-Khadir was astonished because people usually didn't greet that way. Musa then asked, "May I follow you so that you can teach me?"

Al-Khadir replied, "You won't be able to be patient with me. How can you be patient about things you don't yet understand?"

Musa said, "InshaAllah, you will find me patient, and I won't disobey you."

Al-Khadir agreed but warned, "If you follow me, don't ask me about anything until I mention it to you myself."

The First Challenge

They set off together along the coast and soon saw a boat passing by. The people on the boat knew al-Khadir, so they let him and Musa عليه السلام ride for free.

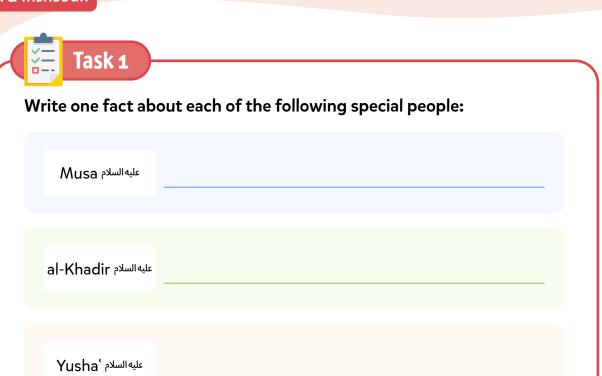
While they were on the boat, a sparrow flew over and perched on the edge of the boat. It dipped its beak into the water. Al-Khadir told Musa, "Your knowledge, my knowledge, and all the creations's knowledge compared to Allah's knowledge is like the tiny drop of water this bird took from the sea."

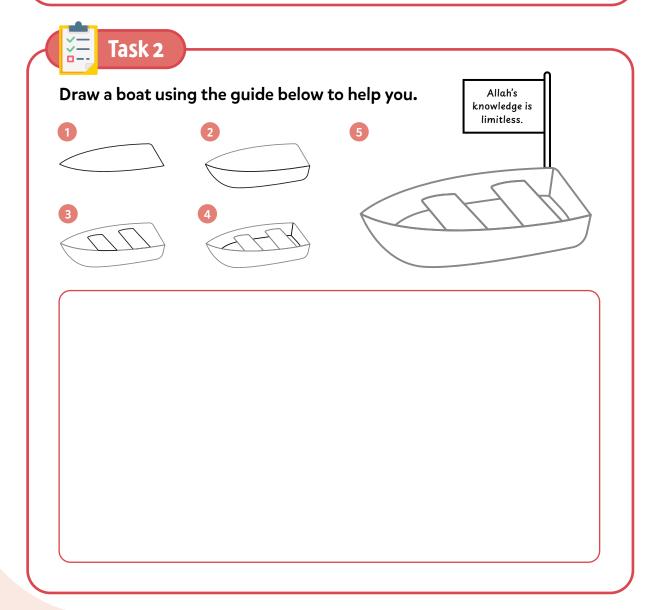
Then, al-Khadir did something strange—he made a hole in the boat!

Musa عليه السلام was shocked. "These people gave us a free ride! How could you make a hole in it? Do you want to drown the passengers? What a strange thing to do!"

Al-Khadir reminded him, "Didn't I say you wouldn't be patient with me?" Musa عليه السلام felt bad and asked al-Khadir عليه السلام to forgive him.





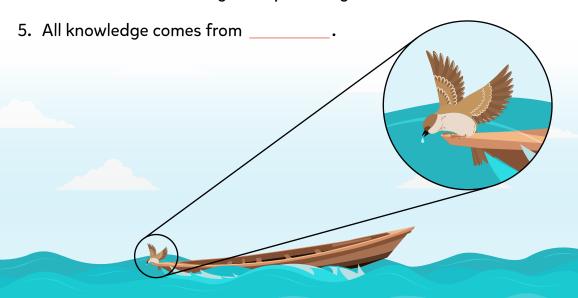




Fill in the blanks and reflect on the lessons from this story:

- 1. It is very important to seek ______. Life is not just about playing games. We can have fun, but as we grow older, we should spend more time learning and doing good deeds.
- 2. We should be very _____ to learn, just like Musa عليه السلام.
- 3. We should always be humble when learning, just like _____
- 4. Seeking knowledge ('ilm) requires lots of effort and p_____.

 Musa عليه السلام went through many challenges to learn.



I Act On What I Learn

I will put lots of effort into seeking beneficial knowledge.



Progress Check



- 1. Why did Musa ^{عليه السلام} go on a journey with his young helper?</sup>
- 2. What did al-Khadir say to Musa عليه السلام about the knowledge of Allah?
- 3. What can we learn about seeking knowledge from this story?