

How to Use These Books

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The Mini Tafseer Book Series is designed to teach children the Tafseer (exegesis) of all the suwaar (chapters) in the 30th Part of the Qur'aan. Each book in this 38 book series covers a different surah. The books feature:

- Special facts about the surah
- Arabic text of the surah
- English transliteration (to assist non-Arabic speakers)
- English translation
- Simplified Tafseer
- Illustrations/Coloring pages (no animals/humans)
- Highlighted Arabic vocabulary
- Sahih Ahadith
- One sentence summary of what the surah is about
- Review section
- Notes on the text (additional facts and information)

Teaching Tips:

If your younger child has trouble going through the whole book in one sitting, or does not retain all of the information taught, then just focus on the Tafseer pages first (i.e. those that explain the verses of the surah) and save the additional information contained in the Quick Facts, What's Special, Asbaab An-Noozool, and Vocabulary sections* for later when your child has mastered the Tafseer.

For older or advanced students who need more of a challenge, you can take time to go through all sections and discuss the lesson notes for that section (located at the end of the text). This will make lessons more challenging and provide a deeper understanding of the Tafseer, and Allah knows best.

**Some books may not contain all of these sections.*

Preview

Mini Tafseer Book Series

Suratu-'Abasa

Quick Facts About Suratu-'Abasa...

Suratu-'Abasa was revealed in **Makkah**. Thus, Suratu-'Abasa (like all other suwaar revealed in Makkah) is called a "**Makki**" surah.

Suratu-'Abasa gets its name from the word "**'Abasa**", meaning "he frowned" which is used in the first ayah. You will find out who frowned, and why, later on.

What is Suratu-'Abasa all about?

Suratu-'Abasa tells us that guidance has only one requirement, **sincerity**.

It does not matter if a person is rich or poor, powerful or weak, able or disabled, male or female, young or old, black or white; Allah's guidance is for everyone who **really, truly wants it**.

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

Now let's learn what makes
Suratu-'Abasa so...

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

The first thing that is so special
about Suratu-'Abasa is...

This surah shows us that
prophets are human, just like us, and
they sometimes **made mistakes**.

In Suratu-'Abasa Allah **corrected**
Rasulullah ﷺ for frowning and turning
away from a **poor blind man**.

Rasulullah ﷺ turned away because he
was busy **meeting with the leaders of
the Quraysh** (the most important tribe in
Makkah), and the blind man, not
realizing what was going on, kept
interrupting the conversation.

Getting upset at being interrupted is
human, but as soon as Allah corrected
Rasulullah ﷺ, by revealing Suratu-
'Abasa, Rasulullah ﷺ, left the leaders
sitting there and **went to the blind man**
to teach him instead.

Rasulullah ﷺ was not the only prophet to have made mistakes. **Other prophets made mistakes** as well, because all of them were **human**. For example...

Aadam ﷺ ate from the forbidden tree in Jannah. (Suratul-Baqarah, v. 35-37)

Yunus ﷺ left his city (stopped teaching) without permission from Allah. (Suratus-Saaffaat, v.139-148)

Nooh ﷺ prayed for Allah to save his son from the flood, though his son was a disbeliever. (Suratu-Hud , v. 42-47)

Dawood ﷺ judged between two men without listening to both sides fairly. (Suratu-Saad, v.17-26)

Haroon ﷺ did not stop Bani Israel from worshipping the golden calf, while Musa ﷺ was away at the mountain. (Suratul-A'raaf, v.150)

Musa ﷺ accidentally killed a man during a fight while trying to protect one of his tribesmen. (Suratul-Qasas, v.15-17)



Prophets have been chosen by Allah for their **exceptional character**, so we know that they always had the best intentions, and never committed major sins. But, sometimes the prophets did make **mistakes in judgment**.

Once they were corrected by Allah, they repented, and they never committed the sin again. Because of this sincerity, **Allah forgave all of the prophets for their mistakes**.

So remember...

The first thing that is so special about Suratu-'Abasa is that it teaches us **prophets are human**, just like us, and they sometimes **made mistakes**.

What lessons can we learn from this?

1. Prophets are human, **they are not perfect**.
2. Prophets were sent to be **good examples** for us to follow.
3. We should always try to have **good intentions**, like the prophets, and if we make mistakes, we should **repent** like they did as well.
4. Allah loves those who repent to Him, He is **forgiving** of even the greatest mistakes, and He is loving.
5. No mistake is too big for Allah to forgive as long as we are **sincere** in our repentance.

The second thing that is so special about Suratu-'Abasa is...

The surah teaches us not to **discriminate** against people.

We should never ignore, or treat badly, people who are disabled, poor, uneducated, or who have a low position in society; **everyone has value.**

If Allah does not judge between us based on those things (but rather on the **sincerity in our hearts**) then we should not judge others either.

The third thing that is so special about Suratu-'Abasa is...

The surah teaches us that having a disability does not mean Allah is **punishing someone**, or that Allah does not love people with disabilities.

It is totally wrong to think that a person who is disabled has done something to **"deserve"** the disability.

Suratu-'Abasa teaches us that Allah loved a disabled man because of his **sincere heart**, and disliked able bodied men because of their **arrogant hearts.**

A disability is not a punishment, and Allah does not hate people with disabilities.

Now let's get ready to learn what
Suratul-'Abasa is all about!

We will start by learning **9 new words**
from the Qur'aan.

The more words you know from the
Qur'aan, the better you will understand
each surah that you learn insha-Allah.

Understanding the Qur'aan is what Allah
wants us to do!

So let's get started
right now!

9 NEW WORDS!

Vocabulary List

he frowned

عَبَسَ
(a-ba-sa)

came to him

جَاءَهُ
(jaa-aa-hoo)

the blind man

الْأَعْمَى
(al-a'-maa)

purified

مُطَهَّرَةٌ
(moo-tah-ha-rah)

messenger angels

سَفَرَةٌ
(sa-fa-rah)

dutiful

بَرَّةٌ
(ba-ra-rah)

the way

السَّبِيلَ
(as-sa-beel)

torrents

صَبًّا
(sub-baa)

grain

حَبًّا
(hub-baa)

Now that we are ready,
we need to start the right way...

There are **two things** we should say before
we start reading a surah from the Qur'aan,
can you remember what they are?



#1 We say the Isti'aathah¹...

I seek refuge with Allah from the cursed Shaytaan.

(‘A-‘oo-thoo-bil-laa-he-me-nash-shay-taa-nir-ra-jeem)

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ
الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

We start reading Qur'aan by asking
Allah to protect us from Shaytaan
and...

#2 We say the Basmallah²...

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

(Bis-mil-laa-hir-rah-maa-nir-ra-heem)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We remember Allah and say how
great He is for giving us so many
wonderful blessings!

Okay!

We are ready to go now! You know your **new words** and you've said the **Isti'aathah** and **Basmallah...**

Now it is time to learn what **Suratu-'Abasa** says...

A story of sincerity!

Many of the ayaat (verses) in the Qur'aan have a story behind them that tells why the ayah was revealed. These stories are called...

Asbaab

An-Noozool

The story of Suratu-'Abasa is about the sincerity of a true believer!³

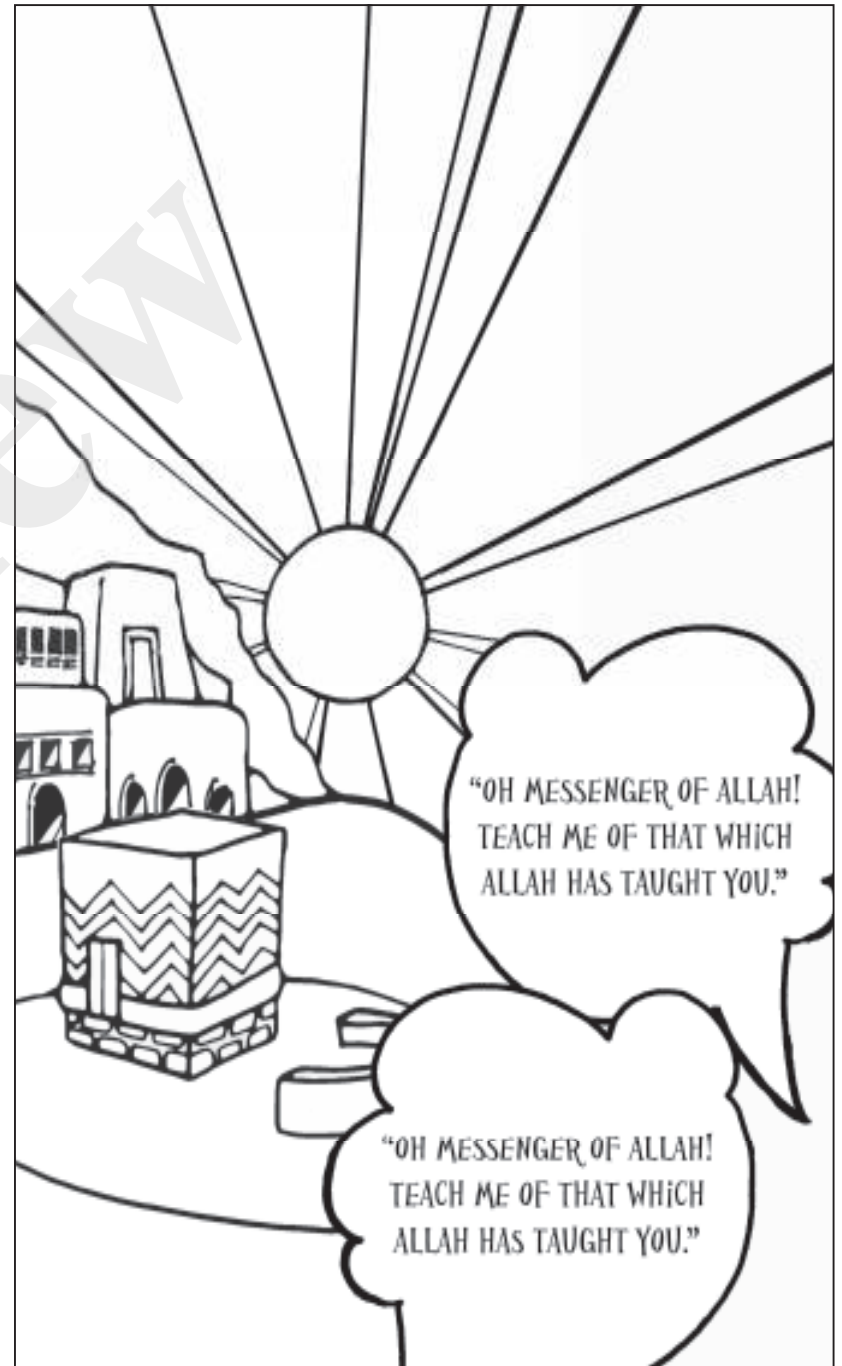
One day the Prophet ﷺ was **meeting** with several important leaders in Makkah (before the Hijrah to Madinah), whom he hoped would **embrace Islaam**, bringing their people to Islaam as well.

But as the meeting was going on, a blind man (**Abdullah ibn Umm Makhtoom** رضي الله عنه) came forward and said, *“Oh Messenger of Allah, teach me of that which Allah has taught you.”*

Rasulullah ﷺ did not respond to the blind man, rather he **turned away and frowned** because he was displeased with the interruption. Abdullah kept repeating his request, not realizing that Rasulallah ﷺ was busy.

Allah then **revealed the first 16 ayaat of Suratu-'Abasa**, and Rasulallah ﷺ left the arrogant, disbelieving leaders to go attend to the needs of the sincere, believing, blind man, Abdullah.

After this, Rasulallah ﷺ used to honor Abdullah, and would say whenever he saw him, **“Welcome to the one about whom my Lord has rebuked me!”**



Who was Abdullah Ibn Umm Makhtoom?

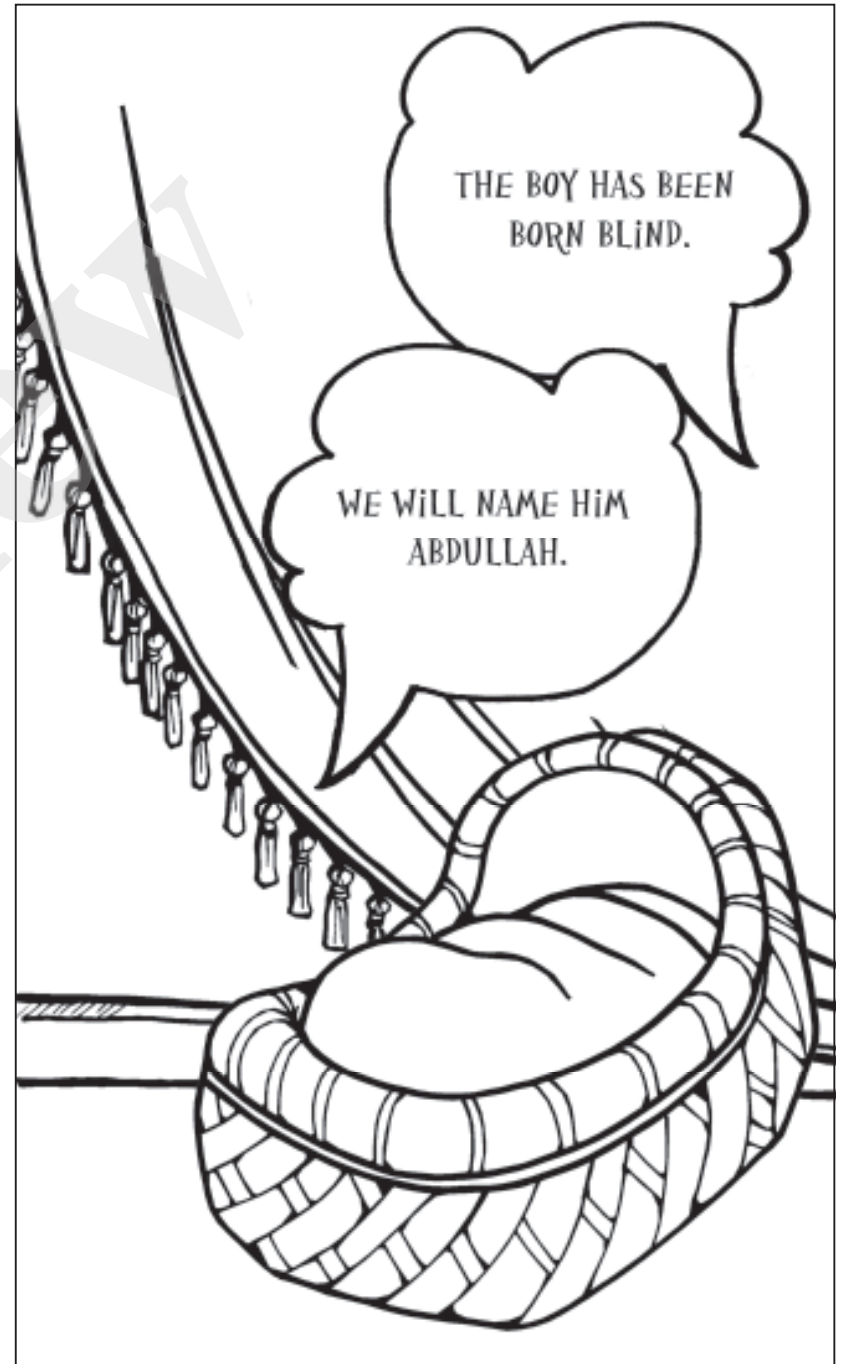
Abdullah Ibn Umm Makhtoomؓ was a well known **Sahaabah** (companion) of Rasulullahﷺ, and **major asset to the early Muslim community**.

Born to Qays ibn Said and Aatikah bint Abdullah, he was a cousin of Khadijahؓ, the beloved, first wife of Rasulullahﷺ.

Upon his birth, Abdullah's mother was nicknamed **Umm Makhtoom** (Mother of the concealed one) because Abdullah was **born blind**.

Therefore, his name became Abdullah Ibn Umm Makhtoom (Abdullah, the son of the mother of the concealed one).

He accomplished a lot in his life despite being blind. Here are his most important contributions to Islaam...



First Muslims: He was one of a small number to accept Islaam in Makkah, at the beginning of Rasulallah's ﷺ prophethood.

Eager Student: He was always eager to learn the Qur'aan, hence why he interrupted, and asked for guidance, while the prophet was speaking with the leaders of Makkah.

Honored in the Qur'aan: Abdullah had 17 ayaat in the Qur'aan revealed about him. The first 16 are those in the beginning of Suratu-'Abasa. The 17th was Suratun-Nisaa, verse 4, in which Allah made an exception for people with disabilities from having to go for Jihaad, due to Abdullah asking Rasulallah ﷺ about his own case.

