

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
Suratul-Mootafeefeen

Quick Facts about Suratul-Mootufeeeen

Some scholars say that Suratul-Mootufeeeen was revealed in **Madinah**, and others say it was revealed in **Makkah**¹, but Allah knows best.

Suratul-Mootufeeeen gets its name from the word "**Mootufeeeen**" in the first ayah. This word means "the cheaters" (i.e. those who give less, or take more, than what is due).

What is Suratul-Mootufeeeen all about?

Suratul-Mootufeeeen tells us all about the people who **cheat** others of their wealth, **deny** Yowmul-Qiyaamah, and **laugh at the believers**.

Because there are sinful people like that, Allah tells us that He has two books, **Sijjeen and Illeeyeen**. Sijjeen is a record of the sinful people who will be punished in Jahannam, and Illeeyeen is the record of the righteous people, who will be rewarded with Jannah.

**Which book do you want
your name in?**

**Now let's get ready to learn what
Suratul-Mootafee'en is all about!**

We will start by learning **10 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!**

10 NEW WORDS!*

woe!

وَيْلٌ

(way-loon)

cheaters

مُطَفِّفِينَ

(moo-tuf-fee-feen)

mankind

النَّاسِ

(an-naas)

or

أَوْ

(ow)

mighty

عَظِيمٍ

('a-theem)

worlds

الْعَالَمِينَ

(al-'aa-la-meen)

record/register/book

كِتَابٌ / كِتَابٌ

(kee-taab)

the wicked (people)

الْفَجَّارِ

(al-fooj-jaar)

Sij-jeen

(i.e. the book that records the wicked people)

سِجِّينَ / سِجِّينَ

(sij-jeen)

Il-leey-yeen / Il-leey-yeen

(i.e. the book that records the righteous people)

عِلِّيُّونَ / عِلِّيُّونَ

(il-leey-yeen/il-leey-yoon)

Now that you know your words,
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'aathah²...

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 Basmallah³...

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 a little more about why Suratul-Mootufeeeen was revealed...

A story of cheaters!

Many of the ayaat (verses) in the Qur'aan have a story behind them that tells why they were revealed. This story is called...

Asbaab

An-Noozool

The Asbaab An-Noozool of Suratul-Mootufeeeen is all about cheaters!⁴

Some scholars say that when Rasulullah ﷺ first moved to **Madinah** (after the Hijrah), he found that many of the merchants in the market were **cheaters**.

The merchants had all kinds of **tricks** they played in order to cheat others out of their wealth.

Some transactions were like gambling. In these, they would **throw a pebble** on specific merchandise without stipulating any terms, or agreeing to any contract. (Munabadhah)

In another type of sale, the buyer would **touch the merchandise** without looking at it and then be forced to purchase it. (Mulamasah)

Still other transactions involved both the seller and the buyer **risking loss** on both sides. (Mukhatarah)



There were even merchants like a man named **Abu Juhaynah**, who had **two scales** for measuring.

He used one scale when he sold things to people (it measured **less** than what was purchased), and another scale when he bought something for himself (which measured **more** than what he purchased).

The merchants of Madinah were the **worst kind of cheaters!** They were just like the people at the time of Prophet Shu'aybؑ, who were destroyed by Allah for cheating.

So Allah revealed Suratul-Mootufeeeen, and Rasulullahﷺ went to the marketplace and recited it.

As soon as the merchants realized what they were doing was wrong, **they stopped doing it.** Then they became the **most honest of merchants,**
Alhamdulillah!



Two lessons we can learn from this story...

1. **Allah does not expect the believers to be perfect and never make mistakes**, but He does expect us to listen right away, and change our behavior, when we learn about those things that He dislikes or has forbidden.
2. **Some sins are very hard to see because everyone around us is doing them.** If we do not do the same as everyone else, it seems as if we will be losers or left out, but that is not the case. Allah will give us in this life and the next if we are good, but if we cheat, we only get a little gain in this life (and it isn't much at that). Then we will have nothing at all but punishment in the hereafter.

Now it is time to learn the Tafseer
of Suratul-Mootuf-eefeen...

“Woe to those who give less [than due],”
(Way-lool-lil-mootuf-fee-feen)

وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ ﴿١﴾

“Who, when they take a measure from people, take in full.”
(Al-la-thee-na ee-thak-taa-loo ‘a-lan-naa-see yus-tow-foon)

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَكْتَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ

يَسْتَوْفُونَ ﴿٢﴾

“But if they give by measure or by weight to them, they cause loss.”
(Wa-ee-thaa kaa-loo-hoom ow wa-za-noo-hoom yukh-see-roon)

وَإِذَا كَالُوهُمْ أَوْ وَزَنُوهُمْ يُخْسِرُونَ ﴿٣﴾

Allah hates CHEATERS!

Cheaters are people who take things that do not belong to them.

They think that by taking what is not theirs, they will be happy. But Allah says...
No! The cheaters will be very sad.

Cheaters will be completely and utterly destroyed by Allah because of their injustice to others.

What is cheating?

Cheating is something that human beings often do, thinking that they are being **smart**, or that they are really **good at business**.

But someone can be smart, and good at business, without cheating.

For example... If you buy something for a very low price, even though you know it is worth much more (but the seller does not realize it), **that is cheating**.

If you eat fruits and vegetables at the market as you shop, without paying for them, **that is cheating**.

If you copy CD's, videos, and books that are copyrighted, in order to share them with others (even if it is for free), **that is cheating**.

If you walk out of the store without paying for something (accidentally), but then decide not to go back in and pay for it, **that is cheating**.

If a taxpayer lies on their taxes, so that they pay less in taxes to the government, **that is cheating**.

If an employer does not pay their employees properly for their work, **that is cheating**.

If a merchant sells cheap, fake items for the price of genuine, expensive products, **that is cheating**.

Can you think of another way that people cheat? Write your example below...

“Do they not think that they will be resurrected?”
(A-laa ya-thoon-noo oo-laa-ee-ka an-na-hoom mab-‘oo-thoon)

أَلَا يَظُنُّ أُولَئِكَ أَنَّهُمْ مَبْعُوثُونَ

“For a tremendous Day,”
(Lee-yow-min ‘a-theem)

لِيَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ

“The Day when mankind will stand before the Lord of the worlds?”
(Yow-ma ya-qoo-moon-naa-soo lee-rub-bil-‘aa-la-meen)

يَوْمَ يَقُومُ النَّاسُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Allah asks some questions ...

Don't cheaters think that Allah
knows what they are doing?

Don't cheaters think that Allah
will judge them?

Don't cheaters know that they will
return to Allah on Yowmul-Qiyaamah?

Allah wants the cheaters to think
about what they are doing and to
stop. If they do not stop being unjust,
there will be **consequences...**

“No! Indeed, the record of the wicked is in Sijjeen.”
(Kal-laa in-na kee-taa-bal-fooj-jaa-ree la-fee sij-jeen)

كَلَّا إِنَّ كِتَابَ الْفُجَّارِ لَفِي سِجِّينٍ

“And what can make you know what is Sijjeen?”
(Wa-maa ad-raa-ka maa sij-jeen)

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا سِجِّينٌ

“It is [their destination recorded in] a register inscribed.”
(Kee-taa-boon mar-qoom)

كِتَابٌ مَّرْقُومٌ

What consequences?

Allah says in this ayah that all sinful people, including the cheaters, are listed in a book.

This book is called...

SIJ-JEEN

The name Sijjeen comes from the Arabic word for "**prison**" (sijn).

The people mentioned in Sijjeen will be **imprisoned in the hell fire** because of their sins.

You see, cheaters usually are very careful with their money, and keep records, or accounts, of all the money they have cheated other people of, so they can feel happy about how "rich" and successful" they are.

Their record is one of injustice.

But Allah has a record as well. Allah's record is called Sijjeen. In it, Allah records all of those who are unjust and need to be punished.

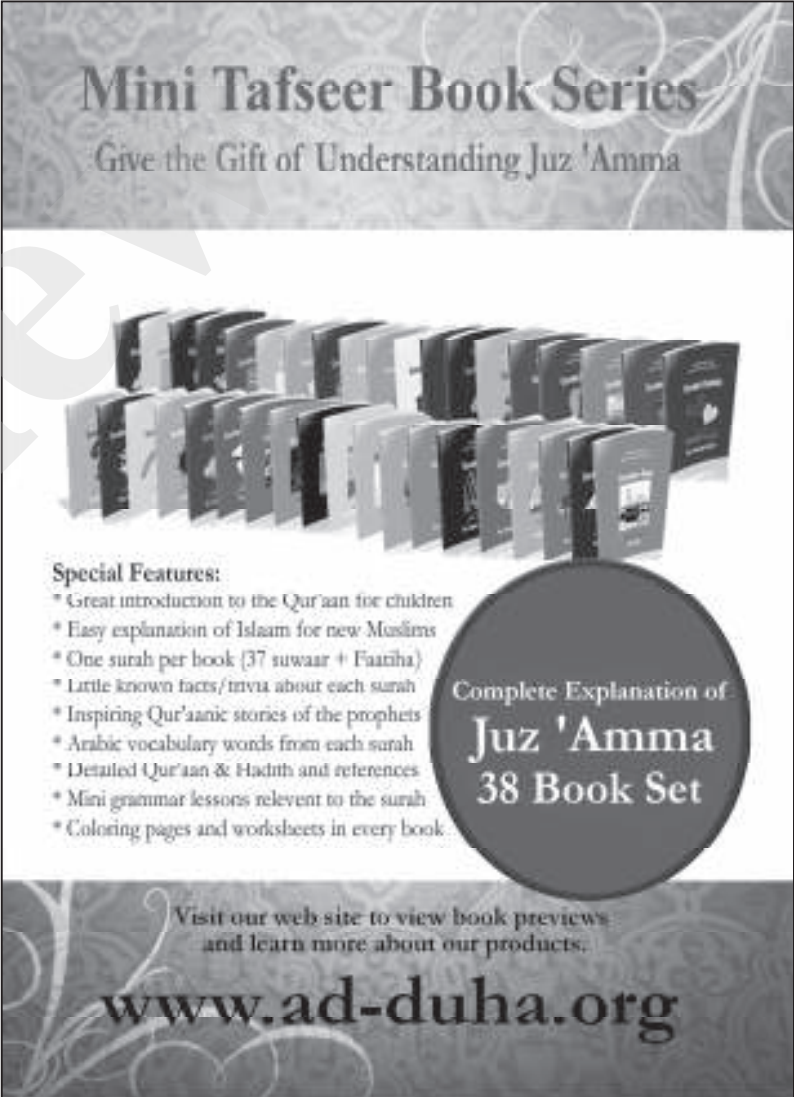
Allah's record, Sijjeen, is one of justice.

Sijjeen has no mistakes in it, and it does not leave out any unjust person who deserves to be in it. Everyone mentioned in Sijjeen will go to Jahannam.



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