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How to Use These Books

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-Masad

Quick Facts About Suratul-Masad...

Suratul-Masad was
revealed in **Makkah**.

Suratul-Masad is also known as
“**Surah Tab-bat**” & “**Surah Lahab**”

Suratul-Masad is about
Rasulullah's ﷺ uncle & aunt,
Abu Lahab & Umm Jameel.

Abu Lahab's real name was Abdul-'Uzza,
but he was called **Abu Lahab**
(meaning "Father of Flames") because his
face was always **bright red**, like a fire,
due to his bad temper.

So what is Suratul-Masad all about?

Suratul-Masad is all about how
Abu Lahab and his wife, **Umm Jameel**,
will be punished for fighting against
Rasulullah ﷺ and Islaam.

Let's get ready to learn more about Suratul-Masad...

We will start by learning **4 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!

4 NEW WORDS!

Vocabulary List

Keep a look out for the following vocabulary words while you read! These words will help you remember the meaning of Suratul-Masad, insha-Allah!

hands	يَدَا (ya-daaa)
fire	نَارًا (naa-run)
firewood	الْحَطَبِ (al-ha-tub)
rope	حَبْلٍ (hub-loon)

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

You see, Allah and Rasulallah ﷺ have taught us the **right way** to do everything, even the right way to start reciting from the Qur'aan!

There are **two things** we should say before we start reading a surah from the Qur'aan, and you will learn about these two things right now...



Color in your numbers!

#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 Entirely Merciful,
the Especially 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
about Suratul-Masad...

A story filled with hate...

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

Asbaab

An-Noozool

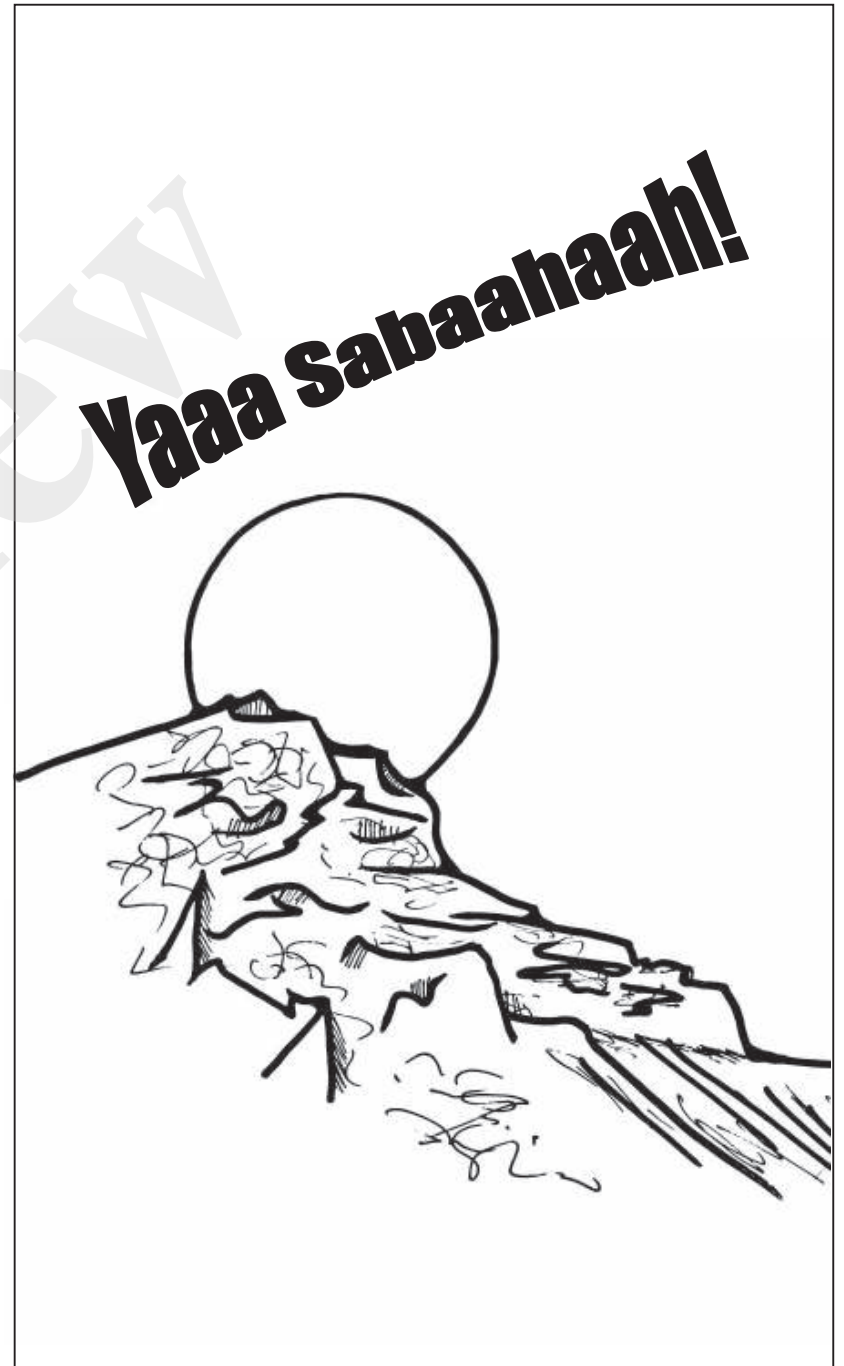
The story behind the revelation of Suratul-Masad is about **hatred and anger**...

You see, Rasulullah ﷺ wanted to make **Dawah** to his people (this means talking to them about Islaam), but not everyone wanted to listen.

Rasulullah ﷺ started by going to the valley of Al-Batha in Makkah and climbing up **Mount Safa**.³ When he got to the top of the mountain he called to the people....

Yaaa Sa-baa-haah!

...which means,
"Oh people come here!"



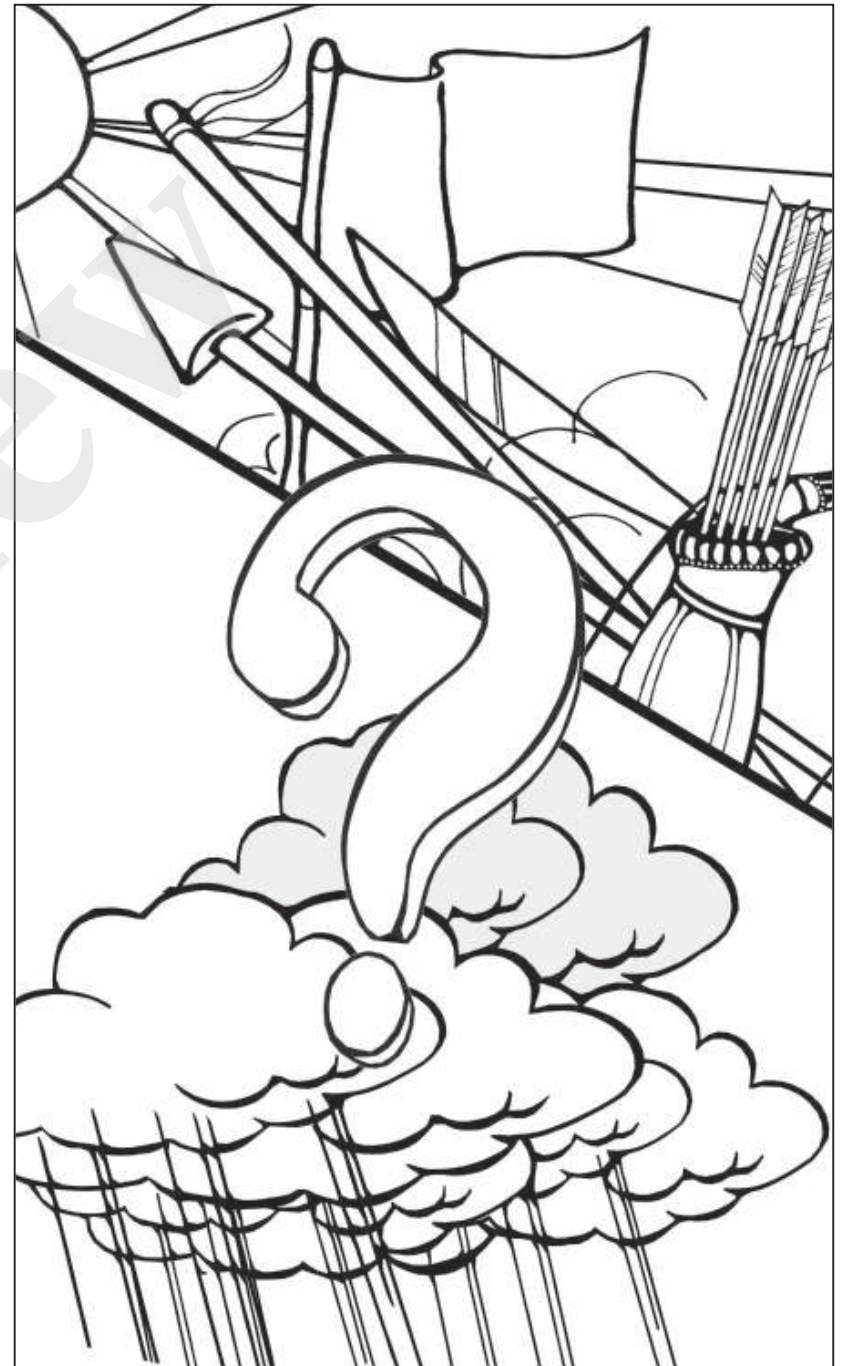
This was the custom in Makkah if you had something **really important** to say to the people; you would climb up to a high place and call them. Usually, this was done when an army was coming to attack, or a huge storm was about to begin, **but this time it was different...**

Rasulullah ﷺ started by asking a question...

“If I told you all that an enemy was going to attack you in the morning, or in the evening, would you all believe me?”

They all trusted Rasulallah ﷺ because they knew **he never told lies**. They knew he would never trick them. So the people said, yes, they would believe him.

Everyone waited for the news...



Then Rasulullah ﷺ told them...

“Verily, I am a warner (sent) to you all before the coming of a severe torment!”

Rasulullah ﷺ wanted to teach his people about Islaam, so he started by warning them that Allah would punish them if they **did not stop worshiping idols.**

He had been telling his friends and family this for a while, but this was the **first time** he had spoken publicly to his people about Islaam.

Rasulullah's ﷺ uncle, **Abu Lahab**, who was among those who were listening, had already heard about Islaam from other people in Makkah, and he did not want to have anything to do with it.

He hated Islaam and was not going to keep quiet.

He was so angry that he did not even wait for Rasulullah ﷺ finish what he had to say. He just stood up, dusted his hands off and yelled at Rasulullah ﷺ...

**“Have you gathered us for this?
May you perish!”⁴**

Allah would not let Abu Lahab get away with treating His message and Rasulullah ﷺ this way. So, Allah revealed **Suratul-Masad** ⁵ to tell Abu Lahab that he was the one who was cursed, and he was the one who was going to perish.

Who was Abu Lahab?

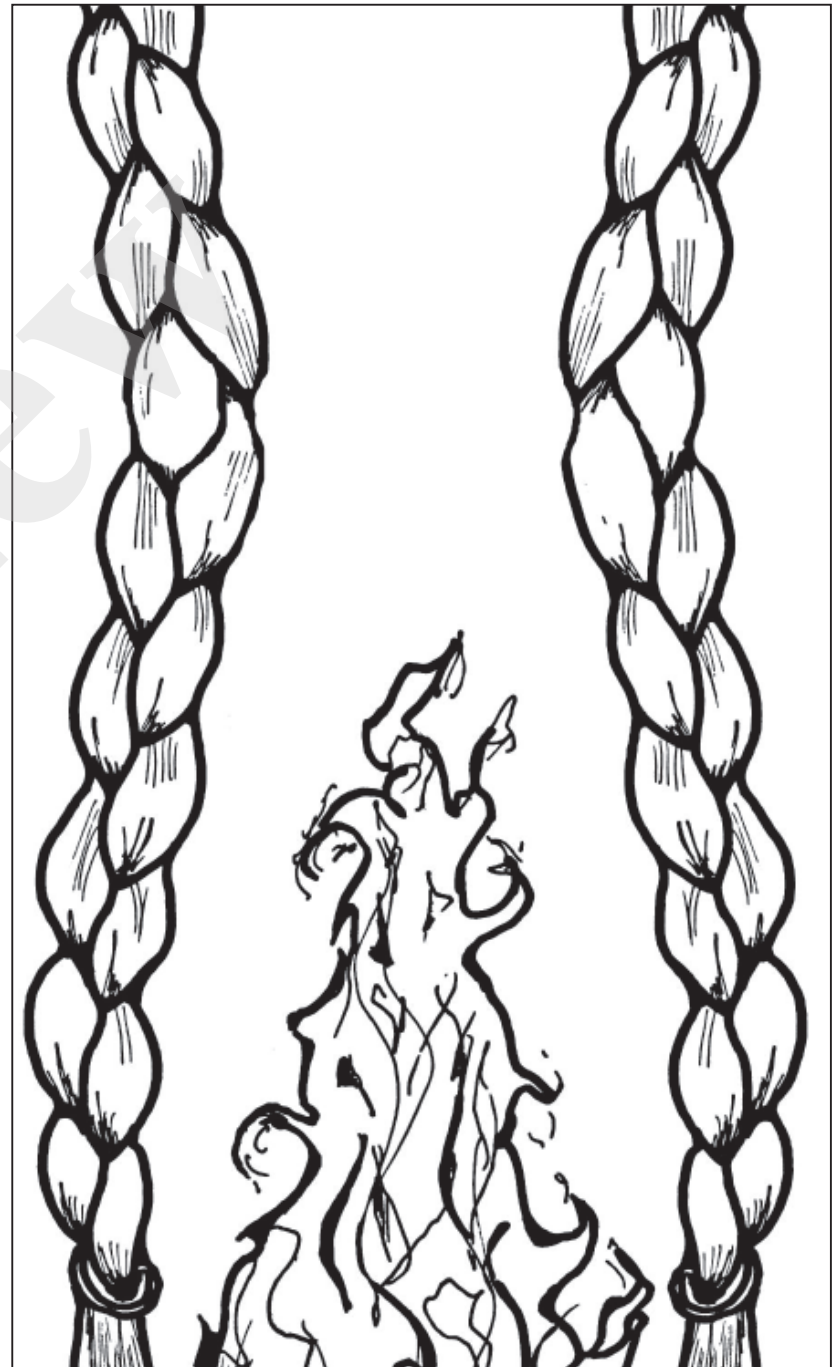
Abu Lahab was the **uncle** of Rasulullah ﷺ (the brother of Rasulullah's ﷺ father, Abdullah). Abu Lahab had long hair that he made into **two braids** on the sides of his head and his eyes were crossed (his eyes did not look straight ahead).⁶

His temper was so bad that he was called Abu Lahab (Father of the Flames), because his face was always **bright red like a fire** from being angry. He had the worst temper in Makkah!

The sad part is that uncles are supposed to love their nephews like their own sons⁷, but **Abu Lahab hated Rasulullah ﷺ** more than anyone else in Makkah.

Abu Lahab was also **very wealthy** and had **two sons**. In Makkan society having money and sons meant people listened to, and respected him.

Abu Lahab used all his power and influence to fight Rasulullah ﷺ and his message.



Abu Lahab did not just stop at words...

He looked for every single way to hurt Rasulullah ﷺ that he could find. Here are some of the things he did...

1. Abu Lahab's two sons, Utbah & Utaybah, were married to two of Rasulullah's ﷺ daughters, Umm Koolthoom & Ruqayah. But when Rasulullah ﷺ started teaching Islaam he ordered his two sons to **divorce their wives**, and they did!
2. Abu Lahab would **follow Rasulullah ﷺ wherever he went** and would tell people not to listen to him.⁹
3. When Rasulullah's ﷺ first son (Abdullah) died, Abu Lahab went out **celebrating**. You see, the Quraysh thought the more sons you had, the better. With Rasulullah's ﷺ only son at that time⁸ gone, Abu Lahab thought no one would listen to Rasulullah ﷺ anymore.

Abu Lahab was not alone in hating Rasulullah ﷺ. His wife hated Rasulullah ﷺ just as much.

Her full name was **Arwah bint Harb bin Umayyah**, but everyone called her by her Koon-ya (nickname) ¹⁰...

Umm Jameel

Umm Jameel was not just any ordinary Makkan woman. She was the wife of the wealthy and powerful Abu Lahab, as well as the **sister of the leader of Quraysh, Abu Sufyaan**.

Umm Jameel, was very important woman because of her wealth and the family she belonged to. She was also **arrogant and cruel** just like her husband, Abu Lahab.

What did Umm Jameel do that was so bad?

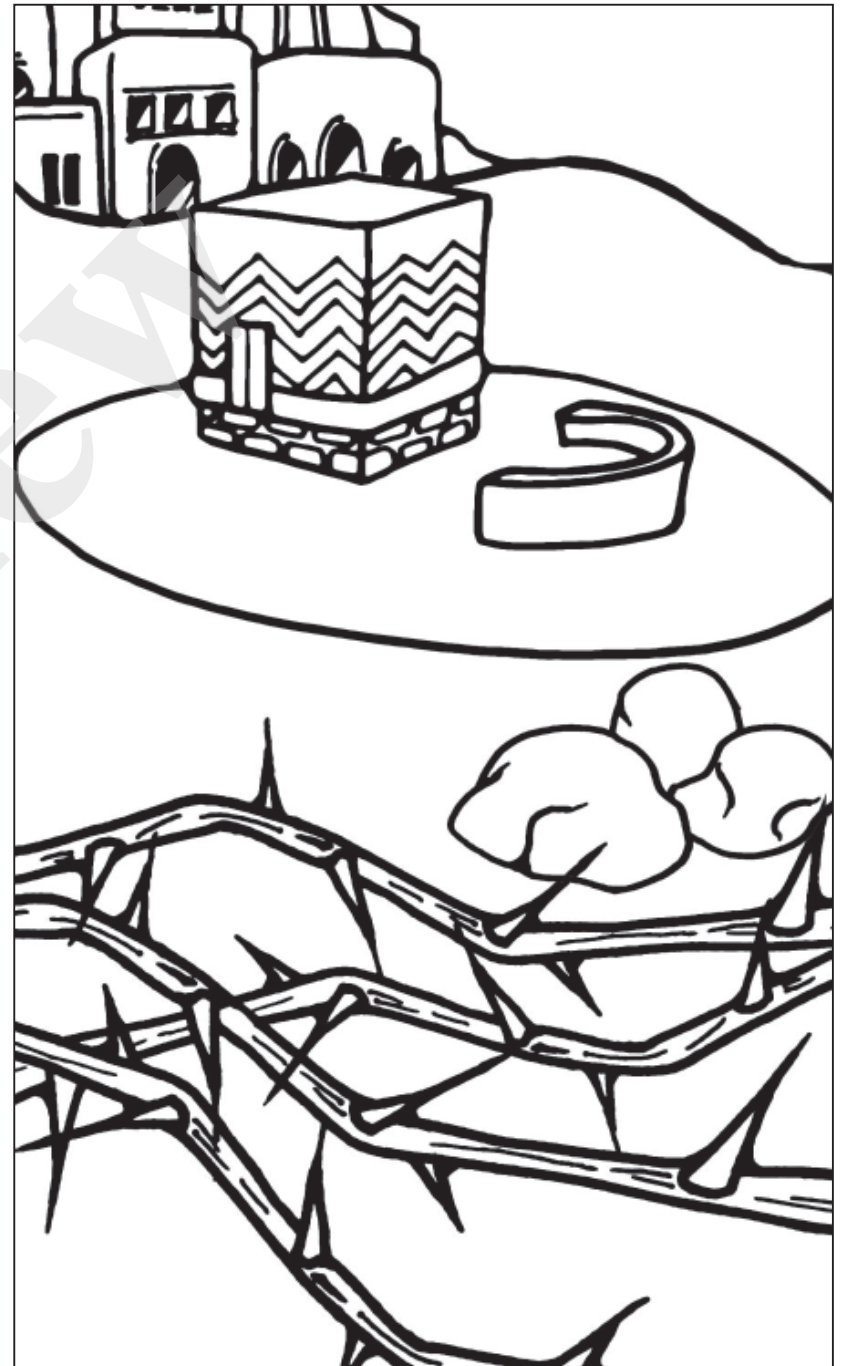
1. Once when Rasulullah ﷺ was sick and could not get up at night to pray for two or three days, Umm Jameel came to him and said, "It looks like your Shaytaan has left you!" ¹¹

She was trying to say that the Qur'aan was from Shaytaan and not Allah!

2. When Umm Jameel heard about Suratul-Masad she got so angry, she could not stand it! She rushed from her house, grabbed a stone, and headed for the Kaabah to **attack Rasulullah ﷺ**.

Rasulullah ﷺ saw her coming, but he recited a verse from the Qur'aan, and Allah made it that Umm Jameel could not see him. ¹² She stormed off still burning with the desire for **revenge**.

3. At night Umm Jameel would sneak over to Rasulullah's ﷺ house and place **thorny branches at the front door**, hoping that when he came out in the morning he would step on them and get hurt! ¹³



Because of **all the things** that
Abu Lahab and his wife did...

Allah revealed Suratul-Masad...

Suratul-Masad is a **message** for Abu
Lahab and Umm Jameel, and for
anyone who hates Islaam, like they did.

Allah **did not like** what Abu Lahab and
his wife were doing, so He sent them a
special message in Suratul-Masad, but
they did not like what the message said!

**Now let's learn what Allah said to
Abu Lahab and Umm Jameel in
Suratul-Masad...**