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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-Faatihah

Quick Facts about Suratul-Faatihah...

Suratul-Faatihah was **revealed in Makkah** before the Hijrah to Madinah.¹ (Makkah is the city where Rasulullah ﷺ was born, where the Kaabah is located, and where Rasulullah ﷺ first taught Islaam.)

Suratul-Faatihah has
seven verses.²

There are so many great things about Suratul-Faatihah that we cannot fit them all on this page! You will have to read the book to learn more about this **precious jewel of the Qur'aan.**

So what is Suratul-Faatihah all about?

It is about asking Allah for help. Allah will help us by **giving us two things** we want, and **protecting us from two things** we don't want because He loves us.

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

Now let's learn what makes
Suratul-Faatihah so...

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

The **first** thing that is **so special**
about Suratul-Faatihah is that it was the...

**First Complete
Surah!**

When Rasulullahﷺ started to receive revelation from Allah, it was usually only a few ayaat (verses) at a time, not a whole surah.

But when Allah sent Suratul-Faatiha, He sent it complete with **all seven ayaat at one time.**

That means Suratul-Faatiha was the **first complete surah** revealed to Rasulullahﷺ.

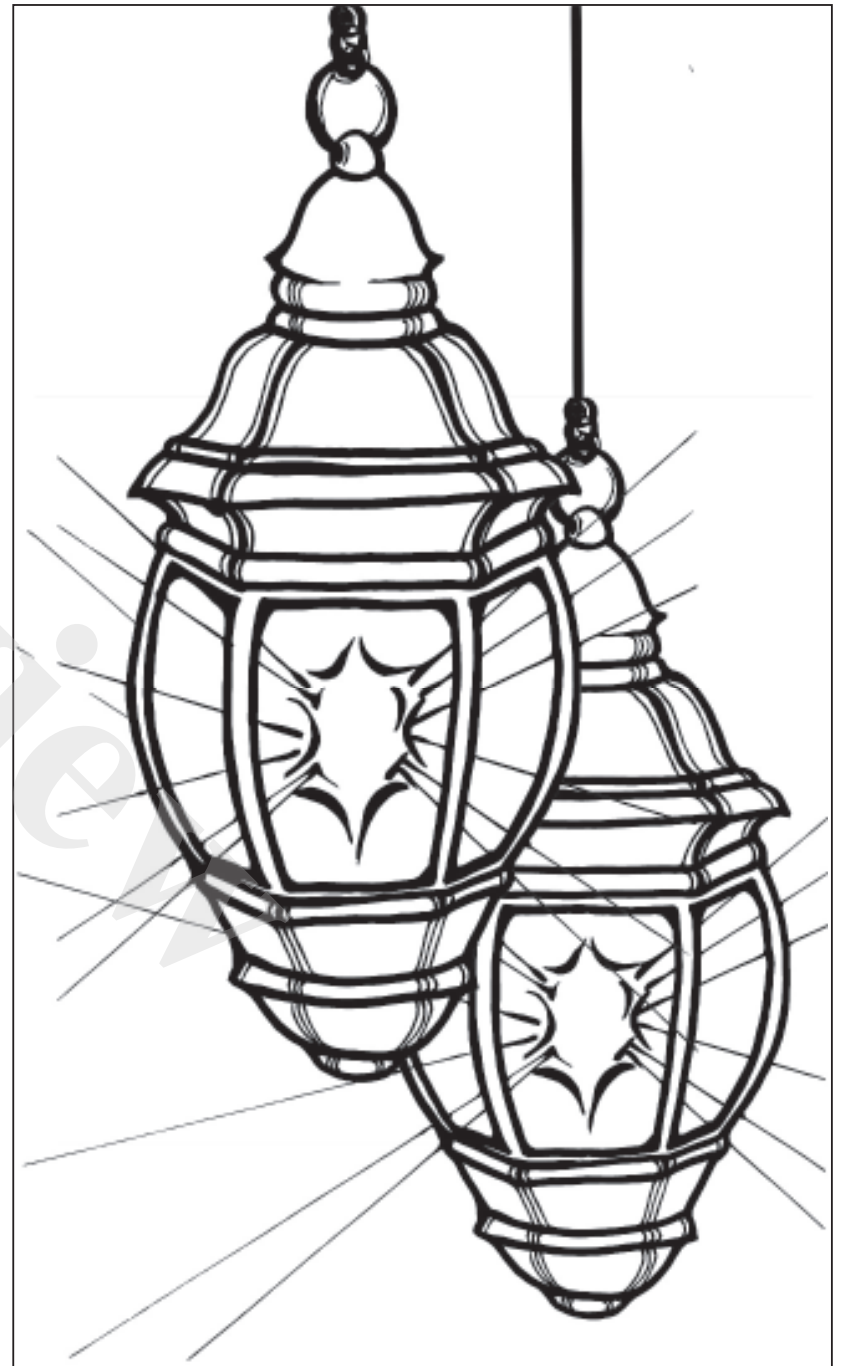


The **second** thing that is **so special** about Suratul-Faatihah is that it is...

One of Two Lights from Allah

Ibn 'Abbaas رضي الله عنه said, "While Angel Gibreel was with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, he heard a noise from above. Gibreel lifted his sight to the sky and said, 'This is a door in heaven being opened, and it has never been opened before now.' An angel descended from that door and came to the Prophet ﷺ and said, 'Receive the glad tidings of **two lights** that you have been given, which no other prophet before you was given: **The Opening of the Book (Suratul-Faatihah)** and the last ayaat³ of Suratul-Baqarah. You will not read a letter of them, but will gain its benefit.'"

(Sahih Muslim and An-Nasa'i)

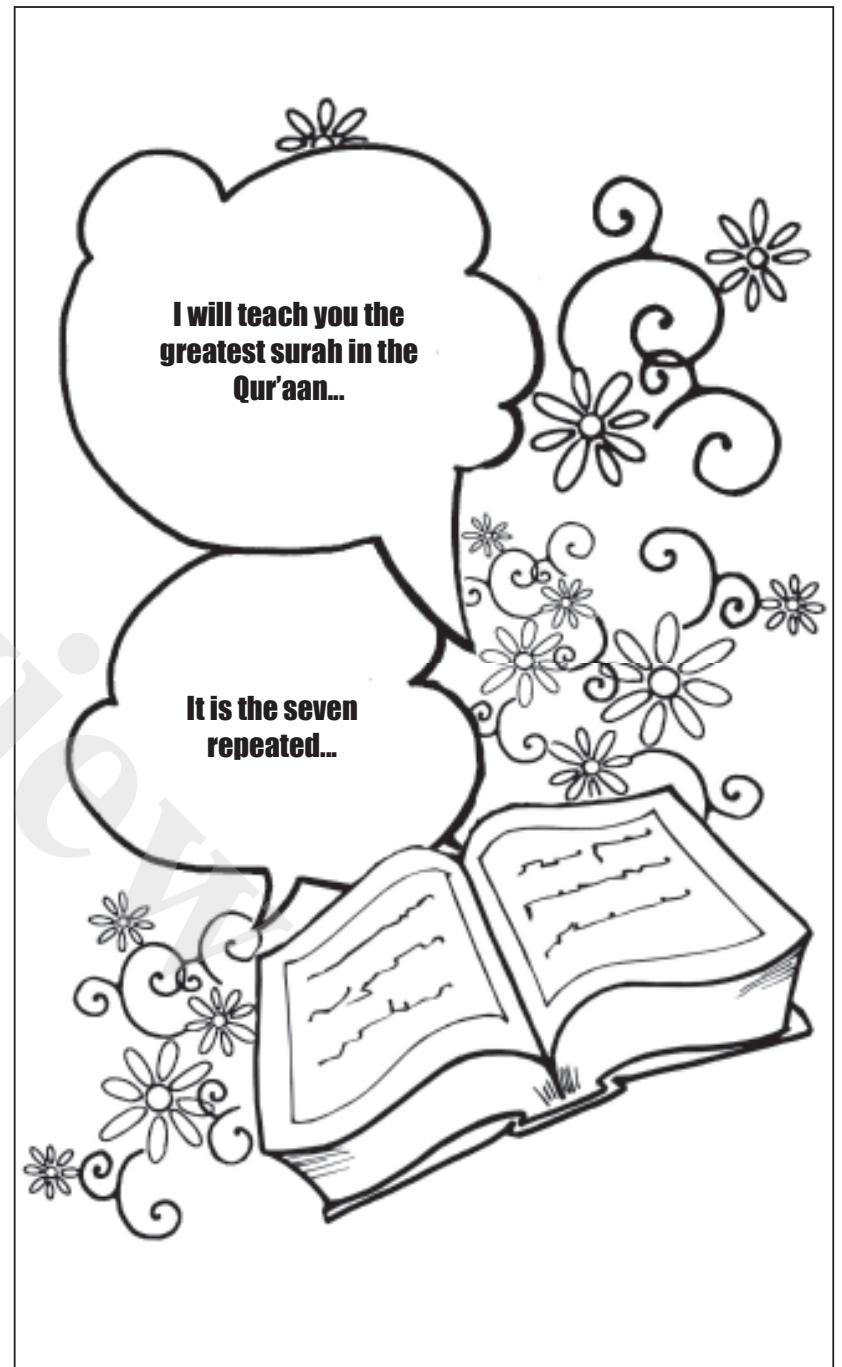


The **third** thing that is **so special** about Suratul-Faatiha is that it is...

The Greatest Surah in the Qur'aan!

Ubayy bin Ka`b رضي الله عنه reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said, "I will teach you the **greatest Surah in the Qur'an** before you leave the Masjid." He (the prophet) held my hand and when he was about to leave the Masjid, I said, "O Messenger of Allah ﷺ. You said, 'I will teach you the greatest Surah in the Qur'an.' He said, "Yes. It is the **seven repeated (verses)** (i.e. Suratul-Faatiha) and the Glorious Qur'an that I was given."

(Sahih Al-Bukhari, Abu Dawud, An-Nasaa'i, and Ibn Majah)



The **fourth** thing that is **so special** about Suratul-Faatiha is that it has...

Seven Names

You can remember that it has **seven names** because it also has **seven verses**.

Suratul-Faatiha's names are⁴...

- 1) **Umm Al-Ki-taab** (Mother of the Book)
- 2) **Umm Al-Qur'aan** (Mother of the Qur'aan)
- 3) **Sab'a Ma-thaa-neey** (Seven Repeated Verses)
- 4) **As-Sa-laah** (The Prayer)
- 5) **Al-Hamd** (The Praise)
- 6) **Ar-Rooq-yah** (The Cure for Evil Eye)
- 7) **Ash-Shi-faa'** (The Cure for Illness)

See the **Bonus Section** at the end of this book to learn more about what each of these names means.



The **fifth** and **most important** thing that is so special about Suratul-Faatihah is...

**Allah answers
every ayah we say!**

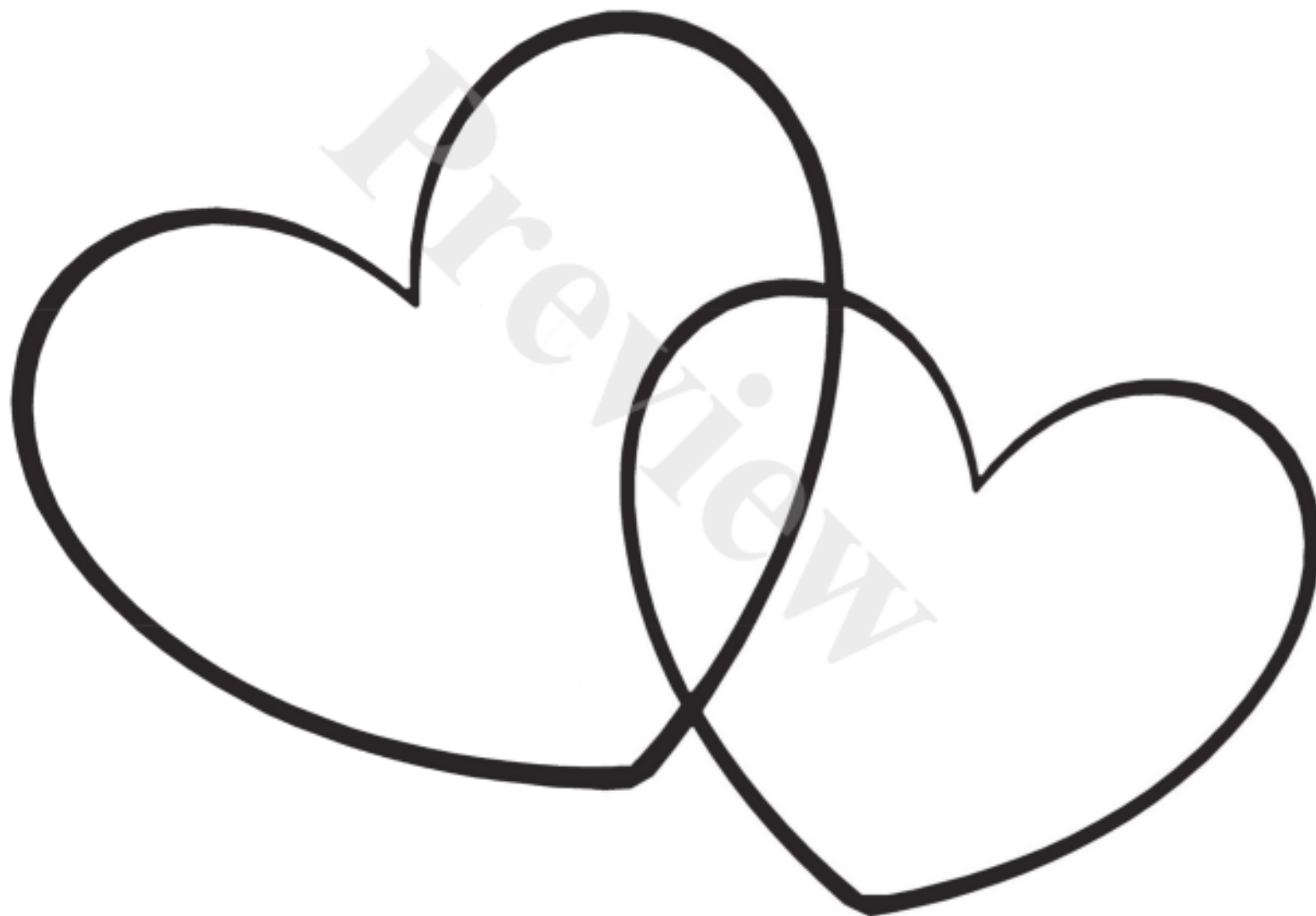
Suratul-Faatihah has **two parts**, one for us to say, and the other for Allah to say.⁵

AND that is not all...

Allah promises that we will get everything we ask for in this surah.⁶ Allah must love us very much.

How much do you...

...love Allah?



Now let's get ready to learn more about Suratul-Faatihah...

We will start by learning **4 new words** from the Qur'aan. These are words that are used in Suratul-Faatihah and in many other suwaar (that word is the plural of surah) that you will study as well.

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-Faatihah, insha-Allah.

the praise

الْحَمْدُ
(al-hamd)

The Merciful

الرَّحِيمِ
(ar-ra-heem)

people Allah is
angry with

الْمَغْضُوبِ
(al-mag-dooob)

people who go
away from the
right path

الضَّالِّينَ
(ad-daa-leen)

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

You see, Allah and Rasulallahﷺ 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...



#1 We say the Isti'aathah⁷...

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 Basmallah⁸...

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
what we say in
Suratul-Faatihah...

...and what Allah says
back to us!

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds,

(Al-ham-doo lil-laa-hee rab-bil 'aa-la-meen)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ

الْعَالَمِينَ

We say,

"Allah, You are the best. You are in charge of all the worlds."

Allah says,

"My servant has praised Me."

(That means we have said good things about Allah.)

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful:

(Ar-rah-maa-nir-ra-heem)

الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

We say.


“You are the one who gives us everything we need and takes care of us.”

Allah says.

“My servant has extolled Me.”

(That means that we know Allah is the only one who gives us every blessing that we have.)

What are some of the blessings Allah has given you?



Draw a picture in the box!