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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.*

Mini Tafseer Book Series

Suratuz-Zalzalah

Quick Facts about Suratuz-Zalzalah

Suratuz-Zalzalah was revealed in
Makkah.

This surah gets its name from the first ayah in which the words **Zoolzeelah**, and **Zilzal** occur. Both words have the same root, which means to shake violently (i.e. earthquake).

Suratuz-Zalzalah is also sometimes called "Suratuz-Zilzaal".

So what is Suratuz-Zalzalah all about?

Suratuz-Zalzalah is about the things that will happen on Yowmul-Qiyaamah, like the **terrible shaking of the Earth**, and the **finiest good and bad deeds being counted.**

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

**Now let's learn what makes
Suratuz-Zalzalah so...**

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

**Suratuz-Zalzalah is
so special because¹...**

It is one of **9 suwaar** (chapters) in the Qur'aan named after **Yowmul-Qiyaamah**, or something that will happen on Yowmul-Qiyaamah. These suwaar are...

1. Waaqi'ah (The Event)
2. Haaqqah (The Reality)
3. Qiyaamah (The Rising of the Dead)
4. Takweer (The Overthrowing)
5. Infitaar (The Cleaving)
6. Inshiqaaq (The Sundering)
7. Gaashiyah (The Overwhelming Event)
- 8. Zalzalah (The Earthquake)**
9. Qaari'ah (The Calamity)

Now that we have learned what is so special about Suratuz-Zalzalah, let's get ready to learn what Suratuz-Zalzalah is all about!

We will start by learning **6 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!

6 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 Suratuz-Zalzalah, insha-Allah!

earthquake/shaken زُلْزَلَتْ / زَلَزَالَهَا
(zool-ze-la-tee/zil-zaa-laa-haa)

the earth الْأَرْضُ
(al-ard)

says قَالَ
(qaa-laa)

atom's weight
(i.e. the smallest particle of weight)
ذَرَّةً
(dhar-ra-tin)

good خَيْرًا
(khay-run)

evil/bad شَرًّا
(shar-run)

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'aadhah²...

I seek refuge with Allah from the cursed Shaytaan.

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

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ
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 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
Suratuz-Zalzalah says...

The Tiniest Story!

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

This will be a short story because it is about the tiniest things! ⁴

It all adds up!

At the time of Rasulullah ﷺ there were two men who thought that **little things are not important.**

The first man thought that doing **little good deeds**, like giving a poor person some bread or a date, are not worth it. He thought Allah would not reward him for something so **small.**

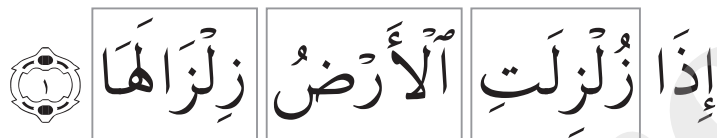
The second man thought that doing **little bad deeds**, like saying bad words or looking at something Haraam, are not a big deal. He thought Allah would not punish him for something so **small.**

Guess what?

They were both **wrong**, and Allah revealed Suratuz-Zalzalah to teach us that every little thing counts, good or bad. Let's find out more...

“When the earth is shaken with its (final) earthquake,”

(E-thaa zool-zee-la-til-ar-doo zil-zaa-la-haa)



Allah starts by telling us...

The Earth will shake on Yowmul-Qiyaamah. It will shake as much as something can possibly shake.

This will be the Earth's biggest and final...

EARTHQUAKE!

“And the earth discharges its burdens,”

(Wa-akh-ra-ja-til-ar-doo ath-qaa-la-haa)

وَأُخْرِجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا

The Earth will shake so much on Yowmul-Qiyaamah that it will break apart and everything that is inside it will be...

THROWN OUT!



What will be thrown out of the Earth?

1. **Valuable Gemstones**
(like diamonds, sapphires, and emeralds)
2. **Precious Metals**
(like gold, silver, and platinum)
3. **Resurrected Creatures**
(like human beings and animals who had died and been buried)
4. **Other things** that only Allah knows about.

And you know what?

No one will care,⁵ they will leave everything alone because all they will be worried about is themselves!

“And man says: 'What is (wrong) with it?’”

(Wa-qaa-lal-in-saa-noo maa la-haa)

وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا هَٰذَا

Allah tells us...

People will be very **scared** when all of this happens.

They will not understand why the Earth is shaking so much and everything is being thrown out...

People will say,

**What
is
WRONG
With
THE
EARTH!!!?**



“That Day it will report its news:”

(Yow-ma-ee-thin too-had-dee-thoo akh-baa-ra-haa)

يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا ﴿٤﴾

“Because your Lord has inspired (i.e. commanded) it.”

(Bee-an-na rab-ba-ka ow-haa la-haa)

بِأَنَّ رَبَّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا ﴿٥﴾

That's not all...

The Earth will also **tell** Allah everything that we did on it.

The Earth will do this because Allah told it to, and the Earth **has to listen to Allah**.

So, just like the Earth will shake and throw out everything that is inside it, everything that we did in our lives will come out in the open, too.