

11 Questions

Every Muslim Child Should Feel Safe Asking

Simple, Age-Appropriate Answers to Big Questions About Allah,
Islam, Life and Faith

A Norulamal Parent & Child Guide

Who created
Allah?





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Let the questions begin.

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The essential Islamic concepts every Muslim child should understand.



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A Note for Parents

Some of the questions children ask about Allah, Islam and life can sound very simple.

But explaining them in a way that is accurate, calm and easy for a child to understand is not always simple.

Sometimes a child asks:

“Who created Allah?”

“Why am I Muslim?”

“Why does Allah want me to worship Him?”

or:

“Why do bad things happen?”

And as parents, we may know what we believe...

but still wonder how to explain it without making the answer too complicated, too frightening, or too vague.

That is why we created this guide.

The goal is not to give your child a list of sentences to memorise.

It is to help you begin meaningful conversations.

Conversations where your child feels safe enough to ask.

Safe enough to think.

Safe enough to say:

“I don’t understand yet.”

You do not need to have every answer immediately.

Sometimes one of the best things a parent can say is:

“That is an important question. Let’s learn the answer together.”

As you read, give your child time to speak before you explain.

Listen to what they really mean.

A simple question may sometimes be hiding a much bigger thought.

And remember:

The goal is not simply to finish the book.

**The goal is to help your child grow in understanding,
confidence and love for their faith.**

How to Use This Book

You do not need to read this book from beginning to end in one sitting.

Take your time.

You might explore one question today...

and another next week.

Before reading the answer, ask your child:

“What do you think?”

Then listen.

Let them explain the question in their own words.

Sometimes the way a child asks a question tells you just as much as the question itself.

There is no embarrassment in asking a sincere question.

If your child says, “I don’t understand,” that is not a failure.

It is the beginning of learning.

Use the Quick Check questions to see what they understood — not to create pressure or turn the book into an exam.

Use the activities when they help.

Talk about the questions together.

And if one answer leads to another question...

write it down.

You do not need to solve every question today.

Let the conversation grow with your child.



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Getting to Know Allah

Before we understand ourselves...
we begin with the One who created us.

Who is Allah?

Did anyone create Him?

And where is He?

These questions are where our journey begins.

Let's get to know our Creator.





QUESTION 01

Who Is Allah?

That might sound like a simple question... but it is the most important question we can ask.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Allah is our Creator and our Lord.

He is the One true God.

He created us and everything around us.

Allah is One. He is perfect. He has always existed, and He will always exist.

Nothing is like Allah, and only Allah deserves our worship.



LET'S UNDERSTAND IT

Look around you.

People. Animals. Trees. The sky. The stars. Even you and me.

All of these things are created.

They did not create themselves.

But Allah is different from everything He created.

Allah is the Creator — not part of the creation.

He does not need food, sleep, parents, children, money, help, or anything else.

We need Allah.

Allah does not need us.

He knows everything. He hears everything. He sees everything.

And even when nobody else knows what is happening in your heart, Allah knows.

ALLAH TEACHES US

سُورَةُ الْإِخْلَاصِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ
اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ
لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

“Say: He is Allah, the One.

Allah, the One everyone depends upon.

He neither has children nor was He born.

And there is nothing equal to Him.”

— Surah Al-Ikhlās, 112:1-4

WHAT DOES THIS TEACH US?

It teaches us that:

Allah is One.

Everyone needs Allah, but Allah needs no one.

Allah was not born and does not have parents or children.

Nothing and no one is like Allah.

THINK ABOUT IT

Sometimes we understand new things by comparing them with things we already know.

But with Allah, we have to remember something very important:

Allah is not like anything we can see or imagine.

So we do not try to make a picture of Allah in our minds.

Instead, we learn about Allah from what He has told us about Himself in the Qur'an and what the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ taught us.

REMEMBER THIS

Allah is my Creator and my Lord. He is One, He is perfect, and nothing is like Him. Only Allah deserves my worship.



QUICK CHECK

1. Who created us and everything around us?

- ☐ A. People
- ☐ B. Allah
- ☐ C. The stars

2. True or False?

Allah needs people to help Him.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False



QUICK CHECK

3. Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. Allah is like us, but much stronger.
- ☐ B. Allah is part of the universe.
- ☐ C. Nothing is like Allah.

4. Surah Al-Ikhlâs teaches us that Allah is:

- ☐ A. One
- ☐ B. One of many gods
- ☐ C. Created



TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Ask each other:

What is one thing you learned about Allah today that you want to remember?

Then finish this sentence:

“I know Allah is...”

Write or say one truth you learned.

FOR THE GROWN-UP

If your child asks what Allah looks like, you do not need to invent an image or comparison.

Gently remind them:

Allah tells us that nothing is like Him. We learn about Allah through what He has revealed to us, without trying to imagine what He is like.

QUESTION 02

Who Created Allah?

Have you ever wondered: “If Allah created everything... then who created Allah?”

That is a thoughtful question.

And the answer helps us understand something very important about who Allah is.

THE SHORT ANSWER

No one created Allah.

Allah is the Creator — He is not created.

Allah has no beginning and no end.

He has always existed, and He will always exist.

Everything else depends on Allah. Allah depends on no one.

LET'S UNDERSTAND IT

When we look at the things around us, we know they had a beginning.

A tree began as a tiny seed.

A building had to be built.

You had a beginning too.

The universe and everything inside it are part of Allah's creation.

But Allah is different.

Allah did not begin to exist.

He was not born.

Nobody made Him.

Nobody came before Him.

Allah has always existed.

That is one of the differences between the Creator and the creation.

BUT WAIT...

You might be thinking:

“How can Allah have always existed?”

It can feel difficult to imagine because almost everything we know has a beginning.

We had a beginning.

Our parents had a beginning.

The Earth had a beginning.

The stars had a beginning.

So our minds are used to thinking that everything must have started somewhere.

But we should not make Allah like His creation.

Allah is not limited by the rules of the things He created.

We may not be able to imagine what it is like to have no beginning.

But we can still understand the truth Allah has taught us:

Allah was always there.

ALLAH TEACHES US

سُورَةُ الْحَدِيدِ
هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ

“He is the First and the Last.”

— Surah Al-Hadid, 57:3

WHAT DOES “THE FIRST” MEAN?

It means there was nothing before Allah.

Allah did not come after someone else.

He did not need anyone to create Him.

And He did not suddenly begin to exist.

Allah has always been Allah.

THINK ABOUT IT

Suppose we asked:

“Who created Allah?”

And someone answered:

“Someone else created Him.”

Then Allah would not be the Creator of everything — He would be something that was created too.

And then we could ask:

“Who created the one who created Him?”

And then:

“Who created that one?”

The question would never end.

But Allah teaches us where everything truly begins:

There is a Creator who was never created.

That Creator is Allah.

REMEMBER THIS

Allah created everything, but no one created Allah. He has no beginning and no end. Allah is the First, and nothing existed before Him.

QUICK CHECK

1. Who created Allah?

- ☐ A. Someone stronger than Allah
- ☐ B. No one
- ☐ C. The universe

2. True or False?

Allah had a beginning just like everything else.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

QUICK CHECK

3. What does it mean when Allah tells us He is “the First”?

- ☐ A. Allah was the first person ever born.
- ☐ B. Nothing existed before Allah.
- ☐ C. Allah was created before everything else.

4. Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. Allah is the Creator and is not created.
- ☐ B. Allah is part of the creation.
- ☐ C. Allah needed someone to make Him.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Think about this question:

Why is Allah different from everything He created?

Try to explain the answer in your own words.

Then complete this sentence:

“Allah does not have a beginning because...”

FOR THE GROWN-UP

If your child asks, “Who created Allah?”, do not make them feel that they have asked something bad or disrespectful.

Children naturally connect ideas together:

“If everything was created, who created the Creator?”

The important distinction is to gently correct the first idea.

We do not believe that “everything has a creator.”

Rather, the things Allah created have a beginning, while Allah Himself is uncreated and has always existed.

Your child does not need to be able to imagine eternity in order to understand this truth.

QUESTION 03

Where Is Allah?

Maybe you have looked up at the sky and wondered:

“Where is Allah?”

That is an important question.

And Allah has already taught us the answer.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Allah is above all of His creation, over His Throne.

He is not inside the world He created.

He is not everywhere in the same way His creation is everywhere.

Allah is above His creation in a way that is perfect and suitable for Him.

And even though Allah is above us, He knows everything, hears everything, and sees everything.

LET'S UNDERSTAND IT

Allah created:

the Earth,
the sky,
the stars,
the angels,
people,
and everything else that exists.

Allah is not part of His creation.

The Creator is not the same as the things He created.

Allah tells us that He is above His creation and over His Throne.

We do not try to imagine how this is.

Why?

Because Allah is not like us.

He is not like anything we have seen.

And nothing can contain Allah or be greater than Him.

ALLAH TEACHES US

سُورَةُ طه

الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَىٰ

“The Most Merciful rose over the Throne.”

— Surah Taha, 20:5

This teaches us that Allah is above His creation, over His Throne.

But we do not ask:

“Exactly how?”

because Allah has not told us how.

We believe what Allah has told us about Himself without imagining Him to be like His creation.

BUT IF ALLAH IS ABOVE US... CAN HE STILL HEAR ME?

Yes. Always.

Allah does not need to be beside you to know what you say.

He hears every voice.

He sees everything.

He knows what is happening everywhere.

He even knows the thoughts and feelings you do not say out loud.

Nothing is hidden from Allah.

So when you make du'a quietly...

Allah hears you.

When you are scared and nobody else knows...

Allah knows.

When you do something good and nobody notices...

Allah sees it.

THINK ABOUT IT

There are two truths we should remember together:

Allah is above His creation.

and

Allah's knowledge is everywhere.

These do not contradict each other.

Allah is above us, and at the same time, nothing anywhere is hidden from Him.

REMEMBER THIS

Allah is above all of His creation, over His Throne, in a way that suits His greatness. He knows, hears, and sees everything.

QUICK CHECK

1. Where is Allah?

- ☐ A. Inside everything He created
- ☐ B. Above His creation, over His Throne
- ☐ C. Inside the Earth

2. True or False?

Because Allah is above His creation, He cannot hear us when we make du'a.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

QUICK CHECK

3. Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. Allah is part of the universe.
- ☐ B. Allah is just like His creation.
- ☐ C. Allah created the universe and is not part of it.

4. What should we do when we do not know how something about Allah is?

- ☐ A. Make up an answer
- ☐ B. Imagine Allah like something we know
- ☐ C. Believe what Allah has told us without trying to imagine how

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Imagine you make a very quiet du'a that nobody else can hear.

Does Allah hear it? How do you know?

Talk about one time when it feels comforting to remember:

“Allah knows what I am going through.”

FOR THE GROWN-UP

Children may naturally ask:

“If Allah is above the heavens, how can He hear me?”

Keep the answer simple.

Allah is above His creation, and at the same time His knowledge, hearing, and sight encompass everything.

Avoid telling a child:

“Allah is literally everywhere.”

That can blur the important distinction between the Creator and His creation.

Instead, help them hold both truths together:

Allah is above His creation, and nothing anywhere is hidden from Him.



The Big Questions About Me

Now that we have begun to know our Creator, we can ask some big questions about ourselves.

- Where did I come from?
- Why am I here?
- Where am I going?

These questions help us understand the story of our lives.

Let's explore the big questions about me.



04 — Where Did I Come From?

“Mum... where did I come from?”

That little question
can actually mean
something very big.

Where did I begin?
Who decided that I
would exist?
And how did I
become... me?

Let's find out.



THE SHORT ANSWER

Allah created you.

He chose for you to exist.

He created you and allowed you to grow inside your mother's womb (belly), little by little, until the day you were born.

You did not appear by accident.

Allah knew about you before anyone else ever met you.

And every human being belongs to one big human family that began with Adam and Hawwa.

LET'S UNDERSTAND IT

There was a time when nobody on Earth had ever seen your face.

Nobody had heard your voice.

You had never taken a breath.

You had never laughed.

You had never said your first word.

And then Allah chose for you to come into this world.

YOUR LIFE BEGAN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN

You started your life inside your mother's womb (belly).

At first, you were incredibly small.

Then, by Allah's permission, you grew.

Little by little.

YOUR LIFE BEGAN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN

Your body formed.

Your heart began to beat.

And when the time Allah had chosen arrived...

you were born.

You entered the world knowing almost nothing.

You could not walk.

You could not talk.

You could not feed yourself.

But Allah gave you lovely parents to care for you and abilities that would grow with you.

Allah Teaches Us

سُورَةُ النَّحْلِ
وَاللَّهُ أَخْرَجَكُمْ مِنْ بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا

“And Allah brought you out of your mothers’ wombs knowing nothing...”

— Surah An-Nahl, 16:78

The verse continues by reminding us that Allah gave us hearing, sight, and hearts so that we may be grateful to Him.

Think about that.

There was a time when you could not even say your own name.

Everything you have learned since then came after Allah brought you into this world and gave you the ability to learn.

BUT WHERE DID ALL PEOPLE COME FROM?

Your story is also part of a much bigger story.

Allah created the first human being:

Adam عليه السلام

Then Allah created his wife, Hawwa.

And from them came the human family.

Different countries.

Different languages.

Different skin colours.

Different families.

But all of us share the same human beginning.

We are all children of Adam.

So you are not an accident floating through a world with no beginning or meaning.

You are part of the human story that Allah began.

Think About It

You did not choose:

the day you would be born,
your first family,
what your face would look like,
or many of the things that made you... you.

Yet here you are.

Alive.

Learning.

Thinking.

Asking questions.

Your existence is not something small.

Allah chose for you to have a life.

And that naturally leads to an even bigger question...

Why?

Why did Allah create me?

We will discover that next.

Remember This

Allah created me and chose for me to exist. I began my life in my mother's womb (belly), and I am part of the human family that began with Adam and Hawwa. My life is not an accident.

QUICK CHECK

1. Who created you?

- ☐ A. You created yourself
- ☐ B. Allah
- ☐ C. Nobody knows

2. True or False?

We entered the world already knowing everything we needed to know.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

QUICK CHECK

3. Where did you grow before you were born?

- ☐ A. Inside your mother's womb
- ☐ B. In the sky
- ☐ C. Inside the Earth

4. Who was the first human being Allah created?

- ☐ A. Musa عليه السلام
- ☐ B. Muhammad ﷺ
- ☐ C. Adam عليه السلام

5. Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. My life happened for no reason at all.
- ☐ B. Allah chose for me to exist and created me.
- ☐ C. I existed before Allah.

MY JOURNEY SO FAR

Put these moments in the correct order:

☐

I was born

☐

I grew inside my mother's womb

☐

I began learning about the world

☐

Allah created me

Now think:

Look how much Allah has already allowed you to experience — and your story is still being written.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Ask your parent:

“What was I like when I was a baby?”

Maybe they remember your first word, something that made you laugh, or a funny thing you used to do.

Then talk about this:

What is one ability Allah has given you that you are thankful for today?

Maybe you can read.

Run.

Think.

Speak.

Draw.

Help somebody.

Or ask big questions like this one.

For the Grown-Up

A child asking “Where did I come from?” may be asking different questions depending on their age and what prompted the conversation.

This lesson focuses on the bigger Islamic question of origin:

Allah created me. My life is intentional, and I am part of the human family that began with Adam and Hawwa.

If your child is asking more specifically about pregnancy or how babies are conceived, answer the question they are actually asking with truthful, age-appropriate language rather than giving more detail than they requested.

And most importantly, keep the door open for the next question.

QUESTION 05

Why Did Allah Create Me?

“Mum... if Allah chose for me to exist, why did He create me?”

That is one of the biggest questions a person can ask.

Why am I here?

Is life just about growing up, going to school, getting a job, having fun... and then getting old?

Or is there something bigger behind it all?

There is.

And Allah has already told us what it is.



THE SHORT ANSWER

Allah created you to worship Him.

That means learning about Allah, loving Him, obeying Him, praying to Him, asking Him for help, and living your life in a way that pleases Him.

Your life is not meaningless.

You were not created just to eat, play, study, grow up, and collect things.

Allah gave your life a purpose.

And this life is also a test — a chance to choose what is good, grow closer to Allah, and prepare for what comes after it.

Allah Teaches Us

سُورَةُ الذَّارِيَّاتِ
وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me.”

— Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51:56

That is a very big answer in one short verse.

We were created to worship Allah.

BUT WHAT DOES “WORSHIP” ACTUALLY MEAN?

When you hear the word worship, you might think only about Salah.

Salah is one of the greatest acts of worship.

But worship is bigger than Salah alone.

You worship Allah when you:

pray to Him,

make du‘a to Him,

read and follow the Qur’an,

obey what He has taught you,

tell the truth because you know Allah loves truthfulness,

be kind to your parents because Allah commanded you to be good to them,

help someone sincerely for Allah,

and stay away from things Allah has told us are wrong.

Worship can be part of your whole life.

Even an ordinary good action can become an act of worship when you do it sincerely for Allah and in a way that He loves.

“SO... DO I HAVE TO PRAY ALL DAY?”

No.

Allah did not tell us to spend every second standing in Salah.

You can learn.

Play.

Laugh.

Eat.

Spend time with your family.

Explore the world Allah created.

And enjoy the good things Allah has allowed.

Being Muslim does not mean leaving normal life behind.

It means learning to live your life with Allah at the centre of it.

You remember Him.

You thank Him.

You obey Him.

And when you make a mistake, you return to Him.

YOUR LIFE IS ALSO A TEST

Allah tells us that He created life and death to test us and see who will do the best deeds.

— Surah Al-Mulk, 67:2

But a test from Allah is not like a school test where Allah is trying to discover something He does not know.

Allah already knows everything.

The test is for us.

During our lives, our choices become real.

Will I tell the truth when lying would be easier?

Will I obey Allah even when nobody is watching?

Will I be thankful for what I have?

Will I return to Allah after I make a mistake?

Every day gives us chances to choose.

Think About It

Imagine you received a complicated machine but had no idea what it was made to do.

You might press buttons.

Turn things.

Play with it.

But without knowing its purpose, you would never really understand how to use it properly.

Your life is much more important than any machine.

And you do not have to guess why you are here.

Your Creator told you.

You were created to know Him, worship Him, and live the life He created you to live.

Remember This

Allah created me to worship Him. My life has a purpose, and every day gives me chances to know Allah, obey Him, and choose what He loves.

QUICK CHECK

1. Why did Allah create us?

- ☐ A. To go to school only.
- ☐ B. To worship Him.
- ☐ C. To play video games.

2. True or False?

Worship only means praying Salah.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

QUICK CHECK

3. Which of these can be an act of worship?

- ☐ A. Telling the truth because you want to please Allah
- ☐ B. Cheating because you want to win
- ☐ C. Hurting someone for fun

4. True or False?

Allah already knows everything, even while our life is a test.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

5. Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. My life has no real purpose.
- ☐ B. I have to spend every minute of my life in Salah.
- ☐ C. I can live a normal, good life while remembering and obeying Allah.

WORSHIP IN MY DAY

Look at these actions:

- ☐ Praying Salah
- ☐ Helping Mum or Dad because Allah loves kindness
- ☐ Telling the truth even when it is difficult
- ☐ Making du'a when you need help
- ☐ Cheating so that you can win

Circle the actions that can be acts of worship.

Now choose one of them and finish this sentence:

“Today, I can worship Allah by...”

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Ask each other:

“What is one normal thing I do every day that I could do in a way that pleases Allah?”

Maybe it is:

studying,

helping at home,

being kind to a sibling,

sharing,

or telling the truth.

Then ask:

“How does knowing why Allah created me change the way I think about my life?”

There is no need for a perfect answer.

Just talk about it together.

For the Grown-Up

Children can sometimes hear “Allah created you to worship Him” and imagine that worship means praying every minute or that Allah somehow needs something from them.

Keep the first idea simple:

Worship is the purpose of our lives, and it includes much more than Salah alone.

Help your child see that Islam gives meaning to ordinary life rather than removing them from it.

And if they ask:

“But why does Allah want us to worship Him? Does Allah need our worship?”

That is another excellent question.

We are going to answer it later in this book.

ONE MORE BIG QUESTION...

Now we know:

Where did I come from?

Allah created me.

Why am I here?

Allah created me to worship Him.

But there is still one part of our big question left:

Where am I going?

What happens when this life comes to an end?

Let's find out next.

QUESTION 06

What Happens After We Die?

“Mum... you said this life will not last forever. So... what happens after someone dies?”

That can feel like a scary question.

But knowing the answer is not meant to make us panic.

Allah has told us that this life is only one part of our journey.

Death is not the end of our story.



THE SHORT ANSWER

One day, every person's life in this world will come to an end.

After death comes a stage called Barzakh (the life of the grave) — the time between this life and the Day Allah brings everyone back to life.

Then Allah will resurrect us (Return us to life).

There will be a Day of Judgment, when Allah judges with perfect justice.

And after that comes the final home:

Jannah or Jahannam.

For the believer, knowing this should help us live with purpose, do good, return to Allah when we make mistakes, and hope for His mercy.

FIRST: DEATH

Death means our time living in this world has finished.

Everybody who lives in this world will one day die.

Even though we may not like thinking about it, death is part of the journey Allah created for human beings.

But death does not mean that everything is over.

Allah tells us:

Allah Teaches Us

سُورَةُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ مِنْكُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَمَيِّتُونَ ﴿١٥﴾
ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ تُبْعَثُونَ

“After that you will surely die, then on the Day of Judgment you will be resurrected.”

— Surah Al-Mu'minun, 23:15-16

LOOK AT THE ORDER

Life → Death → Resurrection

Death is in the middle.

It is not the final stop.

THEN COMES BARZAKH

After death comes a stage called:

Barzakh

Barzakh means a barrier between our life in this world and the Day of Resurrection.

We sometimes call this the life of the grave.

Allah tells us that after death there is a barrier until the day people are resurrected.

Barzakh is part of the unseen.

We only believe what Allah and His Messenger ﷺ have taught us about it.

And we do not need to fill in the things we have not been told.

“SO DO WE STAY THERE FOREVER?”

No.

Barzakh does not last forever.

One day, Allah will bring this world to an end.

Then something incredible will happen:

Allah will bring people back to life.

This is called:

THE RESURRECTION

The same Allah who created us the first time is completely able to create us again.

Nobody will be forgotten.

Nobody will be too difficult for Allah to bring back.

THEN COMES THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

After people are resurrected, Allah will gather them.

This is the Day of Judgment.

Allah knows every person perfectly.

He knows:

what we did,

what we said,

what we tried to do,

what was hidden from other people,

and what was really inside our hearts.

And Allah will never judge anyone unfairly.

Allah's judgment is perfectly just.

This is one reason our choices in this life matter.

The truth you told when lying was easier matters.

The Salah you prayed matters.

And when you make a mistake, turning back to Allah matters too.

AND THEN?

Allah has told us about two final homes:

Jannah (Paradise)

Jannah is the home of happiness and peace that Allah has prepared for His believing servants.

There is no sadness there.

No sickness.

No death.

And its joys are greater than anything we can fully imagine in this world.

AND THEN? — CONTINUED

and

Jahannam (Hellfire)

Jahannam is the Fire.

Allah warns us about it so that we understand that we should take care of what we choose to do and that turning away from Him and choosing evil is serious and dangerous.

But Islam does not teach us to spend our lives feeling hopeless.

We worship Allah, try to do what is right, ask Him to forgive us, and hope for His mercy.

Allah tells us that every soul will taste death, that our full reward will come on the Day of Judgment, and that being saved from the Fire and admitted into Jannah is the true success.

Think About It

Imagine you were reading a story and stopped halfway through the book.

You might think:

“That ending doesn’t make sense!”

But the story was not finished yet.

Sometimes we look at this life in the same way.

Think About It — continued

You may see someone does something good but does not seem to receive a reward.

Maybe someone behaves badly and seems to get no punishment.

A person may face something very difficult.

Life might seem unjust.

If this world were the whole story, it would be a sad and unjust story.

But this world is not the whole story.

The Hereafter is where Allah's perfect justice becomes completely clear for everyone.

THE THREE BIG QUESTIONS

Remember the questions we started with?

Where did I come from?

Allah created me.

Why am I here?

Allah created me to worship Him.

Where am I going?

This life will end, Allah will resurrect me, and I will return to Him.



Remember This

Death is not the end. After this life comes Barzakh, then resurrection and the Day of Judgment. Allah will judge with perfect justice, and the final homes are Jannah or Jahannam. So I want to live this life in a way that pleases Allah and hope for His mercy and wish for Jannah.

QUICK CHECK

1. True or False?

Death is the very end of a person's story.

☐ True

☐ False

2. What is Barzakh?

☐ A. Another country on Earth

☐ B. The stage between this life and resurrection

☐ C. Another name for Jannah

QUICK CHECK

3. What happens on the Day of Resurrection?

- ☐ A. Allah brings people back to life
- ☐ B. Everyone comes back as babies
- ☐ C. Nothing happens after death

4. True or False?

Allah can judge somebody unfairly by mistake.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

5. What are the two final homes Allah has told us about?

- ☐ A. Earth and the Moon
- ☐ B. Barzakh and Earth
- ☐ C. Jannah and Jahannam

THE JOURNEY

Put these stages in the correct order:

☐

Day of Judgment

☐

Life in this world

☐

Barzakh

☐

Resurrection

☐

Death

☐

Final Home

Now draw arrows between them to show the journey.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Ask each other:

“If I know this life is not the end, how should that change the way I live today?”

You might think about:

being kinder,

praying,

telling the truth,

asking Allah for forgiveness,

or doing something good even when nobody sees you.

Then talk about this:

What is one thing you wish to get in Jannah?

For the Grown-Up

If your child asks about death after losing someone they love, they may need comfort before information.

Let them tell you what they are feeling.

It is okay if they feel sad.

It is okay if they have many questions.

Give them the truths they need most:

Death is real, but it is not the end. Allah is perfectly just and perfectly wise, and we return to Him.

Avoid using frightening descriptions simply to make a child behave better. As they grow, fear alone is unlikely to build lasting faith. Help them love Allah, hope for Jannah, and understand His warnings with balance — rather than making fear of the Fire and punishment the whole message.

The Hereafter should teach a Muslim child purpose, responsibility, hope, and trust in Allah — not leave them afraid to ask about death.

WE HAVE ANSWERED THE BIG THREE

Where did I come from?

Why am I here?

Where am I going?

But now another question appears.

You know that you were created by Allah.

You know why you are here.

And you know that one day you will return to Him.

So...

Why are you a Muslim?

Is it only because your family is Muslim?

Or is there something more?

That is where our next part begins.





Why Islam?

Why are you a Muslim?

Is it only because your family is Muslim?

Or is there something more?

If there is only one true God...

why are there so many religions?

And how can I know Islam is actually true?



WHY AM I MUSLIM?

QUESTION 07

“Mum... why am I Muslim?”

Maybe your first answer is:

“Because my family is Muslim.”

And having a Muslim family that teaches you about Allah is a wonderful blessing.

But being Muslim means something much bigger than the family you were born into.

Islam is not just a name you inherit.

It is what you believe, who you worship, and the way you choose to live.

THE SHORT ANSWER

I am Muslim because I believe in Allah, worship Him alone, and follow the guidance He sent to us through His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ.

Allah created us.

So Allah knows better than anyone how we should live.

And the way of life Allah chose for us is:

Islam.

A Muslim is someone who submits to Allah — worshipping Him alone, trusting Him, and trying to obey His guidance.

WHAT DOES “MUSLIM” ACTUALLY MEAN?

The word Muslim is connected to the word Islam.

Islam means submitting yourself to Allah.

That means saying with your heart and your actions:

“Allah is my Lord. I worship Him, and I want to follow His guidance.”

WHAT DOES “MUSLIM” ACTUALLY MEAN?

Being Muslim is not only:

having a Muslim name,

living in a Muslim family,

wearing certain clothes,

or celebrating Muslim occasions (Eids).

Those things may be part of your life.

But the heart of being Muslim is much deeper.

A Muslim worships Allah alone and follows what Allah has taught.

Allah Teaches Us

سُورَةُ آلِ عِمْرَانَ
إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

“Indeed, the religion with Allah is Islam.”

— Surah Aal ‘Imran, 3:19

ALLAH TEACHES US — CONTINUED

Allah did not leave us to guess how He wants us to live.

He sent guidance.

He sent Messengers.

And the final Messenger is:

Muhammad ﷺ

Allah gave him the Qur'an and taught us through him how to worship Allah and live as Muslims.

“BUT I WAS BORN INTO A MUSLIM FAMILY...”

And that is a blessing.

Your parents may have taught you:

how to pray,

how to say Bismillah,

how to read Qur'an,

and how to know Allah.

But imagine someone gave you a beautiful treasure and you never opened it.

Would you really know how valuable it was?

“BUT I WAS BORN INTO A MUSLIM FAMILY...”

In the same way, Islam should not be something we only say:

“My family believes this.”

As you grow, you should learn:

What do I believe?

Why do I worship Allah?

What did Allah teach us?

Why is Islam true?

The more you understand your religion, the more your Islam can become something you know and love — not just something you were told.

WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE?

A Muslim believes that:

Allah is the only One worthy of worship.

Allah created us and everything around us.

Allah sent Messengers to guide people.

Muhammad ﷺ is the final Messenger of Allah.

The Qur'an is Allah's revelation.

We will return to Allah after this life.

Allah has taught us how He wants us to live.

BEING MUSLIM CONNECTS EVERYTHING

Being Muslim connects everything we have already learned.

Who created me?

Allah.

Why am I here?

To worship Allah.

Where will I return?

To Allah.

So Islam teaches us how to live the journey in between.

Think About It

Imagine someone gave you directions to a place you had never visited before.

You could ignore the directions and guess your own way.

Or you could trust the person who truly knows the way.

Life is much bigger than any journey on a map.

And Allah is the One who created the journey.

That is why we do not invent our own religion or decide for ourselves how Allah should be worshipped.

We follow the guidance He sent to us.

Remember This

I am Muslim because I believe in Allah, worship Him alone, and follow the guidance He sent through Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Islam is more than a family name — it is the way Allah taught me to believe, worship, and live.

QUICK CHECK

1. What does being Muslim really mean?

- ☐ A. Only having a Muslim name
- ☐ B. Submitting to Allah and worshipping Him alone
- ☐ C. Being born in a certain country

2. True or False?

If my family is Muslim, I never need to learn about Islam for myself.

- ☐ True ☐ False

QUICK CHECK

3. Who is the final Messenger of Allah?

- ☐ A. Adam عليه السلام
- ☐ B. Musa عليه السلام
- ☐ C. Muhammad ﷺ

4. Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. Muslims decide by themselves how Allah should be worshipped.
- ☐ B. Allah gave us guidance about how to worship Him and live.
- ☐ C. Islam is only about the family you were born into.

5. True or False?

Learning why I believe can help my Islam become stronger and more meaningful to me.

- ☐ True ☐ False

A TINY ACTIVITY — MORE THAN A LABEL

Finish these sentences in your own words:

Being Muslim means I worship...

The Messenger I follow is...

One thing I want to learn more about Islam is...

There are lots of good questions you could write for the last one.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Ask your parent:

“What is something about Islam that you are thankful Allah taught you?”

Then tell them:

“What is one thing about being Muslim that you want to understand better?”

Your question does not have to sound clever.

A sincere question is a good place to start learning.

For the Grown-Up

It is natural for a young child's Islamic identity to begin largely through their family.

But as they grow, “because we are Muslim” should not be the only answer they receive.

Help them move gradually from:

“This is what my family believes.”

to:

“I understand what I believe, and I know why it matters.”

You do not need to be afraid of sincere questions.

A child who asks why is giving you an opportunity to help their faith grow with understanding rather than habit alone.

BUT THEN COMES A BIGGER QUESTION...

Maybe you are thinking:

“Okay... but lots of people believe different things.”

Some people are Christian.

Some are Jewish.

Some follow other religions.

And some people do not believe in any religion at all.

So if there is only one true God...

why are there so many religions?

And an even bigger question follows:

How can I know Islam is actually true?

That is exactly what we are going to explore next.

IF THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY RELIGIONS?

QUESTION 08

AND HOW CAN I KNOW ISLAM IS TRUE?

“Mum... if there is only one God, why do people have so many different religions?”

Maybe one of your friends is Christian.

Another friend might be Hindu.

Someone else might follow no religion at all.

And everyone seems to believe something different.

So you might wonder:

“If the truth is one... how am I supposed to know what is actually true?”

That is not a bad question.

It is a very important one.

And you should not be Muslim only because someone told you:

“Don’t ask. Just believe.”

Allah wants us to learn, think, and understand.

So let’s explore the question together.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Allah sent His guidance to humanity from the beginning.
He sent many Prophets and Messengers — including Adam, Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa, ‘Isa and finally Muhammad عليهم السلام.
Their main message was the same:
Worship Allah alone.
But over time, people disagreed.
Some rejected the Messengers.
Some forgot parts of the guidance.
Some changed or hid parts of what had been taught.
And different beliefs and religions appeared among people.
Finally, Allah sent Prophet Muhammad ﷺ with His final message:
Islam.
And Allah preserved the Qur’an for humanity.
So we do not believe Islam is true just because our parents are Muslim.
We believe Islam is true because it is the guidance Allah revealed and preserved for us.

WAIT... DID ALLAH SEND DIFFERENT RELIGIONS?

Not in the way you might imagine.

Allah did not send one Prophet saying:

“Worship Allah alone.”

and another saying:

“Actually, worship someone else instead.”

The Prophets did not come with different messages or answers about who deserves worship.

Their central message was one.

Allah tells us:

Allah Teaches Us

سُورَةُ النَّحْلِ

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنْ أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا
الطَّاغُوتَ

“We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, saying:
‘Worship Allah and avoid false gods.’”

— Surah An-Nahl, 16:36

THE FOUNDATION WAS ALWAYS ONE

Different Prophets came to different peoples and at different times.

Some rules Allah gave their communities could be different.

But the foundation was always:

There is only one true God, and only He deserves worship.

This is Tawhid (Tawhid come from the Arabic word "Wahid" which means "one").

And it is the heart of Islam.

SO WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS TODAY?

Because human beings can disagree.

Think about something your teacher says in class.

Ten children may hear the exact same instruction.

One remembers it correctly.

One forgets part of it.

One misunderstands it.

Another decides not to follow it.

And someone may even tell the story differently later.

The teacher did not give ten different instructions.

The people responded differently to what they were given.

SO WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS TODAY?

Something much more serious happened throughout human history.

Allah sent Messengers.

But people did not always continue following their teachings correctly.

Some rejected the truth.

Some followed ideas people invented.

Some changed or concealed (hide) parts of earlier revelation.

And as generations passed, different beliefs developed.

The existence of many religions does not mean Allah gave people many contradictory truths.

It means people did not all remain upon the same guidance.

“BUT HOW CAN I KNOW ISLAM IS THE RIGHT RELIGION?”

This is the bigger question.

And the answer should not simply be:

“Because Mum and Dad said so.”

Your parents can introduce you to Islam.

Your teachers can help you understand it.

But Islam also gives us reasons to believe.

Let’s look at some of them.

1 — ISLAM GIVES THE SAME BASIC MESSAGE AS THE PROPHETS

Islam does not tell us that Muhammad ﷺ suddenly appeared with a completely new God.

Islam connects us to the same Creator worshipped by the Prophets before him.

Muslims believe in:

Adam عليه السلام

Nuh عليه السلام

Ibrahim عليه السلام

Musa عليه السلام

‘Isa عليه السلام

Muhammad ﷺ

and many other Prophets.

Their story points to one message:

Know your Creator. Worship Him alone. Follow His guidance.

Muhammad ﷺ came as the final Messenger, not the first.

Islam is the completion of that long story of guidance.

2 — THE QUR'AN IS ALLAH'S FINAL REVELATION

Muslims do not believe the Qur'an is simply a book Muhammad ﷺ wrote about Allah.

We believe it is:

the word of Allah revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

And Allah made a special promise about it:

2 — THE QUR'AN IS ALLAH'S FINAL REVELATION

Allah Teaches Us

سُورَةُ الْحَجَرِ

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

“Indeed, it is We who sent down the Reminder, and indeed, We will preserve it.”

— Surah Al-Hijr, 15:9

THE FINAL MESSAGE WAS NOT MEANT TO DISAPPEAR

For generations, Muslims have memorised the Qur'an and passed it down.

Today, a child in Britain, a teacher in Egypt and a Muslim in Indonesia can recite the same Qur'an.

The final message was not meant to disappear.

Allah preserved it.

3 — LOOK AT WHAT ISLAM TEACHES ABOUT ALLAH

Remember what we learned in Part 1?

Allah is One.

He was not created.

He has no parents.

He has no children.

Nothing is like Him.

He alone deserves worship.

Islam does not tell you to worship a human being.

It does not tell you that part of creation became the Creator.

It does not tell you that you need another person to carry your prayers to Allah.

You worship your Creator directly.

You ask Him.

You repent to Him.

You depend upon Him.

That clear message of Tawhid runs through Islam from beginning to end.

4 — LOOK AT THE MESSENGER WHO BROUGHT THE MESSAGE

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ did not simply say:

“Follow me because I said so.”

His life became part of the evidence people around him had to consider.

They knew him.

They knew his character.

They knew that before he became a Prophet, he was known for honesty and trustworthiness.

Then he spent years calling people to worship Allah alone — even when doing so brought him rejection, abuse and difficulty.

He did not change the message simply to make his life easier.

He called people to Allah until the end of his life.

And he did not ask Muslims to worship him.

He taught them to worship Allah.

“DOES THAT MEAN WE SHOULD BE MEAN TO PEOPLE FROM OTHER RELIGIONS?”

No.

Believing that Islam is true does not give us permission to be rude, cruel or unfair.

You can disagree with someone's belief and still:

speak kindly,

be fair,

help them,

be a good neighbour,

and treat them with respect.

Imagine your friend answered a maths question incorrectly.

You can believe:

“That answer is wrong.”

without believing:

“My friend is worthless.”

Those are completely different things.

In the same way:

We can be confident that Islam is true without mocking people who believe something different.

A Muslim should have truth with good character.

“BUT WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?”

Then ask them.

Faith does not become stronger by pretending you never wonder about anything.

You may ask:

How do we know the Qur'an came from Allah?

How do we know Muhammad ﷺ was really a Prophet?

What about another religion my friend believes in?

Those can become their own conversations.

You do not have to understand every subject in one afternoon.

Even adults continue learning about Islam throughout their lives.

A sincere question is not an enemy of faith.

It can be the beginning of deeper understanding.

Think About It

Imagine four people give you four different directions to the same destination.

They cannot all be correct if they point in completely different directions.

So what should you do?

Would you simply choose whichever direction your closest friend picked?

Or would you ask:

Who actually knows the way?

Which directions can I trust?

Where did these directions come from?

Religion deserves that same careful thinking — only much more.

Because the question is not just:

“What does everybody else believe?”

The real question is:

“What guidance actually came from the One who created me?”

Remember This

Allah sent His Messengers to call people to worship Him alone. People later disagreed and different religions appeared. Islam is Allah's final guidance, revealed through Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and the Qur'an has been preserved. I can learn why I believe while still treating people who believe differently with kindness and respect.

QUICK CHECK

1. What was the main message of Allah's Prophets?

- ☐ A. Worship whichever god your community chooses
- ☐ B. Worship Allah alone
- ☐ C. Every Prophet should be worshipped

2. True or False?

Allah sent different Prophets to teach people to worship different gods.

- ☐ True ☐ False

QUICK CHECK

3. Why are there many different religions and beliefs among people?

- ☐ A. Because people disagreed with, changed, forgot or rejected guidance over time
- ☐ B. Because there are many Creators
- ☐ C. Because Allah want us to be confused.

4. What do Muslims believe about the Qur'an?

- ☐ A. It is Allah's final revelation and He preserved it
- ☐ B. It was written hundreds of years after Muhammad ﷺ by people guessing what he said
- ☐ C. Muslims are allowed to change it whenever they want

5. True or False?

Believing Islam is true means we should be rude to people from other religions.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

A TINY ACTIVITY — FOLLOW THE MESSAGE

Match each statement to the correct idea:

Allah sent many Messengers

→ _____

Their central message

→ _____

The final Messenger

→ _____

The final preserved revelation

→ _____

Choose from:

Muhammad ﷺ

Worship Allah alone

The Qur'an

Guidance reached different peoples

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

PART 3 — WHY ISLAM?

Ask your parent:

“If I wasn’t allowed to answer ‘because my family is Muslim,’ what reason would I give for believing Islam is true?”

You do not need a huge answer.

Choose one thing from this lesson and explain it in your own words.

Then ask:

“What is one question about Islam I would like to understand better?”

Write it down.

Do not be embarrassed by it.

It might become one of your most important questions.

For the Grown-Up

A child growing up around people of different faiths may eventually realise:

“Everybody thinks their religion is right.”

Avoid responding only with:

“We are Muslim, so don’t worry about what they believe.”

This can close the conversation without actually answering the child’s concern.

Instead, help them understand two ideas together:

Truth matters.

and

Character matters.

We do not teach children that all contradictory beliefs are equally true.

But neither do we build Islamic confidence through mocking other people.

Give your child permission to ask why Islam is true, and then explore the evidence gradually at a level they can understand.

They do not need every proof at age eight.

They need to know that their religion welcomes sincere learning — and that there are answers worth discovering.

NOW WE KNOW SOMETHING IMPORTANT

You are not Muslim simply because:

“That’s what my family happens to be.”

You are learning that Islam is connected to the message of the Prophets, the worship of Allah alone, the Qur’an and the final Messenger Muhammad ﷺ.

But now you might remember something from earlier in this book:

Allah created us to worship Him.

And that raises another very clever question:

“Why does Allah want us to worship Him?”

“Does Allah need our worship?”

If Allah is perfect...

could He possibly need anything from us?

Let’s find out next.



Worship & Life with Allah

Does Allah Need Us to Worship Him?

Does Allah Still Love Me When I Make Mistakes?

Why Do Bad Things Happen If Allah Is Merciful?



PART 4 — Worship & Life with Allah

QUESTION 09

Does Allah Need Us to Worship Him?

“Mum... you said Allah created us to worship Him.”

“But... why?”

“Does Allah need us to pray to Him?”

Maybe you have wondered:

If Allah is already perfect...

why does He want me to worship Him?

Does my Salah make Allah stronger?

Does Allah become greater when people praise Him?

And what happens if someone refuses to worship Him?

Those are thoughtful questions.

And the answer teaches us something beautiful about Allah and about ourselves.

THE SHORT ANSWER

No. Allah does not need our worship.

Allah needs nothing from His creation.

He was perfect before He created us.

He is perfect now.

And He will always be perfect.

Our worship does not make Allah stronger.

Our obedience does not add anything to His greatness.

And our sins do not make Allah weaker.

We need Allah. Allah does not need us.

Allah created us to worship Him because He deserves our worship — and because worship is what we need to live the life we were created for.

REMEMBER SOMETHING FROM LESSON 01?

We learned about Surah Al-Ikhlās.

Allah tells us:

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

“Allah, the One everyone depends upon.”

— Surah Al-Ikhlās, 112:2

One of the great meanings of As-Samad is that creation depends upon Allah...

while Allah depends upon no one.

Think about everything we need.

We need food.

Water.

Sleep.

Air.

Safety.

Love.

Help.

And every second, we need Allah to keep us alive.

But Allah?

He does not need food.

He does not sleep.

He does not become tired.

He does not need money.

He does not need helpers.

And He certainly does not need our Salah to keep Him powerful.

Allah is completely free of need.

ALLAH TEACHES US

Allah says:

سُورَةُ فَاطِر

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

“O humanity! It is you who are in need of Allah, while Allah alone is the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy.”

— Surah Fatir, 35:15

Notice what Allah tells us.

He does not say:

“Allah needs people.”

He says the opposite.

We are the ones who need Him.

“THEN WHY DID ALLAH CREATE US TO WORSHIP HIM?”

Because Allah deserves to be worshipped.

He created you.

He gives you life.

He provides for you.

He hears your du‘a.

He forgives.

He guides.

And every blessing you have ultimately comes from Him.

So how should we respond to all these blessings? By praising Allah, thanking Him, and worshipping Him.

But there is another part too:

Worship is good for us.

Allah did not command worship because He is missing something.

He commanded it because we are.

WE NEED WORSHIP

Remember Lesson 05?

Allah told us:

“I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me.”

— Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51:56

But look at what Allah says immediately after:

مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِّن رَّزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ

“I seek no provision from them, nor do I need them to feed Me.”

— Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51:57

That makes the answer very clear.

Allah created us to worship Him...

but not because He needs something from us.

SO WHAT DOES WORSHIP DO FOR ME?

Worship helps put your life in the right direction.

When you pray Salah...

you stop what you are doing and remember:

“Allah is more important than everything around me.”

When you make du‘a...

you remember:

“I am not alone. I can ask Allah for help.”

When you say Alhamdulillah...

you learn to notice your blessings.

When you repent after doing something wrong...

you learn:

“A mistake does not have to be the end. I can return to Allah.”

When you obey Allah even when nobody is watching...

you build honesty and taqwa inside yourself.

Worship changes us.

It teaches us who our Lord is...

and reminds us who we are.

“SO IS WORSHIP JUST FOR MY BENEFIT?”

There is something important to understand.

We do not worship Allah only because:

“This makes me feel better.”

We worship Allah first because:

He is Allah, and He alone deserves worship.

Even if we could not see every benefit immediately, Allah would still deserve our worship.

But from His mercy, the worship He commands is also good for us.

So both truths belong together:

Allah deserves our worship.

and

We are the ones who need worship.

WHAT IF EVERYBODY WORSHIPPED ALLAH?

Imagine every human being on Earth suddenly became perfectly obedient.

Would Allah become more powerful?

No.

And imagine every human being refused to worship Him.

Would Allah lose His greatness?

No.

Allah's perfection does not depend on what people choose to do.

The Prophet ﷺ taught us that even if all people were as righteous as possible, that would not increase Allah's kingdom — and if they were as sinful as possible, that would not decrease it.

Our choices change us. They do not change Allah's perfection.

That is a very important difference.

“THEN WHY DOES ALLAH REWARD WORSHIP AND PUNISH DISOBEDIENCE?”

Because Allah did not create life without truth, right and wrong, or consequences.

Remember what we learned about the Day of Judgment?

Our choices matter.

Allah teaches us what is good.

He tells us what is harmful.

He gives us guidance.

He gives us opportunities to repent.

And then He judges with perfect justice.

Allah does not need our obedience — but He commands what is right.

Just as Allah being free of need does not mean that truth and falsehood suddenly become equal.

Good still matters.

Evil still matters.

And choosing to worship the One who created us matters most of all.

THINK ABOUT IT

There is a big difference between these two sentences:

“Allah needs me to worship Him.”

and

“I need to worship Allah.”

Only one is correct.

You need Allah when you are happy.

You need Allah when you are frightened.

You need Him when nobody else can help.

You need His guidance when you do not know what is right.

You need His forgiveness when you make a mistake.

And you need Him every second — even when you do not notice it.

Worship does not fill a need in Allah.

It fills a need in us.

REMEMBER THIS

Allah does not need my worship. Allah is perfect and free of all need. I am the one who needs Allah. I worship Him because He alone deserves worship, and because worship helps me know Him, obey Him, thank Him, and live the way He created me to live.

QUICK CHECK

1. True or False?

Allah becomes stronger when we worship Him.

True / False

2. Who needs whom?

A. Allah needs us

B. We need Allah

C. Allah and people need each other equally

QUICK CHECK

3. Why do we worship Allah?

- A. Because Allah get his power from our worship
- B. Because Allah alone deserves worship, and we need His guidance
- C. Because Allah needs us to give Him something

4. True or False?

If everybody stopped worshipping Allah, Allah would still remain perfect and powerful.

True / False

5. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Worship makes Allah complete
- B. Allah needs my Salah
- C. Allah is already perfect, and worship changes me — not Him

A TINY ACTIVITY — WHO NEEDS WHOM?

Draw two columns.

ALLAH

ME

Now place these sentences in the correct column:

Needs food

Needs forgiveness

Needs guidance

Needs nobody

Is perfectly Self-Sufficient

Needs Allah every moment

Then finish this sentence:

“One reason I need Allah is...”

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

Ask each other:

“What is one act of worship that helps you feel closer to Allah?”

Maybe:

Salah.

Du‘a.

Reading Qur’an.

Saying Alhamdulillah.

Making tawbah.

Then talk about this question:

“How does it make you feel to know that Allah does not need anything from you — but He still listens when you call upon Him?”

There is no single perfect answer.

Just talk.

FOR THE GROWN-UP

A child may hear:

“Allah created you to worship Him.”

and quietly understand it as:

“Allah must need people to worship Him.”

Correct that idea early.

Allah’s command that we worship Him does not come from deficiency or need.

Allah is Al-Ghaniyy — The Self-Sufficient, and creation is dependent upon Him.

Help your child hold two truths together:

Allah alone deserves worship because of who He is.

and

We benefit from the worship Allah commands.

Avoid explaining worship as though Allah needs compliments, attention, or reassurance from human beings.

That accidentally makes the Creator sound like His creation.

Instead, teach your child:

Allah was perfect before me. He does not become greater because of me. Yet from His mercy, He created me, guided me, allows me to call upon Him, and rewards me when I obey Him.

That understanding can turn worship from:

“Allah needs this from me.”

into:

“I need Allah — and I am grateful that He showed me how to worship Him.”

ONE QUESTION CAN LEAD TO ANOTHER...

Now you know something very important:

Allah does not need your worship.

You need Allah.

And worship is not supposed to be an empty list of movements and words.

It is part of your relationship with your Creator.

So as you keep learning, there are still more important questions about what it really means to live with Allah in your everyday life.

And that is where our journey continues.

QUESTION 10

Does Allah Still Love Me When I Make Mistakes?

CHILD

“Mum... I did something wrong.”

“Is Allah angry with me?”

“Does Allah still love me?”



Maybe you have felt this before.

You knew something was wrong...

but you did it anyway.

Or maybe you promised yourself you would stop doing something...
and then you did it again.

Afterward, you felt bad.

And a worrying thought came into your mind:

“Maybe Allah doesn’t want me anymore.”

If you have ever felt that way, there is something very important you need to know.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Making a mistake does not mean you should run away from Allah.

It means you should return to Him.

Allah does not love sin or disobedience.

But Allah loves those who repent and return to Him.

He is Ar-Rahman, Ar-Rahim — the Most Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

And He is Al-Ghafur — the Most Forgiving.

You can make a mistake and still turn back to Allah.

In fact, turning back to Him is exactly what He wants you to do.

Everyone Makes Mistakes

There is something important to remember:

Human beings are not perfect.

We forget.

We become angry.

We make bad choices.

Sometimes we know better and still choose wrongly.

That does not make the wrong thing good.

But it does mean that making mistakes is part of being human.

THE PROPHET ﷺ TAUGHT US

“Every son of Adam makes mistakes, and the best of those who make mistakes are those who repent.”

— Jami‘ at-Tirmidhi

Notice what he did not say.

He did not say:

“The best people never make a mistake.”

He taught us that when we fall...

we learn how to get back up.

Allah Loves Those Who Return to Him

سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَّبِينَ

“Indeed, Allah loves those who constantly repent.”

— Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:222

Think about that.

Allah does not simply say:

“I will just forgive people who repent.”

He tells us:

Allah loves those who return to Him.

So if you make a mistake, Shaytan wants you to think:

“You are too bad now.”

“Don’t bother making du‘a.”

“Allah will never forgive you.”

But Allah teaches us something completely different.

Come back.

What Is Tawbah?

Tawbah means repentance — turning back to Allah after doing something wrong.

It is not only saying:

“Sorry.”

A sincere tawbah means:

1 — Stop the wrong action.

If you are doing it, try to stop.

2 — Feel sorry for disobeying Allah.

Not just because you got caught.

But because you know it was wrong.

3 — Ask Allah to forgive you.

You can simply say:

Astaghfirullah — I ask Allah to forgive me.

4 — Try sincerely not to return to it.

You do not need to know the future.

You simply need to honestly want to change now.



And if your mistake harmed another person, you may also need to make things right with them.

For example:

return what you took,

apologise,

or fix the harm if you can.

“But What If I Do It Again?”

This is where many people become discouraged.

Maybe you made tawbah.

You really meant it.

Then later...

you fell into the same mistake again.

You might think:

“There’s no point asking Allah anymore.”

But that is not true.

If your repentance was sincere when you made it, and then you later fall again...

repent again.

Do not turn your mistake into an excuse to leave Allah.

Turn it into another reason to return.

Every time you fall: Get up.

Every time you become distant: Come back.

Every time you sin: Ask Allah to forgive you and keep trying.

Allah gives an incredibly hopeful message:

Allah Tells Us Not to Lose Hope

سُورَةُ الزُّمَرِ

قُلْ يَاعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ

“Say, ‘O My servants who have exceeded the limits against their own souls! Do not lose hope in Allah’s mercy.’”

— Surah Az-Zumar, 39:53

Allah does not tell sinners:

“There is no way back.”

He tells them:

Do not lose hope.

That does not mean:

“Sin doesn’t matter.”

It means something much more beautiful:

Your mistake is serious, but Allah’s mercy is greater.

“So Does Allah Love Everything I Do?”

No.

Allah may love you returning to Him while He does not love the sin you committed.

Imagine a parent sees their child lie.

They do not say:

“Lying is wonderful because I love you.”

They correct the wrong action because they care about their child.

And they love their child more when they repent and apologize.

In the same way, Islam does not teach:

“Anything I do is okay because Allah is Merciful.”

Allah tells us what is right and wrong.

He loves obedience.

He hates sin and injustice.

And He loves when His servants repent and try to become better.

Mercy does not make wrong become right.

Mercy gives us a way back after we do wrong.

Your Mistake Is Something You Did — Not Who You Are

Sometimes a child makes a mistake and starts saying:

“I’m bad.”

But there is an important difference between:

“I did something wrong.”

and

“I am hopeless.”

You should take responsibility for what you did.

If you lied:

admit it.

If you hurt someone:

try to make it right.

If you disobeyed Allah:

repent.

But do not let your mistake become your whole identity.

A believer can make a wrong choice and then choose to return to Allah.

Your next good choice still matters.

Imagine you are walking toward home.

You become distracted and take the wrong road.

What should you do when you realise?

Would you say:

“Well... I went the wrong way, so I might as well keep walking away forever.”

Of course not.

You would turn around.

Think About It

That is what tawbah is like.

Sin takes us in the wrong direction.

Tawbah means:

“I want to turn back toward Allah.”

The important thing is not pretending you never took a wrong step.

The important thing is knowing where to turn when you do.

REMEMBER THIS

Allah does not love my sins, but He loves those who repent and return to Him. When I make a mistake, I should not hide from Allah or lose hope. I should stop, ask His forgiveness, try to make things right, and keep returning to Him.

Quick Check

1. True or False?

The best people are people who have never made a single mistake.

- ☐ True ☐ False
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2. What should you do after you realise you have sinned?

- A. Run away from Allah
 - B. Pretend it never happened
 - C. Return to Allah and repent
-

3. Which of these is part of sincere Tawbah?

- A. Feeling sorry and asking Allah for forgiveness
- B. Planning to keep doing the wrong thing
- C. Blaming everyone else

Quick Check

4. True or False?

If I sincerely repent and later make the same mistake again, I should give up and stop asking Allah for forgiveness.

- ☐ True ☐ False
-

5. What does Allah tell people who have sinned?

- A. Never hope for mercy again
- B. Do not lose hope in Allah's mercy
- C. Sin does not matter at all

A Tiny Activity — Turn Back

Imagine these situations.

What could you do to make things right?

You lied to your parent.

I could:

You said something hurtful to your friend.

I could:

You deliberately missed something Allah commanded you to do.

I could:

A Tiny Activity — Turn Back

Now complete:

“When I make a mistake, instead of hiding from Allah, I can...”

Talk About It Together

Ask each other:

“Why do you think Shaytan wants people to believe Allah will never forgive them?”

Then talk about:

“What is the difference between feeling sorry for a mistake and believing that you are a hopeless person?”

You might not find the perfect words immediately.
Take your time.

For the Grown-Up

When a child admits a mistake, the moment that follows can shape how they think about repentance for years.

If every confession is met only with shouting, humiliation, or labels such as “You are a bad child,” the child may learn to hide mistakes rather than repair them.

Accountability still matters.

Consequences may still be necessary.

Wrong should still be called wrong.

But help your child separate:

“You did something wrong.”

from:

“There is something permanently wrong with you.”

Then model the path Islam teaches:

Admit → regret → repair → ask forgiveness → try again.

And be careful not to use Allah as a threat in every parenting moment:

“Allah hates you when you do that.”

or:

“Allah is going to punish you!”

Instead, teach them a balanced relationship with their Lord:

Allah commands what is right.

Sin matters.

Consequences matter.

And the door of Tawbah remains open.

**A child should learn that when they sin, Allah is not the One they should run away from.
Allah is the One they should run back to.**

And Then Comes a Harder Question...

Now we know that Allah is Merciful.
He forgives.
He loves those who repent.
He tells us not to lose hope in His mercy.

But then you might look at the world and wonder:
People get sick.
People lose things they love.
Sometimes children experience things that feel unfair.

And you might ask:

“If Allah is so Merciful... why do bad things happen?”

That might be one of the hardest questions in this whole book.
And it is the final question we are going to explore together.

11 — Why Do Bad Things Happen If Allah Is Merciful?

“Mum... if Allah is Merciful, why do bad things happen?”

Why do people get sick?

Why do people we love sometimes die?

Why do kind people sometimes go through painful things?

Why doesn't Allah simply stop everything bad from happening?

Maybe you have asked one of those questions.

Maybe you were scared to ask it.

Or maybe something happened in your own life that made the question feel very real.

This Is Not a Silly Question

This is not a silly question.

It is one of the biggest questions human beings ask.

And there is something important to know before we begin:

Islam does not ask you to pretend that painful things do not hurt.

Sad things can make us sad.

Scary things can make us afraid.

And things we do not understand can leave us with questions.

But pain does not mean Allah has stopped being Merciful.

Let's understand why.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Allah is perfectly Merciful, perfectly Wise, and never unjust.

But this world was never meant to be a place where nothing difficult happens.

This life is a test — not Jannah.

Sometimes difficulties happen because of people's own choices.

Sometimes they are tests from Allah.

Sometimes they protect us from something we cannot see.

Sometimes Allah brings good out of something painful.

And sometimes...

we simply do not know the full reason yet.

But a Muslim knows something even when they do not know everything:

Allah knows what I do not know.

Allah never does injustice.

And this life is not the end of the story.

This World Is Not Jannah

Think about what we learned in Lesson 06.

This life is only one part of our journey.

After it comes the Hereafter.

Allah never promised that this world would contain:

no sadness,

no sickness,

no disappointment,

no fear,

and no death.

There is a place like that.

Jannah.

But we are not in Jannah yet.

This world contains happiness and sadness.

Ease and difficulty.

Things we love and things we wish had never happened.

And Allah uses this life to test us.

ALLAH TEACHES US

سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ
الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ۗ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ

“We will certainly test you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth, lives and fruits. But give good news to those who are patient.”

— Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:155

Notice something important.

Allah tells us before difficulties happen:

There will be tests.

So when something difficult happens, it does not mean:

“Allah forgot me.”

or:

“Islam must not be true.”

Difficulty was already part of the life Allah told us to expect.

“But Why Would Allah Test Us?”

Remember Lesson 05?

We learned that this life is a test.

A test is where our choices become real.

It is easy to say:

“I trust Allah.”

when everything is exactly how you want it.

But what happens when something does not go your way?

Will you still make du‘a?

Will you still tell the truth when lying would make things easier?

Will you stay kind when somebody has been unkind to you?

Will you return to Allah when you are hurting?

Will you be patient even though you feel sad?

Tests can reveal what is inside us and help us grow.

They can teach patience.

Courage.

Trust.

Gratitude.

Mercy.

And dependence upon Allah.

Does Every Bad Thing Come Directly as a Test?

Things can happen for different reasons.

Sometimes people make bad choices.

A person may lie.

Steal.

Hurt somebody.

Start a fight.

Or treat another person unfairly.

Allah gave human beings the ability to choose.

And having real choices means people can sometimes choose wrongly.

Allah allowing someone to choose evil does not mean Allah loves the evil they chose.

Allah commands justice and goodness.

And people are responsible for what they choose.

“Then Why Doesn’t Allah Stop Them?”

Allah can stop anything.

Nothing is stronger than Him.

But Allah created this life with real choices, real consequences and a real test.

If every wrong choice were stopped before it could happen...

there would not be the same kind of life or test that Allah created this world to be.

But this does not mean wrongdoers escape Allah.

Someone may fool people.

Nobody fools Allah.

Someone may commit an injustice and never be punished for it in this world.

But nobody escapes Allah’s judgment.

That is why remembering the Hereafter changes the way we understand what happens here.

The Story Is Bigger Than This Life

Imagine somebody steals from another person and seems to get away with it.

You might think:

“That isn’t fair.”

And you would be right.

But what if you were looking at only one chapter of the story?

Remember:

Death is not the end.

There is a Day of Judgment.

Allah knows every injustice.

Every hidden action.

Every tear.

Every good deed.

Every person who was treated unfairly.

Nothing is lost with Allah.

Allah says:

ALLAH TEACHES US

سُورَةُ النَّسَاءِ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ

“Indeed, Allah does not wrong even as much as an atom’s weight.”

— Surah An-Nisa, 4:40

So something can look unfinished or unfair now...
because the story is not finished yet.

Sometimes We Cannot See the Wisdom Yet

There is another reason this question can be difficult.

We only see a tiny part of what Allah knows.

We know what happened today.

Allah knows what came before it.

What will come after it.

What would have happened if things were different.

And every consequence we cannot see.

Sometimes later in life, you may understand why something happened.

You might say:

“Now I understand why Allah did not give me what I wanted.”

But sometimes...

you may never understand the full reason in this life.

And Islam does not require us to invent one.

We do not need to look at every painful event and say:

“I know exactly why Allah did this.”

when Allah has not told us.

Sometimes the truthful answer is:

“I don’t know the exact reason.”

And then we add:

“But I know who Allah is.”

Remember Who Allah Is

Go all the way back to the beginning of our book.

Who is Allah?

He is your Creator.

He knows everything.

He is perfectly Wise.

He is perfectly Just.

He is Merciful.

And nothing is like Him.

So when you cannot understand what Allah has allowed to happen...

hold on to what you already know about Allah.

There is a big difference between:

“I don’t know why this happened.”

and:

“There cannot be a wise reason because I don’t know it.”

We are allowed not to know everything.

We are not Allah.

We do not know everything or see the whole picture.

Allah does.

He asks us to trust Him.

Does Something Painful Mean Allah Doesn't Love Me?

No.

Having an easy life is not proof that Allah loves someone.

And going through difficulty is not proof that Allah hates someone.

Think about the Prophets.

They were among the people Allah loved most.

Yet they faced huge difficulties.

Prophet Nuh عليه السلام was rejected and mocked by many of his people, even after calling them to Allah for many years. His own son and wife did not believe in him

Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام was rejected by his people and thrown into a fire because of his faith. He was tested again and again, yet he continued to trust and obey Allah.

Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام was thrown into a well by his own brothers, separated from his father, and later imprisoned unjustly.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ lost people he deeply loved, including his wife Khadijah رضي الله عنها and his uncle Abu Talib. He was rejected and mocked by his own people, and in Ta'if he was driven out and attacked until he was wounded. Yet even through that pain, he continued to trust Allah and call people to Him.

Their tests did not mean Allah had left them.

And your difficult moments do not automatically mean that either.

Sometimes Difficulty Can Bring Good

This does not mean we call painful things pleasant.

Pain still hurts.

But Allah can bring something good through difficulty.

Being sick may teach somebody how precious health is.

Experiencing sadness may make somebody kinder to another person who is hurting.

A difficult mistake may lead someone to make sincere tawbah and change their whole life.

A closed door may keep someone away from something that would have harmed them.

Allah can bring good from places where we could not see it coming.

But again, we should be careful.

When somebody else is hurting, we do not rush up and say:

“Don’t be sad. It’s good for you!”

That may be true in a bigger sense while still being unkind at that moment.

Sometimes the first thing a hurting person needs is:
someone to sit beside them.

Someone to listen.

Someone to make du‘a with them.

“Am I Allowed to Feel Sad?”

Of course.

Sabr — patience — does not mean you never cry.

It does not mean pretending:

“Nothing hurts me.”

Prophets experienced sadness.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ himself cried.

A believer can:

feel hurt,

cry,

miss someone,

feel frightened,

and still trust Allah.

Sadness and faith can exist in the same heart.

Patience means that while you are hurting, you keep trying to respond in a way that pleases Allah.

You don't have to be made of stone.

What Should I Do When Something Bad Happens?

You may not be able to change everything that happens.

But you can choose what you do next.

1 — Talk to Allah.

Make du‘a.

Tell Him what you need.

Ask Him for help.

2 — Talk to someone you trust.

A parent.

A teacher.

A trusted Muslim mentor.

You do not have to carry every difficult feeling alone.

3 — Do what you can.

If there is a problem you can help fix, take action.

Islam does not teach us to watch injustice and simply say:

“It’s a test.”

Help when you can.

Protect someone when you should.

Ask an adult for help.

Seek treatment when you are sick.

4 — Be patient with what you cannot control.

Some things are beyond us.

That is when we remember:

Allah is still Allah.

Even when life does not look the way we wanted it to.

5 — Remember the Hereafter.

There is more to your story than today.

There is more to justice than what happens in this world.

And there is more to life than what we can see right now.

THINK ABOUT IT

Imagine you could see only one tiny piece of a huge picture.

The little piece might look confusing.

Maybe it is dark.

Maybe you cannot tell what it is supposed to be.

But somebody looking at the entire picture sees what you cannot.

Our knowledge is like the tiny piece.

Allah's knowledge is complete.

This does not mean:

“Pain isn't real.”

It means:

Pain is real — but our view is limited.

And Allah's wisdom is not limited.

REMEMBER THIS

Allah is Merciful, Wise and perfectly Just. This world is a test, not Jannah, and difficult things can happen for reasons I may understand now, later, or perhaps not in this life. I do not have to know every reason to know that Allah never does injustice. When life hurts, I can feel sad, ask questions, seek help, make du‘a, and keep trusting Allah.

Quick Check

1. True or False?

If something painful happens to me, it always means Allah hates me.

☐ True ☐ False

2. Why can difficult things happen in this world?

A. Because this life is a test and people can also make wrong choices

B. Because Allah sometimes don't know what is happening

C. Because Allah don't care about the people

3. True or False?

If we do not know the exact reason something happened, we should invent an explanation.

☐ True ☐ False

Quick Check

4. What does Islam teach us about Allah's justice?

- A. Allah can accidentally treat somebody unfairly
 - B. Allah never commits injustice
 - C. Justice only matters in this life
-

5. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Being patient means I am never allowed to feel sad
- B. If I cry, it means I do not trust Allah
- C. I can feel sad and still be patient and trust Allah

A Tiny Activity — What Can I Do?

Put each situation under:

Something I Can Do

or

Something I Need Allah's Help to Accept

Something I Can Do

**Something I Need Allah's
Help to Accept**

A friend is being bullied and I can tell a trusted adult.

It is raining on the day I wanted to play outside.

I made a mistake and need to apologise.

Someone I love has died.

I am ill and can tell my parent and see a doctor.

Now finish:

“When something difficult happens, one thing I can always do is...”

Talk About It Together

There is no quiz answer for this one.

Ask each other:

“What is something difficult that has helped you learn or grow?”

It can be something small.

Then ask:

“What can we remind each other about Allah when we don’t understand why something happened?”

And if this lesson brings up something that still hurts...

you are allowed to talk about it.

You do not have to solve every feeling before closing this book.

FOR THE GROWN-UP

This may be the lesson where your child stops discussing an idea...

and starts discussing their own pain.

If that happens, the goal of the conversation changes.

Do not rush to win a theological argument.

Listen first.

A child who asks:

“Why did Allah let this happen?”

may sometimes really mean:

“I’m hurting. Is Allah still with me?”

Give them truth — but give it with compassion.

Avoid explanations you cannot know:

“Allah did this because He wanted you to learn X.”

Unless revelation gives us the exact reason, we do not know Allah's specific wisdom behind every individual event.

It is safer and more truthful to say:

"I don't know exactly why Allah allowed this particular thing to happen. But I know Allah is Wise, He never does injustice, He knows what we cannot see, and we can ask Him to help us through it."

Do not teach your child that Sabr means suppressing emotion.

And do not use phrases about divine decree to silence a child who needs comfort or protection.

If something harmful is happening now, seek appropriate help.

Trusting Allah and taking action are not opposites.

BEFORE WE CLOSE OUR 11 QUESTIONS...

Think about where our journey began.

We started with:

“Who is Allah?”

Then we asked:

Who created Allah?

Where is Allah?

Then the questions became about you:

Where did I come from?

Why am I here?

Where am I going?

Then we asked:

Why am I Muslim?

Why are there different religions — and how can I know Islam is true?

Then we explored what it means to live with Allah:

Does Allah need my worship?

What happens when I make mistakes?

And finally:

Can I still trust Allah when life hurts?

You have asked some very big questions.

And maybe something surprising has happened.

Every answer has led to another question.

That is okay.

This book was never meant to teach you:

“Now you know everything.”

It was meant to teach you something better:

You can ask.

You can learn.

You can think.

**And you can keep coming back to Allah as
you grow.**

The questions you have at seven may not be the same questions you have at ten.

The questions you have at ten may become deeper when you are fifteen.

And even adults are still learning.

Knowing Allah is a journey that continues for your whole life.

So if there is one thing we hope you remember from all eleven questions, let it be this:

Never be ashamed of a sincere question that can bring you closer to the truth.

Ask your parents.

Ask people of knowledge.

Ask a trusted Muslim teacher or mentor.

Keep reading the Qur'an.

Keep learning.

And above all...

keep asking Allah to guide you.

Because the goal was never simply to finish eleven questions.

The goal is to grow up knowing who Allah is, knowing who you are, understanding why you are Muslim — and learning how to live with faith when life gives you questions you have never asked before.

**Your questions do not have to stop here.
In many ways... they are only beginning.**



A Moment for You

Before you close this guide, take a moment to think about the conversations you have with your child.

What questions does your child ask you most often?

Which question in this guide seemed to make them think the most?



Was there anything they wanted to ask — but seemed unsure or embarrassed to say?

What is one question you would like to keep exploring together?

You do not need to have every answer today.

What matters is that your child knows they can come to you, ask honestly, think deeply, and keep learning.

Sometimes the most important thing a parent can give a child is not an immediate answer — but a safe place to keep asking.

Share This Guide



Know a Muslim parent who may benefit from these conversations?

You are welcome to share this guide with them.

We want these questions and answers to reach families who may find them useful.

Please share the guide in its original, unmodified form so that the content, context and Norulamal attribution remain together.

A small guide can start a very important conversation.

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ABOUT NORULAMAL

Light and hope for the next generation of Muslims.

At Norulamal, we believe Muslim children deserve more than simply being told what to believe.

They deserve to understand why.

They deserve to know their Creator.

To understand their faith.

To ask honest questions without feeling embarrassed or afraid.

And to grow into Muslims who do not only know Islam...

but understand it, love it, and know how to live by it.



WHY NORULAMAL EXISTS

Raising a Muslim child has never been only about teaching them how to read the Qur'an or memorise information.

Children are growing.

Thinking.

Watching.

Listening.

And asking questions.

Sometimes those questions sound simple:

“Who is Allah?”

“Why am I Muslim?”

“Why does Allah want me to worship Him?”

But simple questions do not always have simple answers — especially when we are trying to explain them in a way a child can truly understand.

That is why Norulamal was created.

To help make Islamic knowledge clear, meaningful and appropriate for the child in front of us.

MORE THAN ANOTHER LESSON

We believe children learn best when they feel safe enough to:

ask,
think,
make mistakes,
try again,
and say:

“I don’t understand yet.”

That is why our approach goes beyond simply finishing a lesson.

Through personal 1-to-1 Qur’an and Islamic education, we aim to give children something deeper:

a trusted Muslim mentor they can learn from, ask questions with confidence, and grow with over time.

Someone who does not only teach them how to read the Qur’an...

but helps them understand the faith behind the words they are reading.

OUR VISION

To help raise a generation of Muslims who know their Creator, understand their faith, live by it with confidence, and become a source of light and goodness wherever they go.

We want Muslim children to grow up knowing:

Who am I?

Why am I Muslim?

What do I believe?

Why do I believe it?

How should my faith shape the way I live?

Because one day, Mum and Dad will not be beside them in every classroom, friendship, decision or difficult moment.

Their understanding of Islam needs to grow with them.



WHY WE MADE THIS GUIDE



This guide is a small example of the kind of learning experience we believe children deserve.

Not a lecture.

Not a list of answers they are expected to memorise.

But a conversation.

A safe place for a child to wonder:

“Can I ask something?”

And for the answer to begin:

“Of course you can.”

The eleven questions ahead are some of the big questions Muslim children may think about as they grow.

Our hope is not that your child finishes this guide believing they now know everything.

Our hope is that they leave it:

knowing a little more,
thinking a little deeper,
feeling safer asking questions,
and most importantly...
wanting to keep learning about Allah and their Islam.



About the Mentor Approach

Children do not only need correct answers.

They need space to ask, understand, and build trust over time.

At Norulamal, we believe Islamic learning becomes more meaningful when a child has a consistent Muslim teacher who gets to know them — their personality, their strengths, the questions they ask, the things they struggle with, and the way they learn best.

That is where a teacher can become more than someone who simply delivers a lesson.

They can become a **trusted Muslim mentor** — someone your child feels comfortable learning from, asking honest questions, and growing with over time.

The goal is not simply to finish more lessons.

It is to help your child **understand their faith, grow in confidence, and build a stronger connection with Islam** as they grow.

Because children do not stop having questions when the book closes.



Want Your Child to Have a Safe Place to Ask Questions Like These?

A book can begin the conversation.

But some questions become easier to explore when a child has someone they know, trust, and feel comfortable asking.

At Norulamal, your child can learn **1-to-1 with a trusted Muslim mentor** who takes the time to understand them, answer their questions, and help them grow in Qur'an, Islamic understanding, and confidence in their faith.

Let Your Child Experience It for Themselves

Their first mentor-match session is completely free.

Let them meet the mentor, ask questions, learn together, and see how comfortable they feel.

No payment required. No pressure to continue.

Meet My Child's Mentor →

Start with one free private 1-to-1 session.

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