

## Sura Yaseen

1. The first ayat of this sura is the same as the name of this sura. It has two letters of the Arabic alphabet. Can you circle these letters?

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش  
ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل م ن ه  
و ي

2. Just as Sura Fatiha is known as the opening of the Quran, Sura Yaseen is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Quran. Why do you think this is?

Heart; scholars maintain this is because it addresses the central teachings of Islam pertaining to God, Prophethood and the Hereafter

3. This sura is recited by Muslims regularly for a variety of reasons...how many occasions can you think of at which Sura Yaseen is often recited?

At the graveyard, when someone is ill/dying, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after death of family member, when moving into a new home, as part of 15th Shabaan aamaals, on Thursday evenings, at weddings, at family reunions, just to name a few.

4. Imam Ali (as) is reported to have said, "I heard the Messenger of God say, 'Verily God has named me by seven names in the Quran...'" Yaseen is one of those, what are the other six?

Muhammad, Ahmad, TaHa, Muzzammil, Mudathir, Abdallah

5. This sura is divided into several sections. Match each section with its theme:

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| 1) Ayats #1-12  | A. a discussion of resurrection and the signs of it in the natural world |
| 2) Ayats #13-30 | B. reflection on the nature of Prophet Muhammad's prophethood            |
| 3) Ayats #31-44 | C. discussion of the signs in the created order/God's creative power     |
| 4) Ayats #45-52 | D. discusses the different ends of the disbelievers and the believers    |
| 5) Ayats #53-68 | E. an affirmation of God's omnipotence                                   |
| 6) Ayats #69-70 | F. responds to various objections common to the disbeliever              |
| 7) Ayats #71-81 | G. addresses Prophet by clarifying his mission & nature of revelation    |
| 8) Ayats #82-83 | H. tells of messengers who were sent to guide but were rejected          |

1)G 2)H 3)A 4)F 5)D 6)B 7)C 8)E

6. **This sura mentions some of Allah's (swt) blessings for humankind and the wonders of His creation. What are the blessings that are mentioned in ayats #37-40?**

The night and the day; the sun and the moon

**What would happen if we didn't have these blessings, or if they were reversed?**

There would be chaos because people would not have a sense of time. The sun, the moon and other celestial bodies are essential for navigating space and calculating time. Without them, human beings would lose their bearings and struggle with life on earth because they wouldn't know when it would be time to work or to rest. To thrive, society needs a sense of order and these celestial bodies provide that.

**What has Allah (swt) blessed you with? Make a collage by using magazines/newspapers in your home to find pictures of the things you listed in previous quizzes. (If you don't have magazines, you can use your own drawings.) Stick this collage in your room, so that the last thing you see before you sleep are the blessings of Allah (swt)!**

7. **According to scholars, who is the 'man who comes running' in ayat #20 of this sura?**

Habib al-Najjar

8. **Which ayat of this sura mentions the famous phrase: كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ? Give the English translation. What does it tell us?**

Ayat #82 – 'Be and it becomes'. Allah's (swt) creative power is dependent on nothing and no one.

**Compare this with our ability to create something simple, like a paper airplane or birthday cake. What and who are we dependent upon to be able to make these two things?**

Paper airplane: we need paper which comes from trees; rain and soil and air to grow the tree; machines to cut down the tree; a processing factory to turn the tree into paper; people to work the machines and factory processes; trucks and truck drivers and ships to move the finished product into our shops; our parents to drive us to the shops and buy the paper; fingers and thumbs to fold the paper; a person/book to teach us how to fold it

Cake: we need butter and milk from cows, grass for the cows to eat, dairy farmers to take care of and milk the cows; someone to churn the milk into butter; wheat to make flour; farmers to grow wheat; rain; processing plant to turn the wheat into flour; people to work in the factory; our parents to drive us to the shops and buy the ingredients; recipe book; an oven to cook the cake batter in; electricity to make the oven work; the list goes on and on...

Isn't it amazing then that Allah (swt) made everything around us perfectly from absolutely nothing and with no need for any instructions! Subhanallah!

9. **Ayat #74 of this sura tells us that people have taken gods other than Allah (swt) in the hope that they may be helped. It has been narrated that the Prophet (saw) says that thing he feared the most for his community was that they would associate others with Allah (swt); he said he did not necessarily mean they will worship the sun, moon or idols, but that they will strive for things other than Allah (swt). Can you think of some hidden gods/desires within each of us that we should be conscious of so they do not overtake us?**

**WORK.** When it drives our decision-making to the point of completely ignoring Allah's (swt) commands and expectations; for example, working without pause and ignoring our prayers, fulfilling rights towards the needy and our next of kin.

**SUCCESS.** God wants us to be successful, but He does not desire success to take His place in our hearts...true success takes us closer to Allah (swt), not away from Him.

**PHONES.** Or tablets or smart watches which we can't stop checking every five minutes! They consume our time and give them control over us as opposed to the other way around.

**IMAGE/FAME.** In the age of social media – Facebook and Instagram – we can become obsessed with projecting the image of a perfect life, perfect relationship, perfect kids to gain the acceptance and admiration of others. It is important to have a good reputation – but as pertaining to the contents of our character and NOT simply to be "liked" by people. Even the Meccans who rejected the Prophet when he declared his prophethood/guidance would admit to the pureness of this character. And we should not give more importance to our image with the world than the image we have in the eyes of Allah (swt) who knows our secrets.

**MATERIALISM.** We are led to believe that we need certain objects and possessions to feel happy and content. We should always scrutinize whether it is truly a 'need' or rather simply a 'want'.

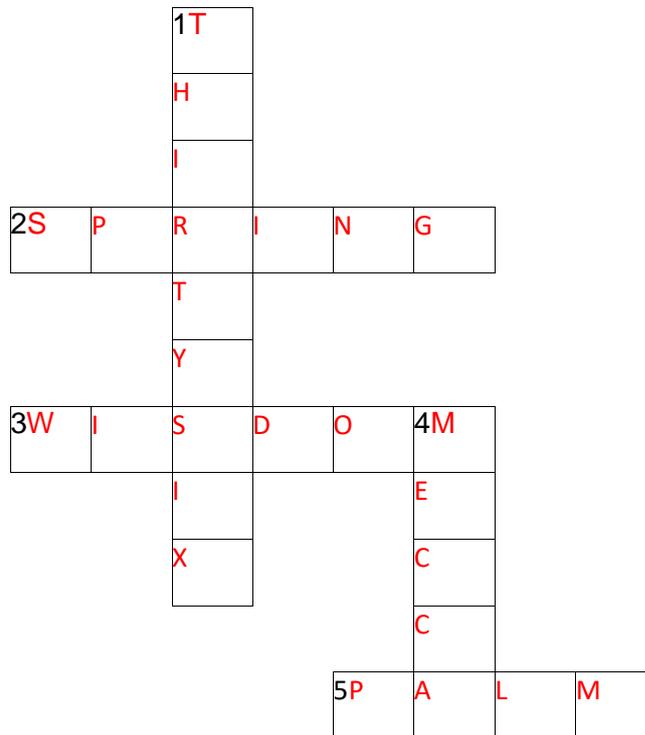
**MONEY.** There is much value in money, but it is not the most valuable thing. It is a useful tool by which we can do good, but can also lead us to do bad. When it takes us away from the purpose of our creation and becomes our sole goal in life, then money can become our idol. We should also ensure we are seeking money by halal means. Try and think of some ways in which we can obtain and use money in an Islamic way.

10. **What is this and what significance does it have in Islam. In which ayat of this sura is it mentioned and with which angel is it associated? Try and use this picture to draw one by yourself....or you can just colour this one in instead.**



Trumpet – on Allah's (swt) the angel Israfil will blow a trumpet to announce the Day of Judgment. This is mentioned in ayat #51

**Bonus: Complete this crossword puzzle**



**Across**

2. Ayat #33 describes which season of the year?
3. Ayat #2 describes the Quran as Hakeem. What does Hakeem mean?
5. In verse 39, Allah (swt) compares the stages of the moon as which tree?

**Down**

1. Which sura number is Sura Yaseen?
4. Where was Sura Yaseen revealed?