

## Surah Maidah

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### Questions

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2. When does hunting or slaughtering animals which is otherwise lawful, becomes unlawful?
3. According to Shiite traditions when was the part of the verse: 'Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My blessing upon you, and chosen as your religion Islam' revealed?
4. What does the Qur'an criticize the Jews and the Christians in verse 18 of and why?
5. What are some of the miracles of Prophet Isa (Jesus) described in this Surah?
6. What are the conditions for witnesses for a will or bequest?
7. What do we learn from the story of Abel and Cain?

### Questions for younger kids

1. How many verses does Surah Maidah have? Write the number in Arabic
2. Highlight the foods that are not permissible to eat?  
carrion                                chicken that has been slaughtered in Halal manner  
blood                                  pig's meat slaughtered in Halal manner  
fish with scales                        fruits  
Animal sacrificed to idols                tomatoes

3. What practice does 'You who believe, when you are about to pray, wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows, wipe your heads, wash your feet up to the ankles' in verse 6 signify?

## Answers

1. **What does the title of the Surah (Maidah) mean? Why is the Surah named so?**

The title 'Maidah' means 'The table spread' or 'The feast'. The title relates to food, which is the central theme of this surah and it talks about the regulations of lawful and unlawful food.

2. **When does hunting or slaughtering animals which is otherwise lawful, becomes unlawful?**

Hunting becomes unlawful while performing the pilgrimage, which requires a special state of purity (iḥrām) that prohibits hunting or slaughtering animals, with the exception of sea creatures.

3. **According to Shiite traditions when was the part of the verse: 'Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My blessing upon you, and chosen as your religion Islam' revealed?**

According to Shiite traditions this verse was reportedly revealed at the site of Ghadīr Khumm in Juhfah, where the Prophet and the rest of the pilgrims had halted on their return journey to Madinah after the final pilgrimage.

4. **What does the Qur'an criticize the Jews and the Christians in verse 18 of and why?**

The Qur'an criticizes the Jews and the Christians for calling themselves the children of God because it ascribes partners to God and defies the concept of 'Tawhid'.

**5. What are some of the miracles of Prophet Isa (Jesus) described in this Surah?**

He spoke while in the cradle. He made a bird of clay and breathed into it and it became alive by the permission of Allah. He cured the blind and lepers with the permission of Allah. He raised the dead back to life by the permission of Allah

**6. What are the conditions for witnesses for a will or bequest?**

Will or a bequest needs two just men who will not sell their testimony for any price.

**7. What do we learn from the story of Abel and Cain?**

We learn that sacrifice of those who are mindful of Him and not done to compete or show-off.

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Wudhu (cleaning face, hand and feet before praying)