

## Seerah Study Material for Grades 6-9

1. Ibrahim (A.s) was tested by Allah Swt many times thruout his life. For example one time he was commanded by Allah Swt to leave his wife (Hajarah) and his son (Ismail) in the middle of the dessert. During this time he left and Hajarah went out looking for water. After many laps between Safa and Marwa Allah Swt gifted her a spring known as Zamzam.
2. Ibrahim (A.s) was a the father of the prophets. He had preached to both his children Ishaq and Ismail that there is only one Allah Swt and to worship him. This became well known to them and they preached to the people that were in their locality. Ismail (A.s) preached to the Arabs that there is only one Allah listening to his father's words.
3. RasoolAllah (Saw) was born on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of Rabi ul Awwal. When he was just a child he was sent to Halimah Sa'diyyah to be brought up in a safe and clean environment. This was a common tradition among the Arabs to send their children away from the city to be brought up with good moral values and learn about the arab traditions like being a shephard. Eventually the time of the Prophet Saw with Halima came to an end. He went back to Makkah with his mother who passed away in the city of Abwa.
4. After RasoolAllah Saw learned business thru his uncle Abu Talib, he was well known among the citizens of Makkah that he was very truthful and honest when it came to business. This caught the attention of Khadijah (Rad) who sent him as a leader of a business caravan. After he came back to Makkah with so much profit he immediately went to Khadijah Rad and gave her the full amount of the money. This was very crucial moment for RasoolAllah Saw because this was the moment he received a marriage proposal from her and they were wedded. RasoolAllah Saw was 25 years old at the time and Khadijah (Rad) was 40.
5. The people of Makkah had many issues in terms of their actions and behavior. For example they drank wine, gambled like no tomorrow, and used vulgar language. This was all against the prophet Saw because he was a man of honesty and morality. He then used to seclude himself from all the people by going to the cave of Hira that was located in mount Noor. He would go back home to get some supplies like food and water and eventually he would come back as soon as possible. One day during the month of Ramadan an angel came to him with the quran. This is when RasoolAllah Saw became a prophet at the age of 40.
6. RasoolAllah Saw started preaching quietly to people to come to Islam. The first woman to accept Islam was Khadijah. The first man was Abu bakr. The first child was Ali. Remember they would not openly show their Islam to everyone because it was a fairly new situation. But eventually Allah Swt commanded Rasool Allah Saw to preach openly. So he did. He went on Mount Safa and called all the people of Makkah to come and accept Islam. They however rejected the idea of there being one god especially Abu Lahb the uncle of RasoolAllah Saw.
7. The muslims were persecuted everyday by the disbelievers of Makkah. They would hit, swear, and make fun of the muslims. Until Allah Swt gave muslims permission to go to another land which would be modern day Ethiopia (Abyssinia) where they can practice Islam and worship Allah Swt with peace. The king Najashi was very welcoming to the muslims and told them that no one can harm them now. They were safe.

8. After all of this took place the prophet Saw needed some strong and brave people to accept Islam so that they could practice Islam with a little bit of peace. Hamza (rad) accepted Islam which was a great help to RasoolAllah Saw. Then he was followed by Umar Rad three days later. This was a small victory for the Muslims because they were always persecuted. Now with the help of these men the disbelievers of Makkah would think twice before doing anything to the Muslims.

9. After losing hope that the people of Makkah would not accept Islam the Prophet Saw went to a neighboring city called Taaif to preach Islam. But they were worse than the people of Makkah. They stoned the Prophet Saw and used vulgar language against him. The life of RasoolAllah Saw was very hard in Makkah Mukarramah. He went thru so many hardships. And it was even worse when Abu Talib and Khadijah (Rad) passed away in the same year. This was the beginning of the peace that rasoolAllah Saw was about to receive in Madina.

### **Characteristics & Features of the Prophet (PBUH)**

Imam Tirmidhi compiled a series of hadith that describe the physical attributes and characterizes of the Prophet (PBUH) and is titled al-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah (Characteristics of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)). The Shama'il is divided into 56 chapters containing 415 narrations from the Companions of the Prophet (PBUH).

#### **Physical Appearance**

The following hadith gives us a great idea of the Prophet (PBUH)'s physical appearance.

Anas bin Malik (RA) narrates:

“The Prophet (PBUH) was of medium stature; he was neither very tall nor short. He was very handsome, of medium built and his hair was neither curly nor straight but wavy. He had a wheat-colored complexion. When he walked, he leaned forward slightly.

Whoever caught a sudden glimpse of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) would tremble due to awe of him. Only the younger companions who were more daring could describe him. Older companions felt so much awe that many were unable to look at him directly. Allah made the Prophet's (PBUH) skin relatable to all people of every color and ethnicity. Its color can be described as in the middle of all human shades and hues. Relatively fair-skinned. There was a rosy tint to his skin. Very soft and smelled sweet.

He would follow what the Christians and Jews would do in regarding to how to maintain appearance as they were people of the book. This is during when Allah has not given any specific instructions. When all of Arabia embraced Islam, he would then follow the Arabs. The Prophet (PBUH) did not care for fashion and dressed simply and wore cloths from different regions. He would wear scents and it is said that parents could tell that their children were with the Prophet as they could smell his perfume from the children. This is because he would pat their heads. His hair only reached to his ear lobes.

The Prophet (PBUH) was never picky with food. He would not fill his stomach. If he didn't like something he simply did not eat it. He would only eat meat on special occasions or when there were guests. His diet consisted mainly of barley, dates, whole wheat flour etc. He would eat with his hands and sit on the floor.

The Prophet (PBUH) was in Makkah and saw Angel Jibrail (RA) atop Mt. Safa. He said:

“Jibrail, by the one who sent you with the truth, the family of Muhammad does not even have a handful of flour or a palm full of barley to eat all day.”

The moment after he spoke there was a thunderous noise from the Heavens. He asked:

“Has Allah ordered the end of the world?”

Angel Jibrail (AS) replied:

“No, but he has commanded Angel Israfil (AS) [to come to you] and, after hearing your words, he has.”

Angel Israfil (AS) came and said to him that Allah has heard him and sent him to the Prophet (PBUH) with the keys to the treasures of the earth and ordered the angel to offer them to the Prophet (PBUH). Angel Israfil (AS) said that the Prophet can be a Prophet as a king or a Prophet as a servant. Angel Jibrail gestured to the Prophet to humble himself before Allah. His reply was to be a Prophet as a servant.

He had many opportunities to be rich and even become a king, but he chose to be a servant as that is what being the Prophet of Allah is. A servant of the people and the Lord.