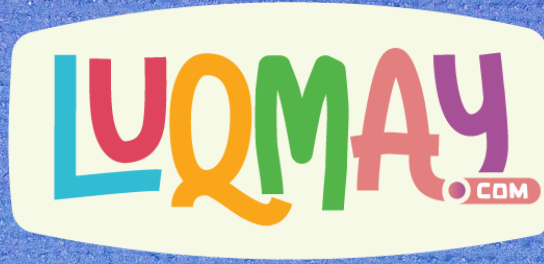
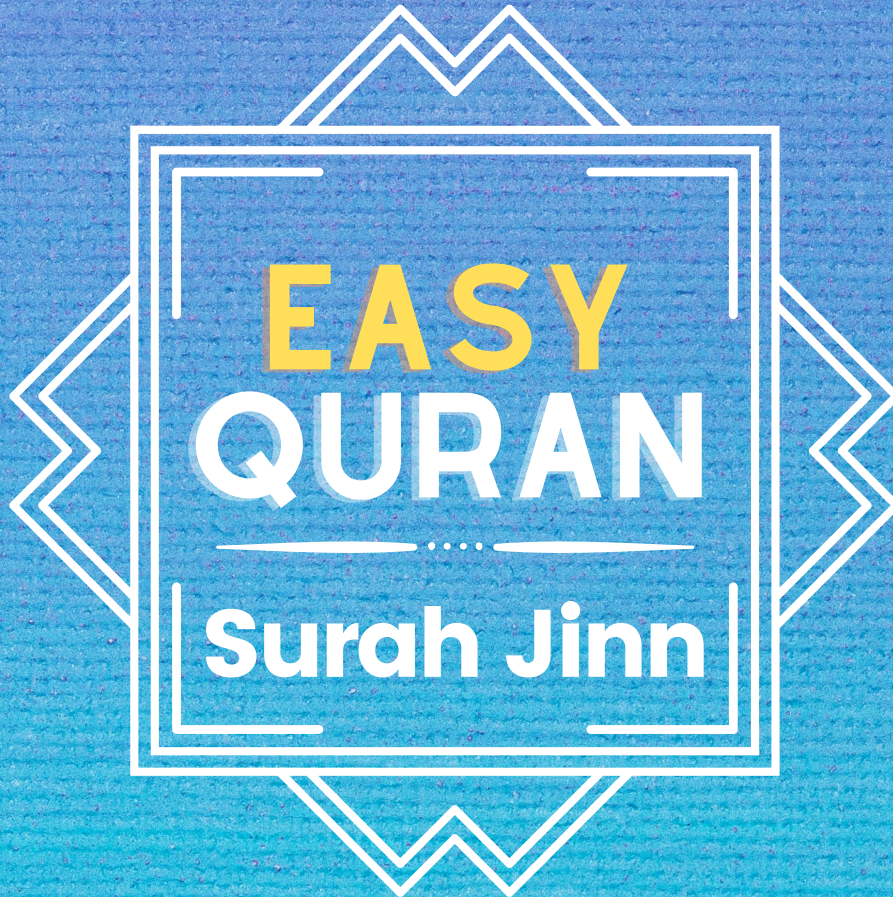


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# COMPANION GUIDE



# DEAR PARENTS

# Assalam-o-alaikum!

## GUIDELINES

Following are some guidelines on using this Companion Guide.

- Sit together as a family while listening to Luqmay's Easy Quran Meaning Audio. It motivates the children and gives them a feeling of being a part of something important.
- Have close physical contact with younger children. They can either sit right next to you or in your lap. This will help create a special bond with the children during these sessions.
- It is advisable to stop the audio at every 2 or 3 minutes intervals and then discuss or ask a question. This technique is more effective with younger kids with a shorter attention span.
- If your child is not ready or willing to participate, please do not force. The parents can start listening amongst themselves in the presence of the child, eventually in shaa Allah the child will develop interest. They are always listening and absorbing the information in their surroundings even when it is not apparent.
- Please allow your child at least 5 minutes to ponder and think over the question asked, you may let them listen to your answers or their siblings' first.
- Finally, please take note that these sessions are not 'tafseer' sessions. Infact, they are based on the idea of developing logical thinking. Trust your children to ask questions when they feel curious enough to find an answer. Guide them towards asking the right questions through casual conversation, without the pressure to give the 'right' answers. Give your child your full attention when they speak and respond with 'and' statements rather than 'but' statements. This is how we can honour their opinions and add to them without giving the impression that their answers or opinions are wrong. Every question is valid.

And with that let's begin.

## In the name of Allah, the entirely Merciful, the especially Merciful.

### 1 - So what do you think is happening here? Who are these Jinn?

- Supernatural beings that we know from the Quran. They have the kind of superpowers we read about in stories.
- Jinn are a creation of Allah, they have a body and a soul just like us.
- They are intelligent creatures made of fire.
- Humans can't see them, but they can see us.
- There are Muslim jinn and non-Muslim jinn. There are good and bad jinn.

### 2 - Are humans/men superior to Jinn? Yes or no? Why do you think so?

a. Allah says in the Quran, in chapter 17, verse 70:

"And We bestowed dignity on the children of 'Adam and provided them with rides on the land and in the sea, and provided them with a variety of good things and made them much superior to many of those We created"

And in chapter 95, verse no.4:

"We have certainly created man in the best of form."

b. Humans are superior over Jinn because we have been given more knowledge. Allah (swt) taught Adam (As) the names of things of which the angels and the jinn did not know about.

c. Allah has created man the most beautiful of all His creation. Ibn Arabi (RA) says that there is no creature of Allah more beautiful than man, because Allah, besides granting him life, gave him knowledge, power, speech, hearing, sight, planning and wisdom.

d. The Jinn may have the superpower to travel at a super speed, but we humans have designed vehicles like aeroplanes and rockets to travel at a super speed even without having any inherent super powers.

e. Jinn who live up to hundreds of years, humans have a shorter and limited life on this earth, full of distractions. However, they still strive to do their best in this limited time to please Allah.

f. Muslim men believe in Allah, His angels and His prophets without seeing them which gives them a higher status than the Jinn who have seen the Unseen. Shaytan is a Jinn who has seen Allah and many of the Jinn have seen angels and old prophets as well.

**3 -"We did not think that humans and Jinns would join each other in lying about Allah by saying Allah has a wife or a son." Why did this group of Jinn say that? Why did they think that men and Jinn could not lie about Allah?**

- Imagine yourself amongst a huge crowd of people. And all of the people in this crowd are eating brown apples and enjoying them. Suddenly, one man appears out of nowhere and he announces in a loud voice 'STOP EATING THOSE BROWN APPLES! THEY ARE MADE OF PLASTIC!' . How will you react?
- It is very difficult to accept that such a large number of people - all of them could be saying or doing a wrong thing.
- Similarly, this group of Jinn was also influenced by all the other Jinn and men who said that Allah has a son and Allah has a wife. They were influenced by wrong information and got caught up in the lies of the foolish ones.
- However, when they heard the Quran, they recognised and accepted the truth. They stood out from that huge crowd of Jinn and men who were on the wrong path.
- We need to surround ourselves with friends and people who think before they act, who are not scared to say no even when everyone around them is saying yes.
- Be a thinker and do not follow the crowd blindly! Think about whys and hows.



**4 - So after Prophet Muhammad (saw) started receiving revelation, the jinn would be destroyed by fireballs so they could not hear the verses. Why?**

- a. What do we know from the previous verses? There are jinn who lie against Allah.
- b. The fireballs were so they could not steal anything from the Qur'an and tell it to soothsayers/fortune-tellers, thereby causing confusion.
- c. The soothsayers and fortune-tellers were friends with the jinn. In days gone by, the jinn used to tell them about things that they heard in the heavens and the soothsayers would then tell those to the people, mixing in a hundred lies from their own selves. Allah wanted to protect the revelation so it would reach Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) only because he was the one who was going to propagate the Quran.

**5 - "And that we do not know whether evil is intended for those who are on the earth or their Lord intends for them a right path". This verse is teaching us about character. How?**

- Imagine that you were not able to understand a science topic clearly taught by your teacher in the class. Let's say the teacher's name is Aminah. What are you going to say? 'Teacher Aminah did not teach this topic clearly' v/s " We were not able to understand this topic"
- The Jinn stated this in such a manner out of their etiquette in phrasing their speech, because they did not attribute the doing of evil to anyone and they attributed the good to Allah.
- It is from good manners to not directly attribute something bad to those older than us, out of respect.