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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 - Why did the 'Army of the Elephant' want to destroy the Kaaba?**

- Listen to this captivating story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Y4L77zwN4U> )
- The Army of the Elephant was led by Abraha, the Christian ruler of Yemen, who wanted to convert the Arabs to Christianity.
- Abraha had constructed a magnificent church at Sana, the capital of Yemen, and he wanted to divert the Arab pilgrims from Mecca to Yemen.
- Abraha thought that by making Yemen the center of Arabian pilgrimage, his own fame and power would grow.
- However, Abraha knew that as long as the Arabs were devoted to the Kaaba, he would never be able to attract too many pilgrims to his cathedral in Yemen.
- Hence, Abraha decided to destroy the Kaaba but Allah protected it by sending birds that dropped stones on the Army of the Elephant and forced it to flee, killing many of its soldiers.

## **2 - If you throw a stone at someone, do they die? Why and how did the army of Abraha die with just stones being pelted at them?**

- These stones were not regular stones but in fact they were stones baked in the intense heat of the desert sun. They were like bullets falling from the sky!
- When you throw something from high above, it falls down faster and hits harder as compared to throwing something from a lower height.
- The parent can experiment the above point with the child by using a plastic ball. Try to throw the ball by standing on different heights and notice the speed and force of the falling object