

KIDS LOVE THE WAY



WE TEACH QURAN



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 do you think the Quraish of Mecca made trading journeys to distant lands?

- The main occupation among the tribe of Quraish was trading, that is buying and selling things. They could not do any farming because the land in Mecca was infertile.
- The Quraish used to travel to countries like Syria and Yemen to sell their goods. They would also buy things from these countries and then sell them in the markets of Mecca at a higher price.
- The Quraish often made huge profits from their trading and some of their merchants thus became very wealthy.
- As there were no cars, buses, or airplanes in those days, such long journeys had to be made on animals, like camels. It would take several weeks to arrive at the destination, so the men of Quraish had to be very tough to counter the desert heat during daytime.

2 - We talked about Allah protecting the tribe of Quraish. What do you think their trade caravans needed protection from?

- As we discussed before, the Quraish used to travel on camels and horses with all their valuable goods.
- These could easily be stolen by robbers on the way as there was no system of guards and police at that time.
- Sometimes the merchants and people travelling would also get kidnapped to be sold as slaves!

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3 - Can you think of ways how Allah protected the tribe of Quraish on their journeys?

- The people of Makkah however, were never attacked on their journeys. This was because they were the caretakers of the statues and idols that the people from different tribes worshipped. All the special and favourite idols of the surrounding tribes were placed near the Kaaba in Makkah.
- So everyone considered the people of Makkah, especially the Quraish, as special people who took care of their idols and fake gods, hence, nobody ever caused them any trouble.