**Prophet Zakariya**

WEEK 1: Reading: the basic story of Zachariya alais salaam Use the story as in the earlier mail files/child reader off net or go straight to it with links  
  
<http://www.angelfire.com/on/ummiby1/zak.html>  
  
<http://www.witness-pioneer.org/vil/Articles/Prophet/zakariyah.htm>  
  
Prophet Zachariya (as) is mentioned in the Quran on two accounts that he was the guardian of Maryam bint Imran, mother of Isa alais salaam. When he would visit Maryam she would have food , sometimes fruit that was out of season, with her. When Zachariya asked from where she obtained them, Maryam replied, `Allah…….' 3:37-38. This caused Zachariya alais salaam to pray for a pious offspring, knowing that those Allah is pleased with will be favoured that he prayed in secret to Allah when his desire seemed to be unachievable, i.e. he was old, his wife was barren but he desired an heir. What is unachievable for man is an easy task for Allah should Allah will it to happen.  
  
\*\*Memorisation: simple short line which will re-inforce names is : 006.085  
  
And Zakariya and John, and Jesus and Elias: all in the ranks of the righteous:  
  
\*\*Handwriting: write out of of the Quranic ayahs in dotted format, perhaps For a child who is learning to write for them to trace over, Or handwriting practise for slightly older ones to copy the Arabic and translation  
  
\*\*Questions / discussion points  
1. Who was Zachariyah alais salaam?  
( a descendent of Prophet Dawood alais salaam, sent to Bani Israel)  
  
2 . Where and to whom was he born? ( as above) what was his desire and why? ( for an heir, to follow him in keeping Bani Israel on the right path after his own death… this is the reason mentioned in Ibn kathir page 500 Stories of the Prophets, he was afraid bani Israeli would not follow Allah's commands when he was not physically with them and so wanted a Prophet for them) why did he fel this was impossible? ( Quran ..' my bones are feeble and my hair has turned grey' 19:4, he was too old) why did Zachariya ask for a sign from Allah? (he doubted himself, that could his desire really be fulfilled or was he imagining it) what was the sign? ( he would lose the power of speech for 3 nights) what is the importance for us of finding Zachariya's duaa fulfilled? (learning the power of duaa, and also that everything is possible for Allah, i.e. created life where there was none, providing renewed life where none was thought possible, in a barren womb, (also life where the `normal' pattern isn't followed, Isa ibn mayam) only Allah is the Creator.)  
  
  
\*\* a short worksheet: fill in the blanks  
  
  
Prophet Zachariya alais salaam  
  
Prophet Zachariya alais salaam is from the ------- of Dawood and  
Suleiman (alais salaam).  
He was the guardian of ------ , the mother of Isa, and he was  
------------ of Prophet Yahya,(alais salaam).  
  
He was very ---- and feeble and did not think he would every have a  
son. He prayed very hard to Allah to give him a son.  
  
Allah answered his ------- and made the impossible possible.  
Allah is ----- to do all things!  
  
Maryam / the father / duaa  
Family / old / able

WEEK 2:  
\*\*Reading: Surah 19 lines 1-15  
read to them/ they read if able, the Quran versus that tell of Zachariya's dialogue and duaa to Allah  
  
Then ask children to write the story, or main points, in their own words. Or younger ones could draw the old and feeble man, (back view if no faces!) sitting making duaa in the silence of the night. Others could be huddled in bed under bedclothes! Also maybe gestures to people as cannot speak for 3 nights.  
  
\*\* point to mention on `heir', Prophets do not leave inheritance in the sense of money/wealth or property etc. Zachariya feared for bani Israel, he wanted them to have a guide physically with them, so Yahya's inheritence is that of wisdom and knowledge, and strength in deen, NOT material gains.  
  
Zachariya alais salaam was a poor man, a carpenter, who worked for his living. Spiritually he was wealthy!  
  
\*\*question and possible point of discussion for topic on angles  
  
how did Zachariya alais salaam know that Allah had accepted his prayer? ( angles came to him whilst he was standing in prayer, 3:29)  
  
does Allah send angels to anyone? (Only to Prophets)  
  
would angels be coming to anyone now or in the future? ( no. last messenger has been sent, noother Prophet will come)  
  
  
\*\*Activity: Find where the life of Zachariya alais slaam took place:  
  
Zachariya as, was the guardian of Maryam, mother of Isa as, all lived here:  
<http://www.fsmitha.com/h1/map24jud.htm>  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/maps/roman.html>  
  
Geography, use the blank and outline maps to show context to world map:  
<http://geography.about.com/library/blank/blxegypt.htm>  
<http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/>  
<http://www.graphicmaps.com/geoquiz/thelist.htm>

Week 3:  
\*\*Important lesson from the life of Zachariya alais salaam,  
  
everything is in Allah's hands as he is the CREATOR  
  
MARYAM had food with her, ibn kathir mentions often fruits that were  
not in season  
  
ZACHARIYAH alais salaam had a child when physically it was impossible  
for him and his wife to conceive  
  
How is this possible?  
Because Allah is able to do all things, as He is the Creator  
  
The worksheet below is a Grade 2 lesson plan from this site:  
<http://www.quran-as-textbook.com/book1/bk1gr202.htm>  
  
ALLAH IS OUR CREATOR  
Allah is the Creator. Allah is the Maker of all.  
Who created the sun? Allah !  
Yes, Allah created the sun.  
Who created the land and the seas? Allah !  
Yes, Allah created the land and the seas.  
Who created the moon and the stars? Allah !  
Yes, Allah created the moon and the stars.  
Who created the animals?  
Allah created the animals, big and small.  
The elephant is a big animal.  
The cat is a small animal.  
There are animals still smaller than a cat.  
Yes, Allah created all animals.  
Who created the birds?  
Allah created all the birds.  
Can you create a bird? No.  
Only Allah can create them.  
Who created the hills and rivers? Allah !  
Yes, Allah created the hills and rivers.  
Look at the flowers.  
Who sow their seeds in the garden?  
The gardener did it.  
What did he do after that? He watered them.  
Did he make the plants grow? No.  
Then who did it? Allah !  
Yes, Allah made the plants to grow.  
Did the gardener make the flowers?  
No, Allah made all the beautiful flowers.  
Allah created all the plants and trees.  
Can anyone, other than Allah, create any of these things?  
No one, only Allah can create them.  
Who created men, women and children?  
Allah created men, women and children.  
Yes, Allah is the creator of us all. He is our Creator.  
Who created the fruits and vegetables?  
Allah created the fruits and vegetables.  
Allah created all the good and beautiful things in the world for us.  
Allah gives us the food we eat.

So, 1) We must worship only Allah.  
2) We must say Bismillah before eating.  
3) We must say Alhamdulillah after eating.  
  
ALLAH GIVES US EVERYTHING WE NEED.  
We must obey Allah.  
We must please Him.  
We must pray to Allah only.  
  
ACTIVITIES  
1. Fill in the blanks with the given words:  
(Creator, obey, Allah, Bismillah, Alhamdullillah)  
(a) Allah is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all.  
(b) We must say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before eating.  
(c) We must say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after eating.  
(d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has given us everything we need.  
(e) We must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Allah to please Him.  
  
2. Answer the following: (with Yes, No, Allah)  
(a) Who created the moon and the stars? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Can anyone else create hills and rivers? \_\_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Who gives us food that we eat? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Is Allah the creator of this world? \_\_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Whom alone should we pray to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Does a gardener create the flowers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
3. Choose the right answer:  
(a) We get fruits from trees. Yes or No.  
(b) Allah sends down the rain. Yes or No.  
(c) Water helps the plants to grow. Yes or No.  
(d) A gardener makes the trees grow. Yes or No.  
(e) Allah makes the trees and plants to grow. Yes or No.  
  
4. Complete the following sentences with the given words:  
(sun, moon, animals, birds, earth)  
(a) Allah created the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) Allah created the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
(c) Allah created the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
(d) Allah created all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ big and small.  
(e) Allah created all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
Surahs from the Quran to emphasise this: Perhaphs memorise? If you try to count up Allah's blessing, you can not count them. Indeed, God is Forgiving; Merciful. [it is He] Who taught knowledge by pen. (78 – 16) Allah is the source [for everything]. Allah needs nothing for His sustenance and existence. Allah is independent of all and all are dependent on Him. (66 – 14)

ZAKARIA, PEACE BE ON HIM: The Prophet Zachariah. A prophet of Islam. He looked after Maryam, the mother of Jesus, in the Temple of Solomon, when she was a child. He was the father of the Prophet Yahya, peace be on them all.  
  
<http://www.islamiska.org/e/z.htm>  
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Zakariya (AS)  
  
Zakariya (AS) was a prophet of the Israelites. He is also known as Zachariah in the west. He was a descendant of Sulaiman (AS). Zakariya (AS) was the patron of Mariam (Mary), Isa (AS)'s mother. He was also the trustee of the Hekal (Temple). He earned his livelihood through working as a carpenter.  
  
Zakariya (AS) worked hard, preaching to his people. His kinsmen were drifting away from the right path. He was worried about this state of affairs as he had no offspring and he had to pass on the priesthood of Hekal to someone. He wanted to have a son who would carry on his religious activities.  
  
He prayed to Allah (SWT) to grant him a son. He knew that this would have been impossible as he and his wife was barren and he was an old man, but he had faith in Allah (SWT), and knew that Allah (SWT) was capable of doing anything. Allah (SWT), out of his mercy, granted this request, and soon thereafter, they had a son. They named him Yahya. He too was to become a prophet of Allah.  
  
Zakariya (AS) kept preaching in his old age.  
  
According to the Gospel, Zakariya (AS) did not die a natural death. The Israelites killed him. While they were after him, he hid himself in a tree, which opened for him. They chopped down the tree, cutting Zakariya (AS) into two, though not the slightest cry was heard from him.  
  
For more information on the story of Zakariya (AS), look up the following verses in the Holy Qur'an:  
  
3:37-41; 6:85; 19:2-11; 21:90  
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/6693/zakariya.html>  
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his son Yahya is in the second heaven .......... Muhammad (peace be upon him) was in a deep sleep in a house in Makkah when (Gabriel) woke him up. With the archangel was Al-Buraq: an animal unique in creation.............. (the ascent begins and on the second heaven) Gabriel then ascended with the Prophet to the second heaven, asked for opening the gate and there he saw and saluted John, son of Zachariya (Yahya bin Zakarlya) and Jesus, son of Mary. They returned the salutation, welcomed him and expressed their faith in his Prophethood.  
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<http://www.iman.co.nz/index.htm?innerpage_is.htm?ed/night.htm>