

# Prophet Muhammad (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) Unit Study

## **Introduction:**

Who is your Prophet? Your Prophet is Muhammad (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam), sent to all mankind as "...a witness, as a bearer of glad tidings, and as a warner." (48:8)

## **Ayaah/Hadith:**

"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but rather he is the Messenger of Allaah and the last of the prophets." [Surah Al-Ahzaab: 40]

## **Tafsir: (from Tafsir Ibn Kathir)**

33:40 (excerpts)

(but he is the Messenger of Allah and the last of the Prophets. And Allah is Ever All-Aware of everything.) This is like the Ayah:

(Allah knows best with whom to place His Message) (6:124). This Ayah clearly states that there will be no Prophet after him. If there will be no Prophet after him then there will surely be no Messenger after him either, because the status of a Messenger is higher than that of a Prophet, for every Messenger is a Prophet but the reverse is not the case. This was reported in many Mutawatir Hadiths narrated from the Messenger of Allah via a group of his Companions, may Allah be pleased with them. Imam Ahmad recorded a narration from Ubayy bin Ka`b, from his father that the Prophet said:

(My parable among the Prophets is that of a man who built a house and did a good and complete job, apart from the space of one brick which he did not put in its place. The people started to walk around the building, admiring it and saying, "If only that brick were put in its place. " Among the Prophets, I am like that brick.) It was also recorded by At-Tirmidhi, who said "Hasan Sahih."

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Jubayr bin Mut`im, may Allah be pleased with him, said that he heard the Messenger of Allah say:

(I have several names: I am Muhammad, and I am Ahmad; I am Al-Mahi (the eradicator) through whom Allah will erase disbelief; I am Al-Hashir (the gatherer) at

whose feet mankind will gather; and I am Al-`Aqib (the final one) after whom there will be no Prophet.) It was also recorded in the Two Sahihs. And there are many other Hadiths on this topic. Allah has told us in His Book, and His Messenger has told us in the Mutawatir Sunnah, that there will be no Prophet after him, so that it may be known that everyone who claims this status after him is a liar and fabricator who is misguided and is misguiding others. Even if he twists meanings, comes up with false claims and uses tricks and vagaries, all of this is false and is misguidance as will be clear to those who have understanding. This is what Allah caused to happen in the case of Al-Aswad Al-`Ansi in the Yemen and Musaylimah the Liar in Al-Yamamah, whose false miracles and nonsensical words showed everyone who was possessed of understanding that they were liars who were leading people astray; may the curse of Allah be upon them both. This is the case with every false prophet until the Day of Resurrection, until they end with Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal (the Antichrist). Each of these liars is given by Allah signs which show the people of knowledge and the believers that his message is false -- which is part of the perfect kindness of Allah towards His creation. These liars do not enjoin what is good, nor forbid what is evil, unless they do so by coincidence or because it serves an ulterior purpose. They are the utmost in falsehood and immorality, in all that they say and do, as Allah says:

(Shall I inform you (O people!) upon whom the Shayatin descend They descend on every lying, sinful person.) (26:221-222) This is in contrast to the Prophets -- may blessings and peace be upon them -- for they are the utmost in righteousness, truthfulness, wisdom, uprightness and justice in all that they say and do, command and forbid. In addition to this they are supported with miracles and clear and obvious proof. May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon them always, as long as heaven and earth remain.

### **Ways to share this topic:**

- Read about and discuss the life of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam)

Some places where you can find the seerah of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam):

- Knowing Prophet Muhammad (written especially for children) from [Understand-Islam.net](http://Understand-Islam.net).
- Raheeq ul Makhtum: <http://www.streetdawah.com/books/Ar-Raheeq%20Al-Makhtum.pdf>

If reading "Knowing Prophet Muhammad (salla Allahu Alayhi wa sallam) " here is a sample reading schedule:

Session 1:Pages 1-4

Session 2:Pages 5-8 to the end of the paragraph ending with ...Abu Taalib.

Session 3:Pages 9-12 to the end of the paragraph ending with the ayaat from Baqarah

Session 4:Pages 12-16 to the end of paragraph ending with An Nasr

Session 5:Page 16 to end

- Have children learn the answer to the question: Man Nabbiyyuk? (Who is your Prophet?). Answer: Muhammad (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) Nabbiyyee. (Muhammad is my Prophet). Tell children that this is one of the three questions that will be asked of us in the grave.(The other two being, Who is your Lord, and What is your religion?)
- Memorize the proof for Who is your Prophet? (Surah Al-Ahzaab: 40) in Arabic.

### **Vocabulary:**

Seerah, Al Aqib (the final one), Al Ameen, names of important people and places in the seerah.

### **Across the Curriculum:**

#### **History:**

Make a timeline of the life of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) Add pictures (drawn/clip art/photos) to make it more interesting.

#### **Geography:**

Make a map to show the places mentioned in the seerah of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam). Label cities and color different regions. You might even read more about the history of these places.

Some resources for blank outline maps:

- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/outlinemaps/>
- <http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/world.html>
- <http://abcteach.com/Maps/world.htm>
- <http://abcteach.com/Maps/world2.htm>
- Also National Geographic has great outline maps

#### **Math:**

Using the seerah that you read, make up math problems and solve them. (e.g. Muhammad, salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam was born in 571. When he was six his mother died. What year was this?). Tailor problems to the specific math skills you are working on or have already introduced.

#### **English:**

- Write or give an oral narration of the life of the Prophet, salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam). Students may even make their own book of the seerah of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) illustrating it with non-images. See Talibiddeen Jr. Library for template: [http://talibiddeenjrtoo.tripod.com/library\\_home.htm](http://talibiddeenjrtoo.tripod.com/library_home.htm)

- Answer comprehension questions regarding the seerah read.
- (Student or Parent) Make up word search or crossword puzzles.

**Arabic:**

- Pick words, such as those from the vocabulary list and learn the words in Arabic.