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Allah is One

Lesson 2 · tawhid

📖 The story: Allah is One

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – A question at the internship

Adam is sixteen and doing an internship at a garage. During the break his colleague Jonas asks: “What is actually the most important thing in your faith?” Adam hesitates. He wants to explain it well. “One sentence,” he says. “La ilaha illallah. There is no god but Allah.” Jonas frowns. “Is that all?” “It is short,” Adam laughs, “but everything is in it. Whoever truly means that sentence is a Muslim.” Jonas wants to know what is so special about it. Adam promises to explain it better tomorrow. In the evening he asks his teacher at the mosque.

☆ La ilaha illallah: the most important sentence of Islam.

internship = working to learn a job · **mean** = really intend something

Part 2 – Two parts

The teacher takes a sheet of paper. “This sentence has two parts,” he says. “The first part is: la ilaha, there is no god. That is a denial: you say no to everything people worship besides Allah. Statues, money, fame, the sun, a human being.” He draws a line. “The second part is: illallah, except Allah. That is a confirmation: you say yes to Allah alone.” Adam nods. “So first no, then yes.” “Exactly. Believing that Allah is One is called tawhid. It is the basis of everything. Like the foundation of a house: without a foundation everything falls down.”

☆ First say no to false gods, then yes to Allah.

denial = saying that something is not true · **confirmation** = saying that something is true

Part 3 – Three times one

The teacher writes three sentences. “Allah is the only Lord: He creates, He takes care of everything, He decides. Allah is the only One we worship: we pray only to Him and ask only Him for help. And Allah has beautiful names and qualities that fit only Him: no one is like Him.” Adam copies everything. The next day he explains it to Jonas, with a drawing on an old piece of cardboard. Jonas looks for a long time. “So you believe there is only one who makes everything and whom you may worship?” “Yes,” says Adam. “Simple and strong.” Jonas laughs. “You could have said that yesterday.”

☆ Allah is the only Lord, the only One we worship, and no one is like Him.

Lord = the One who creates and takes care of everything · **quality** = something that belongs to someone

💬 **Let’s talk:** How would you explain tawhid to a classmate in one minute?

💡 Did you know? – Tawhid in three parts

- Scholars divide tawhid into three parts: Allah is the only Lord, Allah is the only One we worship, and His names and qualities are unique.
- Surah Al-Ikhlas (112) sums up tawhid in four short verses.
- The sentence la ilaha illallah is the first part of the shahada, the declaration of faith.

📖 From the Quran

Quran 2:163

وَإِلَٰهُكُمْ إِلَٰهٌ وَاحِدٌ ۖ لَّا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَٰنُ الرَّحِيمُ

Wa ilaahukum ilaahun waahid, laa ilaaha illaa huwa r-rahmaanu r-rahim.

“Your God is one God. There is no god but Him, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.”

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Lesson 2 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Where is Adam doing his internship?

- ◯ at a bakery
- ◯ at a garage

2. Who asks Adam a question?

- ◯ his brother
- ◯ his colleague Jonas

3. What does la ilaha illallah mean?

- ◯ Allah is the greatest
- ◯ there is no god but Allah

4. What is the first part of the sentence called?

- ◯ a denial
- ◯ a prayer

5. What is believing that Allah is One called?

- ◯ zakat
- ◯ tawhid

6. What does the teacher compare tawhid to?

- ◯ a foundation
- ◯ a roof

☆ **Remember this:** La ilaha illallah: there is no god but Allah.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What is the difference between the first and the second part of la ilaha illallah?

2. What can a person “worship” today without even noticing it?

Puzzles

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🔤 Word search

Find the words: from left to right and from top to bottom.

I	D	D	S	E	A	A	W	W	A	F
I	N	T	E	R	N	S	H	I	P	O
A	R	R	R	W	I	A	D	T	T	U
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N	H	N	N	Y	O	S	J	D	A	D
R	G	Y	E	S	D	N	O	G	C	A
J	G	R	N	R	N	I	N	A	H	T
D	C	S	J	N	O	R	A	R	E	I
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T	A	W	H	I	D	R	I	G	E	N
U	D	S	E	A	N	E	I	E	G	D

☐ **INTERNSHIP** ☐ **FOUNDATION** ☐ **TEACHER** ☐ **TAWHID** ☐ **GARAGE** ☐ **JONAS** ☐ **LORD**
☐ **ONE** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

Something is missing, bigger, smaller, turned or moved.

