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The most beautiful names of Allah

Lesson 3 · al-asma’ al-husna

📖 **The story: The most beautiful names of Allah**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – One name a day

Salma is fourteen and is staying a week with her grandmother. Grandma has a game. Every morning Salma draws a card from a little box. On every card is a name of Allah. “Today: Ar-Razzaq,” Salma reads. “What does that mean?” “The Giver of everything we need,” says Grandma. “Our food, our breath, our talents. Look around today: what has Allah given you?” At first Salma thinks it is a childish game. But in the evening she has a list of twelve things. “Grandma, I had forgotten my bread,” she says. “And my eyes.”

☆ **Ar-Razzaq: Allah gives us everything we need.**

stay with = sleep at someone’s home for a while · **talent** = something you are good at

Part 2 – Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim

On day two Salma draws: Ar-Rahman. On day three: Ar-Rahim. “The same thing twice?” she asks. Grandma shakes her head. “Ar-Rahman is His great mercy for everything and everyone: the rain falls on every field. Ar-Rahim is His care for those who seek Him. You say both in Bismillah, more than twenty times a day.” Salma had never thought about that. Now she says it more slowly: bismillahi r-rahmani r-rahim. On day four she draws As-Sami‘: the One who hears everything. “Even what I think?” “Even that,” says Grandma. “That is why a du‘a is never too small.”

☆ **Every time you say Bismillah, you name two names of Allah.**

merciful = full of love and compassion · **du‘a** = a personal prayer, asking Allah for something

Part 3 – Abdullah and Abdurrahman

On the last day Salma draws: Al-Ghafur, the Forgiving. She thinks of the quarrel with her best friend. She sends a message: “Sorry about last week.” A minute later a heart comes back. Grandma tells her one more thing. “People sometimes carry a name with Abd in front: Abdullah, Abdurrahman, Abdulkarim. Abd means servant. No one may be called Ar-Rahman himself, because that name fits only Allah.” Salma takes the box home. There are still more than ninety cards in it. “One a week,” she promises. “Then I’ll be busy for almost two years.” Grandma laughs. “That is the most beautiful homework there is.”

☆ **Knowing a name also means trying to live by it.**

forgive = no longer stay angry about a mistake · **servant** = someone who serves another

💬 **Let’s talk:** Which name of Allah comforts you the most? Why?

💡 **Did you know? – Ninety-nine names**

- The Prophet said that Allah has ninety-nine names (Bukhari and Muslim). The Quran mentions even more.
- Many names begin with Al- or Ar-: Al-Malik (the King), As-Salam (the Peace), Al-Wadud (the Loving).
- Muslims use the names in their du'a: "Ya Rahman, help me."

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 7:180

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

Wa li-llaahi l-asmaa'u l-husnaa fad'uhu bihaa.

"To Allah belong the most beautiful names, so call upon Him by them."

The most beautiful names of Allah

Lesson 3 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Who is Salma staying with?

- ◯ her aunt
- ◯ her grandmother

2. What is on the cards?

- ◯ a question about school
- ◯ a name of Allah

3. What does Ar-Razzaq mean?

- ◯ the Giver of everything
- ◯ the King

4. Which two names are in Bismillah?

- ◯ Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim
- ◯ Al-Malik and As-Salam

5. What does Abd mean?

- ◯ king
- ◯ servant

6. What does Salma send her friend?

- ◯ a photo
- ◯ a sorry message

☆ **Remember this:** Allah has ninety-nine beautiful names.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Choose a name of Allah. What does it mean, and how can you live by it this week?

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2. Why may no one be called Ar-Rahman, but someone can be called Abdurrahman?

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Puzzles

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🔤 Word search

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

M	R	A	H	I	M	Z	C	D	G	R
R	A	H	M	N	G	S	A	A	M	A
A	A	M	N	A	A	I	M	R	A	A
N	G	D	A	M	R	A	H	M	A	N
A	S	H	A	E	N	G	A	M	H	R
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A	M	A	R	Z	E	A	A	F	A	A
L	I	S	A	A	I	A	C	A	R	D
M	M	C	R	A	Z	Z	A	Q	R	M
A	H	E	A	G	R	A	N	D	M	A
G	H	A	F	U	R	M	A	N	H	H

☐ GRANDMA ☐ SERVANT ☐ RAHMAN ☐ RAZZAQ ☐ GHAFUR ☐ RAHIM ☐ NAMES
☐ SALMA ☐ SAMI ☐ CARD

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

