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The books of Allah

Lesson 5 · belief in the books

📖 The story: The books of Allah

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Grandma’s bookcase

Lina is sixteen. She is helping her grandmother tidy up. In the bookcase there is an old Quran in a green cover. Next to it is a Bible. “Whose is that?” Lina asks, surprised. “It belongs to our neighbour Maria,” says Grandma. “She gave it to me when she moved. We were neighbours for forty years.” Lina frowns. “Is that allowed, a Bible in the house?” Grandma sits down. “We believe that Allah also sent books in earlier times. To Musa He gave the Tawrat. To Dawud the Zabur, the psalms. To Isa the Injil. That is why we speak about those books with respect.”

☆ Muslims believe that Allah also sent books in earlier times.

cover = a case around a book · **respect** = speaking about something with honour

Part 2 – The last book

“And the Quran?” asks Lina. “The Quran is the last book,” says Grandma. “Allah gave it to the Prophet Muhammad, through the angel Jibril, piece by piece, over twenty-three years. The Quran confirms what was in the older books: belief in one God and doing good. After the Quran no new book will come.” She takes the green Quran from the shelf. “This one belonged to my father. All over the world millions of people know the whole Quran by heart. That is how it has always been preserved, letter by letter.” Lina strokes the old cover.

☆ The Quran is the last book of Allah.

confirm = say that something is right · **by heart** = without looking

Part 3 – The gift

A week later neighbour Maria comes to visit. She now lives in a care home. Grandma makes tea and puts biscuits on a plate. They talk about the old days: about the children who played together in the street, about the hard winters. Maria sees her Bible in the bookcase. “You kept it,” she says, moved. Lina listens and thinks. Two women with a different faith, and still a friendship of forty years. When Maria leaves, Grandma gives her a little box of dates. Lina takes her to the bus. “Your grandmother is a good woman,” says Maria. “I know,” smiles Lina.

☆ Respect for another faith and loyalty to your own faith go together.

care home = home where older people live and get care · **moved** = touched, almost in tears

💬 **Let’s talk:** How do you show respect for someone of another faith without letting go of your own?

💡 **Did you know? – Five books in the Quran**

- The Quran mentions: the Suhuf (pages) of Ibrahim, the Tawrat of Musa, the Zabur of Dawud, the Injil of Isa and the Quran of Muhammad.
- The Quran has 114 surahs and more than 6,200 verses.
- Muslims believe that the original books came from Allah, and that the Quran is the last and preserved message.

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 2:285

آمَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِن رَّبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۚ كُلٌّ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ

Aamana r-rasulu bimaa unzila ilayhi min rabbihi wa l-mu’minun, kullun aamana bi-llaahi wa malaa’ikatihi wa kutubihi wa rusulih.

“The Messenger believes in what his Lord sent to him, and so do the believers. All believe in Allah, His angels, His books and His messengers.”

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Lesson 5 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What is Lina doing at her grandmother’s?

- ◯ helping to tidy up
- ◯ doing homework

2. Whose Bible is in the bookcase?

- ◯ neighbour Maria’s
- ◯ Lina’s

3. Which book did Musa receive?

- ◯ the Injil
- ◯ the Tawrat

4. Which book is the last book of Allah?

- ◯ the Quran
- ◯ the Zabur

5. How long did the revelation of the Quran take?

- ◯ three years
- ◯ twenty-three years

6. What does Grandma give Maria?

- ◯ a book
- ◯ a little box of dates

☆ **Remember this:** Allah sent books; the Quran is the last.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Which five books does the Quran mention? To whom were they given?

2. What do you learn from the friendship between Grandma and Maria?

Puzzles

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🔤 Word search

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

E	A	R	A	H	Z	A	B	U	R	A
B	A	H	H	T	A	P	A	E	S	R
Q	U	R	A	N	M	A	R	I	A	R
J	E	O	N	I	I	N	S	R	S	E
S	T	S	U	H	U	F	A	A	T	S
T	L	R	D	A	T	E	S	U	R	P
F	R	I	N	J	I	L	B	A	I	E
U	T	A	W	R	A	T	T	S	S	C
I	A	I	Z	S	B	O	O	K	S	T
L	C	Q	U	F	L	I	N	A	A	I
W	U	N	A	O	C	A	D	B	A	A

☐ RESPECT ☐ TAWRAT ☐ QURAN ☐ ZABUR ☐ INJIL ☐ SUHUF ☐ BOOKS ☐ MARIA ☐ DATES ☐ LINA

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

