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Al-Falaq

Lesson 3 · surah 113 · the daybreak

📖 **The story: Al-Falaq**

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Afraid in the dark

Hanae is fifteen. She comes home late from the library. It is November and by five o’clock it is already dark. A group of boys is hanging around in the street. Her heart beats fast. She keeps walking and quietly whispers the words her grandmother taught her: Qul a‘udhu bi-rabbi l-falaq. She walks on calmly. At home she locks the door and takes a deep breath.

☆ **When you are afraid, you seek protection with Allah.**

library = place where you borrow books · **whisper** = talk very quietly

Part 2 – What does it mean?

At the table Hanae tells her father. He explains the surah. “Falaq is the daybreak, the moment the light breaks through the night. You seek protection with the Lord of that light. Against the evil in creation, against the evil of the dark night, against magic and against the envy of someone who is envious.” “Envy too?” asks Hanae. “Yes,” says her father. “Envy can destroy a lot.”

☆ **Al-Falaq: protection against the evil outside you.**

daybreak = first light of the morning · **envy** = not wanting someone else to have something

Part 3 – Not afraid but sensible

Her father also says: “The surah doesn’t replace your common sense. Take a well-lit road, call if you are late, go together if you can.” Hanae nods. The next time she asks her friend Nora to come along. On the way she teaches Nora the meaning of Al-Falaq. “Beautiful,” says Nora. “The light that breaks through the night.”

☆ **Trust in Allah and use your common sense.**

sensible = thinking wisely · **well-lit** = with lamps

💬 **Let’s talk:** When do you feel unsafe? What can you do then, with your heart and with your mind?

💡 **Did you know? – Al-Falaq and An-Nas**

- Al-Falaq and An-Nas together are called al-Mu‘awwidhatan: the two surahs of protection.
- The Prophet recited them every evening before sleeping and then blew gently into his hands.
- They both begin with Qul a‘udhu: say, I seek protection.

📖 Surah Al-Falaq

surah 113 · 5 verses · Mecca

1

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ ٱلْفَلَقِ

Qul a‘udhu birabbil-falaq

Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of daybreak,

2

مِن شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

Min sharri maa khalaq

from the evil of what He created,

3

وَمِن شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

Wa min sharri ghaasiqin idhaa waqab

and from the evil of darkness when it settles,

4

وَمِن شَرِّ ٱلنَّفَّٰثَٰتِ فِى ٱلْعُقَدِ

Wa min sharrin-naffaathaati fil-‘uqad

and from the evil of those who blow on knots,

5

وَمِن شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ

Wa min sharri haasidin idhaa hasad

and from the evil of an envier when he envies.

Al-Falaq

Lesson 3 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Where is Hanae coming from?

- ◯ from the sports hall
- ◯ from the library

2. What does falaq mean?

- ◯ the night
- ◯ the daybreak

3. What can destroy a lot?

- ◯ envy
- ◯ light

4. Who taught Hanae the words?

- ◯ her grandmother
- ◯ her teacher

5. What should you also use?

- ◯ your common sense
- ◯ your phone games

6. Who does Hanae go with the next time?

- ◯ alone
- ◯ with Nora

☆ **Remember this:** Qul a‘udhu bi-rabbi l-falaq: I seek protection with the Lord of the daybreak.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What do you seek protection against in Al-Falaq?

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2. What can you do yourself to be safe?

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Puzzles

Lesson 3 · Al-Falaq

🔤 Word search

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

V	L	H	A	V	R	Y	I	O	A	I
N	A	E	N	V	Y	H	A	N	A	E
E	N	A	K	H	Y	N	G	N	I	G
L	I	E	G	N	Y	A	E	L	A	R
Y	G	T	S	A	F	E	N	I	A	A
R	H	F	A	L	A	Q	O	G	H	N
A	T	R	H	A	E	A	R	H	E	D
V	D	A	V	N	V	F	A	T	R	M
M	D	A	Y	B	R	E	A	K	A	A
A	A	E	N	V	V	N	L	G	T	G
E	V	I	L	F	A	E	E	D	A	B

☐ DAYBREAK ☐ GRANDMA ☐ FALAQ ☐ NIGHT ☐ LIGHT ☐ HANAE ☐ NORA ☐ ENVY ☐ SAFE ☐ EVIL

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

