Name: ..... **Date:** .....

Al-Kafirun

Lesson 7 · surah 109 · clear and respectful

📖 The story: Al-Kafirun

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Christmas market

Mehdi’s class goes to the Christmas market in Ghent. His friend Lars says: “Come on, let’s light a candle together in the church. It’s just for the atmosphere.” Mehdi hesitates. He doesn’t want to be rude. But he feels it isn’t right for him.

☆ Sometimes you have to say no politely.

Christmas market = market in December with stalls · **rude** = not friendly

Part 2 – An offer in Mecca

Mehdi thinks of what he learned about Surah Al-Kafirun. In Mecca some leaders made the Prophet an offer: “You worship our gods for a year, and we worship your God for a year.” Then this surah came. The answer was clear: I do not worship what you worship. But also without a quarrel: you have your religion and I have mine.

☆ Lakum dinukum wa liya din: to you your religion, and to me mine.

offer = an idea you put to someone · **religion** = faith

Part 3 – Staying friends

Mehdi says to Lars: “I’ll come inside to look, but I won’t light a candle. That isn’t part of my faith.” Lars shrugs. “OK, no problem.” Afterwards they drink hot chocolate together. Mehdi thinks: you can be clear and still stay friends.

☆ Clear in your faith and friendly to everyone.

clear = so that everyone understands · **respect** = valuing someone as he is

💬 **Let’s talk:** How can you say no to a friend without hurting him?

💡 Did you know? – Al-Kafirun

- The Prophet often recited Al-Kafirun and Al-Ikhlas in the two rak‘as before the fajr prayer.
- He said that Al-Kafirun is worth a quarter of the Quran.
- In Islam no one may be forced to believe (Quran 2:256).

📖 Surah Al-Kafirun

surah 109 · 6 verses · Mecca

1

قُلْ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلْكَٰفِرُونَ

Qul yaa ayyuhal-kaafirun

Say: O disbelievers,

2

لَآ أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ

Laa a'budu maa ta'budun

I do not worship what you worship,

3

وَلَآ أَنتُمْ عَٰبِدُونَ مَآ أَعْبُدُ

Wa laa antum 'aabiduna maa a'bud

nor do you worship what I worship,

4

وَلَآ أَنَا۠ عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدتُّمْ

Wa laa ana 'aabidum-maa 'abadttum

nor will I worship what you worship,

5

وَلَآ أَنتُمْ عَٰبِدُونَ مَآ أَعْبُدُ

Wa laa antum 'aabiduna maa a'bud

nor will you worship what I worship.

6

لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِىَ دِينِ

Lakum dinukum wa liya din

To you your religion, and to me mine.

Al-Kafirun

Lesson 7 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Where does Mehdi’s class go?

- ◯ to the seaside
- ◯ to the Christmas market

2. What does Lars ask?

- ◯ to eat a pizza
- ◯ to light a candle

3. What did leaders in Mecca propose?

- ◯ worshipping each other’s gods in turn
- ◯ trading together

4. What does lakum dinukum mean?

- ◯ you have your religion
- ◯ you are welcome

5. What do Mehdi and Lars drink afterwards?

- ◯ cola
- ◯ hot chocolate

6. How much is this surah worth?

- ◯ the whole Quran
- ◯ a quarter of the Quran

☆ **Remember this:** Clear in your faith, with respect for everyone.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. How can you be clear about your faith and still stay friendly?

2. What does it mean: to you your religion, and to me mine?

Puzzles

Lesson 7 · Al-Kafirun

🔤 Word search

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

E	R	L	A	R	S	S	M	I	T	G
F	R	I	E	N	D	E	O	E	C	E
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M	P	R	R	A	P	E	E	R	L	O
E	M	E	I	I	O	N	R	N	A	M
C	F	N	T	T	L	T	F	E	R	E
C	I	H	S	H	I	E	E	I	N	H
A	F	R	E	D	T	D	F	A	F	D
R	E	I	R	T	E	R	I	D	P	I
R	E	S	P	E	C	T	A	L	O	T

☐ RESPECT ☐ POLITE ☐ FRIEND ☐ FAITH ☐ MEHDI ☐ GHENT ☐ OFFER ☐ MECCA ☐ LARS ☐ DIN

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

