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

Al-Fil

Lesson 9 · surah 105 · the elephant

📖 The story: Al-Fil

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – A film

Adam and his cousin Hamza are watching a documentary about elephants. “Did you know there is a surah called The Elephant?” asks Hamza. Adam doesn’t know. Hamza tells him the story his teacher taught him.

☆ Surah Al-Fil tells a true story from history.

documentary = film about real things · **cousin** = son of your uncle or aunt

Part 2 – Abraha’s army

Shortly before the birth of the Prophet, Abraha, a powerful leader from Yemen, built a big church. He wanted everyone to go there instead of to the Ka‘ba. He marched on Mecca with a large army and elephants to destroy the Ka‘ba. The people of Mecca fled into the mountains. Abd al-Muttalib, the grandfather of the Prophet, said: “The House has a Lord who protects it.”

☆ The House has a Lord who protects it.

army = large group of soldiers · **destroy** = break completely

Part 3 – The birds

Then came flocks of birds. They threw small stones of baked clay at the army. The army was defeated, like eaten straw. The elephant would not even walk towards Mecca. That year is called the Year of the Elephant. In that year the Prophet was born. “So no one is stronger than Allah,” says Adam. “Not even with elephants.”

☆ No one is stronger than Allah.

flock = large group of birds · **clay** = earth you make pots from

💬 **Let’s talk:** What does this story teach you about power and about trusting in Allah?

💡 Did you know? – The Year of the Elephant

- The Year of the Elephant was around the year 570. The Prophet was born then.
- According to tradition, Abraha’s elephant was called Mahmud.
- The Arabs used this year to date other events.

📖 Surah Al-Fil

surah 105 · 5 verses · Mecca

1

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَٰبِ ٱلْفِيلِ

Alam tara kayfa fa'ala rabbuka bi ashaabil-fil

Have you not seen what your Lord did to the people of the elephant?

2

أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِى تَضْلِيلٍ

Alam yaj'al kaydahum fi tadlil

Did He not make their plan fail?

3

وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ

Wa arsala 'alayhim tayran abaabil

He sent against them flocks of birds,

4

تَرْمِيهِم بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ

Tarmihim bihijaaratim-min sijjil

pelting them with stones of baked clay,

5

فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ

Faja'alahum ka'asfim-ma'kul

and made them like eaten straw.

Al-Fil

Lesson 9 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What are Adam and Hamza watching?

- ◯ a documentary about elephants
- ◯ a football match

2. Where did Abraha come from?

- ◯ from Egypt
- ◯ from Yemen

3. What did Abraha want to destroy?

- ◯ the Ka‘ba
- ◯ a bridge

4. Who said: the House has a Lord?

- ◯ Abraha
- ◯ Abd al-Muttalib

5. What did the birds throw?

- ◯ small stones of clay
- ◯ flowers

6. Who was born in that year?

- ◯ Abraha
- ◯ the Prophet

☆ **Remember this:** Allah protected the Ka‘ba against the army with the elephant.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Tell the story of the elephant in five sentences.

2. What do you learn from this story?

Puzzles

Lesson 9 · Al-Fil

🔤 Word search

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

D	N	A	C	L	A	Y	P	A	C	I
L	A	A	S	P	Y	E	A	M	B	H
D	C	N	K	K	Z	L	L	N	L	I
E	B	I	R	D	S	E	L	R	D	B
B	A	M	E	I	E	P	R	Y	R	E
P	B	A	R	M	Y	H	H	P	Y	K
Y	R	E	A	H	H	A	M	Z	A	A
M	A	I	I	E	N	N	A	L	R	B
M	H	R	I	I	E	T	A	M	Y	A
A	A	D	A	D	A	M	Y	L	Y	C
D	F	I	L	Y	E	M	E	N	B	I

☐ **ELEPHANT** ☐ **ABRAHA** ☐ **BIRDS** ☐ **YEMEN** ☐ **HAMZA** ☐ **ARMY** ☐ **CLAY** ☐ **KABA** ☐ **ADAM** ☐ **FIL**

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

