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

I worship Allah alone

Lesson 1 · ibada

📖 **The story: I worship Allah alone**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Is that worship too?

Zakaria is fifteen. Every Tuesday after school he helps his neighbour, Mr Peeters, with the shopping. Mr Peeters is eighty and walks with a stick. One day Zakaria's cousin Hiba asks: "Why do you actually do that? You get nothing for it." Zakaria shrugs. "It feels good." That Friday the imam says in his sermon: "Worship is not only praying and fasting. Everything you do to please Allah is worship. A smile, helping your parents, working honestly." Zakaria looks up in surprise. He thinks of Mr Peeters' heavy bags.

⭐ **Everything you do to please Allah is worship.**

worship = serving and honouring Allah · **sermon** = the imam's talk on Friday

Part 2 – Why are we here?

After the prayer Zakaria asks the imam to explain more. "Allah says in the Quran that He created people and jinn to worship Him," says the imam. "That is the purpose of our life. But worship is much wider than people think. Prayer, fasting and zakat are the fixed pillars. Besides that, every good deed with a good intention is also worship." Zakaria thinks. "So if I study for my exam so that later I can work well for my family?" "With the right intention: yes," laughs the imam. "Everything starts with the niyya, the intention."

⭐ **The purpose of our life is to worship Allah.**

purpose = what something exists for · **niyya** = intention in your heart

Part 3 – Allah alone

At home Zakaria tells Hiba. He also explains something else the imam added: "We worship only for Allah. Not for a person, not for money, not for likes." Hiba laughs. "Not for likes? Then I'll stop making my videos." "You may make videos," says Zakaria. "But when you do something good, do it for Allah, not to be seen." In every prayer we say it ourselves: Iyyaka na'budu wa iyyaka nasta'in. You alone we worship, and You alone we ask for help. On Tuesday Hiba goes with him to Mr Peeters. She doesn't make a video.

⭐ **We worship Allah alone, and we ask only Him for help.**

likes = thumbs-up on social media · **be seen** = want others to notice it

💬 **Let's talk:** Name three ordinary things that become worship when you do them with a good intention.

💡 Did you know? – Everything starts with the intention

- The first hadith in the collection of al-Bukhari says: “Deeds are judged by their intentions.”
- The five pillars of Islam are the fixed forms of worship: shahada, salah, zakat, sawm and hajj.
- Iyyaka na‘budu wa iyyaka nasta‘in is in Surah Al-Fatiha, which we recite in every rak‘a.

📖 From the Quran

Quran 51:56

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

Wa maa khalaqtu l-jinna wa l-insa illaa li-ya’budun.

“I created the jinn and humans only to worship Me.”

I worship Allah alone

Lesson 1 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Who does Zakaria help every Tuesday?

- ◯ his teacher
- ◯ neighbour Peeters

2. What is worship according to the imam?

- ◯ only the prayer
- ◯ everything to please Allah

3. What is the intention in your heart called?

- ◯ qibla
- ◯ niyya

4. For whom do we worship?

- ◯ only for Allah
- ◯ for our friends

5. In which surah is Iyyaka na‘budu?

- ◯ Al-Ikhlas
- ◯ Al-Fatiha

6. What does Hiba not do at Mr Peeters’?

- ◯ make a video
- ◯ help

☆ **Remember this:** Every good deed with a good intention is worship.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Which ordinary things that you already do could be worship?

2. What does it mean to do something to be seen? Why is that not worship?

Puzzles

Lesson 1 · I worship Allah alone

🔤 Word search

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

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☐ NEIGHBOUR ☐ WORSHIP ☐ PURPOSE ☐ SERMON ☐ PRAYER ☐ NIYYA ☐ LIKES
☐ IMAM ☐ HIBA ☐ HELP

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

