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Yunus

Lesson 5 · never losing hope

📖 **The story: Yunus**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Gone away

The prophet Yunus called the people of Nineveh to worship Allah alone. They did not listen. Yunus became angry and left, without waiting for Allah's command. He boarded a ship. A heavy storm came. The ship was too heavy. They drew lots to decide who had to go overboard. Three times the lot fell on Yunus.

☆ **Yunus left too quickly, without waiting for Allah.**

command = order · **draw lots** = choose by chance

Part 2 – In the belly of the fish

Yunus fell into the sea. A big fish swallowed him. It was dark: the night, the sea and the belly of the fish. Yunus did not lose hope. He called: "There is no god but You. Glory be to You. I have done wrong." Allah heard him. The fish spat him out on the beach. He was weak and ill, but he was alive. And when he returned, his people had come to believe in the meantime.

☆ **In the deepest dark Yunus called on Allah, and Allah heard him.**

hope = believing it can turn out well · **glory** = great honour

Part 3 – Dark days

Anouar has failed his year. He doesn't want to see anyone and stays in his room. His grandfather knocks on the door. He tells him about Yunus. "Three layers of darkness," says Grandpa. "And yet it was not the end." Anouar cries a little. Then he repeats the du'a of Yunus. The next week he signs up for another course. It suits him much better.

☆ **Even after a bad time, things can turn out well again.**

fail = not pass · **course** = type of training at school

💬 **Let's talk:** What can help you when everything goes wrong? Who can you talk to?

💡 **Did you know? – Yunus**

- Yunus is also called Dhu n-Nun: the man of the fish.
- The Prophet said: whoever says the du'a of Yunus in distress, Allah answers him.
- Surah 10 of the Quran is called Surah Yunus.

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 21:87

لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا أَنتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Laa ilaaha illaa anta, subhaanaka, inni kuntu mina dh-dhaalimin.

“There is no god but You. Glory be to You. I have truly done wrong.”

Yunus

Lesson 5 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. To which city was Yunus sent?

- ◯ Mecca
- ◯ Nineveh

2. Why did Yunus leave?

- ◯ he was tired
- ◯ he was angry

3. What swallowed Yunus?

- ◯ a wave
- ◯ a big fish

4. How many layers of darkness were there?

- ◯ three
- ◯ one

5. What did Anouar fail?

- ◯ his driving test
- ◯ his school year

6. What else is Yunus called?

- ◯ Khalil Allah
- ◯ Dhu n-Nun

☆ **Remember this:** Never lose hope: Allah hears you, even in the dark.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What did Yunus do in the dark?

2. What would you say to a friend who has lost all hope?

Puzzles

Lesson 5 · Yunus

🔤 Word search

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

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F	U	U	S	N	N	E	K	O	E	O
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☐ NINEVEH ☐ GRANDPA ☐ ANOUAR ☐ YUNUS ☐ STORM ☐ FISH ☐ SHIP ☐ HOPE ☐ DARK ☐ SEA

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

