

Quran Appreciation

Themes from Sura Yusuf, verses 90-101

Course Outline

This course will discuss verses 90-101 of Sura Yusuf which narrates the story of Nabi Yusuf reuniting with his family. Students will read and reflect upon the verses, and connect them to present day situations they may face.

The main objectives of the course are to help students:

- become familiar with the story of Nabi Yusuf from the Quran.
- learn about family harmony and the necessity of tolerance and forgiveness.
- understand the importance of gratitude and humbleness in the face of success.

Each session will include a reading of verses in Arabic and English, an explanation, and its commentary. Cross reference to other verses of the Quran on the same theme may also be explored.

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The following topics will be covered:

- 1) Introduction. Revision of the previous term. Brief discussion on the encounter of the brothers with Nabi Yusuf.
- 2) Verse 90: Nabi Yusuf identifies himself. Importance of pardon.
- 3) Verse 91: The brothers acknowledge their wrongdoing
- 4) Verses 92-93: Tolerance and forgiveness of Nabi Yusuf
- 5) Verses 94-95: Nabi Yaqub waits for his son. Hope in Allah.
- 6) Verses 96: Fulfillment of the hope of Nabi Yaqub.
- 7) Verses 97-98: The brothers seek forgiveness from the father.
- 8) Verses 99-100: Humbleness of Nabi Yusuf when he welcomes his parents.
- 9) Verses 101: Thankfulness and gratitude in Nabi Yusuf.
- 10) Revisions. Game.

Main Activity Suggestions

The main activity is conducted for the last 20 minutes of class. Students have fun working on their activity and should complete it by the end of the course. They could work in groups, or with a partner etc. The activity content is based on the passage from the Quran so students should be referring to it as they work. Below are some ideas for the main activity.

1) Biography Poster

Students could make a poster on Nabi Yusuf, and/or on his siblings with interesting facts derived from the verses of Quran.

Check Creative Book Reports: Biography Posters on lets-explore.net

2) Poetry Tower

Students can write poems on Nabi Yusuf, Nabi Yaqub, the brothers, jealousy, lying . . . etc. and then make their own poetry tower, or poetry book etc.

Check: Smartchickteacher's blog – Poetry tower – Insect theme

3) A Collage

Students design a collage with different objects, pictures, words, sentences . . . etc. on Nabi Yusuf's story.

Check an example at: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/206743439119202263/>

4) Memory Wheels

Students make a memory wheel with 8 (or more) sections. Each section has information and/or pictures about a verse from the passage.

Check <http://ellienix.blogspot.ca> for memory wheels.

5) ABC Booklet

Students make an ABC booklet with a sentence or two on for each letter. The sentences are based on the passage.

Check: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/206743439118484004/>

Other ideas include a play on Nabi Yusuf, a story book, scrap book, lapbook, a comic strip . . . etc.