

Quran Appreciation

Themes from Sura Yusuf, verses 1-18

Course Outline

This course will discuss verses 1-18 of Sura Yusuf which narrates the encounter of Nabi Yusuf (a) and his brothers. 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 relationships
- understand the dangers of jealousy and lying.

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.

Course Schedule

The following topics will be covered:

- 1) Introduction. Relationship with the Quran. Hadith on the Quran.
- 2) Verses 1-3. Introduction to Sura Yusuf.
- 3) Verse 4. Dream of Nabi Yusuf.
- 4) Verses 5-6. Nabi Yusuf and his father.
- 5) Verses 7-9. Nabi Yusuf and his brothers. The evils of Jealousy.
- 6) Verse 10. The brother who disagreed.
- 7) Verses 11-12. Lying to the father.
- 8) Verses 13-15. The brothers' conversation with the father.
- 9) Verses 16-18. False excuses.
- 10) Review and 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](http://Smartchickteacher.com) 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.