

Tales of Mercy

Birth of Prophet Muhammad



And the First wahi.



For the little ones

ages 3 - 5

Tales from the Quran & Seerah focusing on Allah's Mercy

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Assalamu Alaykum,

This was one of the first stories I narrated to my daughter when she turned 3. I kept the story simple and to the point. My focus is on Allahs love and mercy therefore I refrained from mentioning death. After hearing this story a number of times, soon she memorized the names of all the important personalities in the life of our beloved Prophet Sallallahu alayhe wasallam.

I wrote down what I narrate to her and this is for the parents to read and narrate in their own words. Add lots of emotions and voice variations to make the story interesting and capture the imagination of the young child. Make sure to recite the Quranic Ayahs with proper tajweed and soon your little one will memorize it too.

May Allah accept this small endeavour from me and make it beneficial to all Muslim parents out there.

Wsalam,

Umm Aminah

Long long ago, in the city of Makkah, a little boy was born. His name was Muhammad ﷺ which means *the most praised*. His father's name was Abdullah and his mother was Aminah.

When he was just a little baby, he went to live with a foster mother called Halimah. When he was six years old, he went to live with his grandfather Abdul Mutallib and then later began to live with his uncle Abu Talib.

Muhammad (sallallahu alayhe wasallam) was a very good man. He was very honest and very trustworthy. He always spoke the truth and said good things and fulfilled his promises. That is why everyone called him Al Sadiq Al Amin – The most honest and trustworthy. Everyone respected and admired him.

When he was 25 years old, he married a noble lady called Khadija. They had four daughters – Zainub, Ruqaiyyah, Umm e Kulthoom and Fatima. They lived in a little house near the Kabah.

The people of Makkah at that time, used to worship idols made of wood and stone. But Prophet Muhammad disliked it very much.

When he was about 40 years old, began to frequently visit the Ghar e Hira – a little cave in the mountain Jabel e Noor. One day, in the month of Ramadan, while he was in the cave, he heard a voice- it was angel Jibreel. Alayhis salam

The angel commanded him and said “*lqra - recite*”. Prophet Muhammad replied, “*I cannot recite*”. So the angel took him and hugged him tightly and then let go of him.

The angel again commanded “*lqra*” and Muhammad (s) again said “*I cannot recite*” so the angel squeezed him tightly again and commanded *lqra – recite. I cannot recite* Muhammad said again.

The angel tightly embraced and squeezed him for the third time and then said :

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

Recite in the name of your Lord who created -

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ

Created man from a clinging substance.

اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ

Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous -

(Quran 96:1-3)

Muhammad ﷺ, trembling with fear, repeated these verses. Then he quickly went out the cave and climbed down the Jabel e Noor. He ran to his wife Khadija. Trembling with fear he said Zammilooni Zammilooni – Cover me cover me. His wife covered him with a blanket and tried to make him feel better. Then he told her all about what he saw and what he recited.

Allah had chosen Prophet Muhammad sallallahu alayewasallam to be his messenger so he can guide the people to the Truth – to worship one and only Allah.

These verses were the first wahi – the words of Allah to Muhammad (s) They are in the Quran in the 96th Sura called Surah Alaq. This was how Allah began to send the Quran to Muhamamad through His Angel Jibreel.

This event occurred in Ramadan and that is why Ramadan is the Month of the Quran. We should thank Allah for giving us this gift of Quran by fasting and praying and doing good deeds.
