

Drinks of Paradise

The description of Paradise which the Muttaqûn (the pious) have been promised (is that) in it are rivers of water the taste and smell of which are not changed, rivers of milk of which the taste never changes, rivers of wine delicious to those who drink, and rivers of clarified honey (clear and pure); therein for them is every kind of fruit, and forgiveness from their Lord.

(Are these) like those who shall dwell forever in the Fire and be given to drink boiling water so that it cuts up their bowels?

[047:015]



لَبَن

milk



مَاء

water



خَمْر

wine



عَسَل

honey

Suggestions for Language Learning Activities:

- Read/listen to the tafsir for this ayaah (see attached)
- Spell each word orally
- What part of speech are all of these words (in Arabic and/or English)?
- Learn to pronounce each word correctly
- Practice writing each word in Arabic (a given amount of times or in pyramid style a given number of times)
- Alphabetize the words
- Play matching game to practice vocabulary (flashcards provided, see end of document)
- Use the matching game cards as flashcards to review the vocabulary
- Find each word in Arabic of the given ayaah in your mushaf
- Use the Arabic words as spelling words and learn to spell from memory (can use look-say-write-check method to practice as well as other activities you normally use for spelling)
- Use this ayaah for repeated reading practice (Arabic and/or English)

Suggestions for Other Across the Curriculum Learning

HONEY

How Honey is Made (Video)



Honey Craft Ideas:

- Hive and honey craft ideas from EHow
http://www.ehow.com/info_7856638_hive-crafts-honeycomb-cereal.html

Math:

- Honey Bee Practicing Coordinates Math Worksheet from Education.com:
<http://www.education.com/worksheet/article/honey-bee-practice-coordinates/>
- Bee themed Addition or Subtraction Worksheet Creator:
<http://www.akidsheart.com/animals/bugs/beemathp.htm>

MILK

How Milk is Made (Video)



Crafts

- Milk Carton Crafts (some are obviously not Islamically appropriate)
http://www.dltk-kids.com/type/milk_carton.htm
- Milk Carton Craft Ideas at Pinterest
<http://pinterest.com/lfat/milk-carton-crafts/>
- Milk Jug Crafts at Pinterest
<http://pinterest.com/julieabrown/milk-jug-crafts/>
- Milk Carton Greenhouse
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFoyZYCC3Kc>

Math

- Dairy Themed Counting Worksheet
<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/worksheets/food/dairy/dairy-counting-worksheet.asp>

WATER

Water Crafts

- Water Crafts:
http://www.ehow.com/way_5422455_kids-water-crafts.html
- Water Arts and Crafts:
<http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Water-Theme-for-Kids.aspx>

Science/Experiments/Activities:

- Flash Presentation of Water Cycle (K-3)
http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/kids/flash/flash_watercycle.html
- Easy Science Experiments/Activities with water
<http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/family/easy-water-activities-for-kids.htm>

Beverages of Paradise from the Tafsir of 47:15

Taken from Tafsir Ibn Kathir

...Allah then says:

(The description of Paradise which is promised for those who have Taqwa...) `Ikrimah said,

(The description of Paradise) "This means its description."

(In it are rivers of water that are not Asin,) Ibn `Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, Al-Hasan, and Qatadah all said, "It does not change." Qatadah, Ad-Dahhak, and `Ata' Al-Khurasani all said, "It is not foul-smelling." The Arabs say Asin if its (water) scent changes.



(rivers of milk, the taste of which never changes,) which means that the milk is of utmost whiteness, sweetness, and richness. It has been mentioned in a Hadith attributed to the Prophet "Their milk did not come out of the udders of cattle."



(rivers of wine delightful to those who drink it,) which means that the wine does not have a bad taste or foul smell like that of the worldly life. Rather, it is good in its appearance, taste, smell, and effect, as Allah says,

(it (the wine) has no bad effects, nor does it cause intoxication.) (37:47) and,

(From which (the wine) they will have no headache, nor will they be intoxicated.) (56:19)

(white, delicious to the drinkers.)(37:46) It has been mentioned in a Hadith attributed to the Prophet , "Their wine was not pressed under men's feet."

(and rivers of refined honey;) which means that the honey is of utmost purity and pleasant color, taste, and smell. It has been mentioned in a Hadith attributed to the Prophet , "Their honey did not come out of the bellies of bees." Imam Ahmad recorded from Hakim bin Mu`awiyah who narrated from his father that Allah's Messenger said,



(Verily, there is in Paradise a lake of milk, a lake of water, a lake of honey, and a lake of wine. The rivers then gush out of them. At-Tirmidhi reported this narration in his section of the Description of Paradise, and he said, "Hasan Sahih. In the Sahih, it is recorded that Allah's Messenger said,

(When you ask Allah, ask Him for Al-Firdaws, because it is the central and highest part of the Paradise, and from it gush the rivers of the Paradise and above it is the Throne of the Most Merciful.)Allah says,

(...and therein for them are all kinds of fruits, ...) This similar to His saying,

(They will call in it for every kind of fruit in peace and security.) (44:55) And His saying,

(In them will be every kind of fruits in pairs.) (55:52) Allah says

(. ...and forgiveness from their Lord.) meaning, in addition to all of the above. Allah says,

(Can this be likened to those who abide eternally in the Fire) meaning, `can those that We have described their position in the Paradise be like those who will abide eternally in the Fire' They are not equal, and nor are those who will be in the high ranks (in the Paradise) and those who will be in the lowest depths (Hell).

(and are given to drink boiling water) meaning, extremely hot; so hot that it is unbearable.

(that severs their intestines) meaning, that will cut their insides -- both bowels and intestines. We seek refuge in Allah from that.

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