In the name of Allah, Most Gracious
Most Merciful

This book belongs to

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My Lord! Increase me in knowledge
Assalamu-alaykum! and welcome to the “Prophets of Palestine” workshop. Today we will be learning the story of Prophet Isa ﷺ.

We hope you enjoy the many activities and lessons we have today.

The first question that you are probably thinking is, who was Prophet Isa ﷺ?

Prophet Isa ﷺ is a Prophet of Allah. He is also know as Jesus. He came to the people of Bani Israel over 2000 years ago to bring the Message of Allah and bring people back to the true religion.

Today we are going to learn about the life of this amazing Prophet.
Allah sent around 124,000 Prophets to Mankind of which 25 are mentioned in the Qur’an.

The Prophets would teach their people about Allah, how to be Good and about the next life.

Muhammad ﷺ was the LAST and FINAL Messenger. No more prophets will come after Him.

Some Prophets were given miracles to help bring people towards Allah.

After a Prophet passed away, the people would forget or change the original teachings and go astray. Allah would then send another prophet to teach the People. The teachings of Islam are preserved and No more Prophets will be sent.
Allah created Mankind and then sent mankind down to Earth to live in a way which pleased Allah. Mankind was not left to work out how to please Allah. Allah sent special teachers, chosen by him, to teach mankind. These special teachers were the Prophets.

To demonstrate that the prophets were chosen and sent by Allah, Allah blessed the prophets with miracles. Sulaiman  could talk to animals; Musa’s  staff turned into a snake; Muhammad’s  split the moon but the greatest miracle was the Qur’an, and Isa  could heal the ill and blind.

Allah blessed many of the prophets with books. Musa  was given the Tawraah; Isa  was given the Injeel; Dawud  was given the Zubur; Muhammad  was given the Qur’an. Within time people began to change their books and destroy the true message. The Qur’an is protected until the day of Judgement.

All the Prophets came with one core message that “There is only one Allah”. They taught us that we have been sent to Earth as a test. Allah wants to see who believes in him and lives their lives according to His command. Allah will judge us after we die on the day of Judgement.

Allah sent around 124,000 prophets to Mankind (from Hadith) and every nation was blessed with a prophet (from Qur’an). As time passed the message would be forgotten after the prophet passed away. The people would go astray and Allah would send another prophet to bring the people back to the right path.
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Allah sent prophets to teach all us humans
That Allah is one without partners or sons.
So only to Allah we worship and pray
and from evil things we must stay away.

Of all the prophets Adam was the first
and he had an enemy – Shaytan the cursed.
After Adam many more prophets came
and their message was always the same.

Nuh, Ilyas, Ibrahim, Is’haq and Idris
All came with the message of peace.
Musa, Dawud, Isa, Yaqub and Yusuf
were sent with the very same stuff.

All prophets came with a mission defined
To help all humans to become pious and kind.
Against all bad and evil, they were a shield
And to some prophets, books were revealed

For example to Isa, Allah sent the Injeel
and the tawraah to Musa Allah did reveal.
The Zubur was given to prophet Dawud
all these books, that Allah had approved.

After all these prophets the last one came
and to deliver the message was his only aim.
He was their leader and greatest of all
from amongst the prophets he stood very tall.

The word of Allah, which is the Qur’an,
was revealed to him - this good pious man.
Allah selected him and cleaned his heart
and from the rest of mankind he was set apart.

Just like Muhammad was the last and best;
The Qur’an is also ranked above the rest.
Every word is of Allah - never to be changed.
Free from the error that Allah had arranged.

After Muhammad no more prophets will appear
and the Qur’an is the last and that is clear.
Guidance from Allah to all of mankind
and to the reality of life it does remind
6. What we say when we say or read the name of a Prophet.

5. The Name of the last & final Prophet sent for all Mankind.

4. The name of the Prophet who was born miraculously to Maryam. Also known as Jesus.


2. The greatest Angel of Allah. He would bring revelation to the Prophets.

1. Special people that Allah chose to teach their people about Allah and bring them to the right path.

FIND THE NAMES OF THE PROPHETS

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Over 2000 years ago, A baby was born in Jerusalem into the noble family of Imran. There were a few special things about this baby:

- Isa was born miraculously to Maryam, without a father.
- Allah allowed him to perform miracles and heal those that were sick.
- Allah allowed him to heal those that were blind so that they could see.
- Allah Saved him and lifted him into the heavens when the people tried to kill him.
- Allah gave him revelation and made him into a mighty messenger and Prophet.
- Allah will allow Isa to come back to Earth when things get bad and will restore Peace.
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<td>I don’t believe in Santa, my Ustaad said that he is not real. I don’t really celebrate Christmas.</td>
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<td>Actually, he wasn’t born then.</td>
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<td>So why do we say he was born on the 25th December?</td>
<td>Well, not really. Its not part of Islam and we don’t adopt non-Muslim Festivals.</td>
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<td>Even so, we have presents in Islam!</td>
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<td>Yeah, we can get presents any time, we also have Eids. Giving presents on Christmas gives the wrong idea to kids.</td>
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<td>But the early followers of Isa 📜 had Christmas Trees!</td>
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<td>The sleigh, reindeers, the costume, coming down chimneys, Lapland, good and bad list.. Its all fictional.</td>
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<td>Next you will be telling me that the tooth fairy is fake!!</td>
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Hannah was a pious and noble woman. She was born in a very important and noble family. Her Husband was Imran who was a descendant of Prophet Ibrahim ﷺ. They were very well respected and were honoured amongst their people.

However, Hannah was sad, in fact she was very sad. What she wanted most of all was to have a child and yet Allah had not blessed her with any children.

When she saw the birds in the garden feeding their chicks she longed even more to have her own children.

Hannah prayed to Allah and asked Allah to grant her a righteous child. She even made a promise to Allah that if she has a baby she will put the child in the service of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

When Allah answered her prayers, Hannah gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who she named Maryam.

Hannah was filled with happiness and joy. She thanked Allah for this great blessing He had given her.
Hannah was worried about her promise to Allah because at that time girls were not put into the service of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

One day, when Maryam was still a little girl, Hannah took her to Masjid Al-Aqsa.

The Imam of Masjid Al-Aqsa was Zakaria, who was also a prophet of Allah.

Zakaria was very well respected amongst his people and they would turn to him for advice and take advantage of his wisdom.

By Allah’s Will, Zakaria became Maryam’s caretaker and looked after her. Zakaria built a small room joining the main Masjid, and Maryam was allowed to stay in the compounds of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Maryam was a very pious girl and she spent her days worshipping Allah and praying. During her time she was known for her dedication to her prayers, her piety, her good manners and character.

Allah had blessed her with such great qualities and character.
In this time, Zakaria saw many miracles and great things which astonished him. Allah blessed Maryam with food for her sustenance.

He often saw her with fresh fruits that were out of season. He would see her with winter fruits in the summer and summer fruits in the winter!

Allah has given us so many blessings but often we don’t think about them. Think of some of the many blessings Allah has given us:

Three of the greatest blessings Allah has given me:
Zakaria ٌonce asked Maryam ً: “Where did you get these fruits from?”

“It is from Allah,” she replied. “Allah gives to whoever He pleases.”

When Zarkaria ٌ saw the many favours of Allah on Maryam, he also prayed to Allah. Zakaria ٌ did not have any children and both he and his wife were very old. They were past the age of having children.

Zakaria ٌ saw that Allah can provide anything and everything, he asked Allah to give him a son. Allah accepted his prayers and blessed him with a son, Yahyah ٌ, who was also a Prophet.

The Du’a of Zakaria ٌ was accepted in Masjid Al-Aqsa.

**DUAS:** Sometimes we forget how important parents are and how much they love and care for us. We should constantly remember them in our Duas and care and look after them.

In the mornings I always pray, that I be good throughout the day. That only good things I will do and will speak words that are true.

I stay away from things that are wrong And on the truth forever be strong. O Allah make me just and kind A life of piety I wish to find!

**My Lord, have mercy on them both (my parents) just as they cherished me when I was little.**

**HOMEWORK:** We must turn to Allah in our duas and make dua as often as possible.
Help Maryam ✨ take Baby Isa ✨ back to Jerusalem.

Isa ✨ spoke to the people whilst he was still a baby in his mothers arms. He told the people that he was a servant and messenger of Allah.
One day, Allah sent the Angel Jibrael with a message for Maryam. When the angel Jibrael appeared before her in the form of a man, she was shocked. When Jibrael told her that Allah had sent him with some good news that soon she was going to have a baby boy, she was even more shocked. She asked the angel how was it possible to have a child without a father? The Angel replied that his birth will be miraculous. Just like Adam was created without a mother and father, Isa will be born without a father.

The angel reassured her and told her not to worry. Allah wanted her to have a child without a father and her son would be a sign for all people.

Maryam was very scared and worried, she didn’t want anyone to know. When the time arrived for the baby to be born, Maryam left Masjid Al-Aqsa and Jerusalem to a far away place.

She rested against the trunk of a date palm tree. Maryam heard a voice “Don’t worry. Allah has made a spring gush beneath you” the water began to sprout out.

“Shake the tree trunk” called the voice again, “and fresh dates will fall for you”. Maryam followed the instructions, this was all from Allah.

Maryam gave birth to a baby son, he was Prophet Isa. Now she had to face the people.
Masjid Al-Aqsa was the first Qibla (the direction of prayer).

Masjid Al-Aqsa is the third Holiest site in Islam.

The very place the miraculous journey of Al-Isra Wal-Miraj took place.

The second house of worship built on Earth, 40 years after the construction of the Ka’bah.

The Qur’an mentions that the precincts of Al-Aqsa are blessed.

It is not only Al-Aqsa that is mentioned in the Qur’an as blessed but also Jerusalem.

Many Prophets have visited and lived in the city, giving Jerusalem a high standing in the hearts of the Muslims worldwide.

Reading Salaah in Masjid Al-Aqsa holds 500 times more merit.

In a world of USB and Cloud storage for information... Brain storage is still the best!
Within the holy city of Jerusalem is the blessed sanctuary of Al-Aqsa. It is an area of around 35 acres. Within the sanctuary there are many Masjids, buildings and monuments. The entire area, containing these buildings is known collectively as the Al-Aqsa Sanctuary.

It is extremely important to remember that the whole land of the Al-Aqsa sanctuary is most precious and blessed.

Masjid Al Aqsa
(black domed building)

Qubbat al- Sakhrah
(Dome of the Rock)
1. The most sacred Masjid in the world. It was the first house built for the Worship of Allah. It is visited by many millions of Muslims every year for Hajj and Umrah.

2. The Second most sacred Masjid in the world. It is called the Prophet’s Masjid and is in Madina. It was built after the Hijra from Makkah to Madina.

3. The third most Sacred Masjid in the world. It was where all the Prophets prayed together during the night of Al-Miraj.

Holiest Sites In Islam

Can you name them?
Maryam ﷺ carried her baby Isa back to Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem. Just as she had expected, people were surprised to see her with a baby.

Maryam ﷺ was instructed by Allah not to speak, so when the people asked her about the baby, Maryam ﷺ simply pointed towards the baby. The people were confused, how could they speak to a baby?

Then an amazing miracle happened, baby Isa ﷺ spoke to the people and explained that he was indeed a servant and a messenger of Allah.

Isa ﷺ grew up in and around Jerusalem. From a young age he began to preach to people to obey Allah and be good and honest. He would pray to Allah and would encourage people to pray and worship Allah.

Many people did not believe Isa ﷺ, they asked for miracles or proof that he really was a messenger.

Allah helped Isa ﷺ by giving him special powers to perform miracles.

Many people believed him and followed his guidance. They became good people, worshiped Allah and did good deeds.

However some people were not happy with Isa ﷺ and his teachings.
Some people still didn’t believe Isa even after the miracles, they wanted more proof that he really was a Prophet!

Isa took some clay and shaped it like a bird, he then breathed into it and with Allah’s will it came to life, flapped its wings and flew away.

Healed the blind so that they can see again. Isa would put his hands over their eyes and with Allah’s will they could see clearly.

These miracles were a sign from Allah but even then many people still did not believe. They believed Isa was performing magic, and that it was not a sign from Allah.

Isa was able to tell people what they had eaten and what food they had in their houses, but they still did not believe him.

Isa brought the dead back to life but still some people did not believe!
Isa knew many people did not believe him, so he turned to the people and he asked, “Who will help me in Allah’s cause?”

The people that stepped forward believed in Allah and said that they would help Isa. They were called the disciples.

Isa and the disciples continued to teach people about the word of Allah.

Amongst the disciples there were some that still wanted proof to make them even stronger believers.

They asked Isa to ask Allah to send a feast from heaven as a miracle. Isa did not want to pray for this, he told them that if they really are believers they should fear Allah.

They continued to insist so Isa prayed to Allah for the feast.

Allah sent down a table with amazing food from heaven for the disciples to eat, this was another miracle. On the Table there was a huge fried fish in the middle with lots of fruit, vegetables, breads and condiments.

Allah said that anyone who did not believe in Allah after eating this meal will be punished.
The feast from heaven

MY FAVOURITE FOODS
Isa ﷺ continued to preach to the people. He went from village to village, day and night throughout Palestine preaching the oneness of Allah.

After going to Al-Nasirah, Isa’s ﷺ followers grew in numbers and believed that He was a prophet of Allah. His enemies saw the number of believers and they began to worry that Isa ﷺ might become more powerful than them.

During the time Isa ﷺ was alive, the Romans controlled the city of Jerusalem. The enemies went to the Romans and all the local kings that had taken over Jerusalem. They told lies so that they begin to fear and hate Isa ﷺ.

They claimed that if he is not killed, he would take over their kingdoms. They asked the Roman governor Pontius pilate to kill Isa ﷺ.

Allah through angel Jibrael ﷺ informed Isa ﷺ of the plan of the enemies to kill him.

They plotted to kill Isa ﷺ and they almost found him too, but Allah also had a plan. He raised Isa ﷺ high into the heavens from Jerusalem. Allah made another person look like Isa ﷺ, so that it was made to look like they had killed him.

Isa ﷺ did not die on Earth like other humans but he was raised alive to the heavens. Isa ﷺ is now in the heavens and will one day return to Earth when Allah decides. He will bring peace and justice back to Earth again.
After Isa was taken to heaven the disciples continued to spread the message and follow the righteous path.

Over time people dispersed in many directions, some believed that Isa was god. Others claimed that he was the son of god.

The message of all the prophets was Tawheed.

**Important Stuff!!**

**Ustaad Says:**

The true message of Isa has changed and was lost over time. Many Christians now believe that Isa was actually a God or son of God when in actual fact, Isa taught the people that Allah is one (Tawheed).

It is a grave sin in Islam to say that there is more than one God. It is also a grave sin to say that Allah has a partner or Allah has a son. This grave Sin is called Shirk. May Allah save us from such Sins.

We believe that Isa was a great Messenger of Allah and that Allah gave him many miracles and blessings. However, it goes against the teachings of Islam and the earlier followers when people say he was more than a prophet or Messenger of Allah.

**Muslims believe Isa was not a god, Isa was not a partner of god and Isa was not a son of God.**

The highest status a person can ever have was to be selected as a messenger of Allah.
THE REAL DEAL

Isa was a prophet so famous and wise. Nowadays there are so many myths and lies. The story changes so much after his time So that large parts are lost... what a crime!

We learn about his life from the Qu’ran That Isa was a noble and pious man. He dedicated his life to worship and prayer, Teaching the people with passion and flare.

He taught people Tawheed. Allah is One. Without any partners, family or son. He taught them to turn to Allah and pray and from the truth they shouldn’t stray.

THE GIFT - MARYAM

Hannah the pure, Hannah the wise. Shed many tears from her eyes She wanted a little baby boy or girl A bundle of Joy, precious like a pearl

Allah knew the sadness in her heart. - the longing that would never depart Allah heard her duas and her sad plight and filled her life with love and delight.

Allah made the sun, moon and sky. Allah made the bees and birds that fly. Allah made the fish that swim in the sea. Allah made us, yes you and me.

Allah made the food that we all eat. All the fruit, veg, cereals and wheat. Best of all, Allah made my mummy and the food she cooks is so yummy!

Now it’s your turn to make a Rhyme...
Allah is in need of nothing. He does not need to eat, sleep or rest. We are in need of Allah for everything. Allah has given us the power to speak. If Allah takes away this power then we will not be able to speak. In the same way all our blessings are from Allah and we should be grateful to Allah for them.

There is nothing like Allah. He is unlike anything that we have seen, heard or even imagined. We gain a better understanding of Allah through his names and attributes. He is The All Knowing. This means Allah knows about everything that has happened, is happening now and will happen in the future.

Believing that Allah has a partner or equal; or believing that Allah has parents or children is a major sin called shirk. Worshiping other than Allah is the worst sin that can be committed. We should try to stay away from shirk and ask Allah’s help and protection from it.
RESPECT

Respect is the most wonderful thing. It’s a way to show people that we care and appreciate them.

It’s a way to show that they are special and we honour them by using good and kind words. We behave with them in a good and kind way.

It’s a way to demonstrate that we value them and indeed love them. It’s a way to show that they have a special place in our hearts and thoughts.

Just as we respect the prophets that Allah sent, we also respect the message that Allah sent.

Only the Qur’an exists in its original form. We need to respect it, learn it and share it. This workbook has words of the Qur’an so please look after it!
**USTAAD SAYS**

Christmas is a time where a large part of the world celebrates the birth of Isa . Who is also a prophet of Islam.

Some Muslims may celebrate aspects of Christmas as well.

However the question is: is this the right thing to do?

Many things in Christmas have nothing to do with Prophet Isa . In fact if the early followers of Isa  were to see Christmas, they would think it is a purely pagan festival. They would think this is nothing to do with Jesus (Isa) that lived many centuries ago.

So much has been added, lost or changed. The most important message of Tawheed has been changed so much that it has actually changed into shirk.

*My teachers told me that we should not follow non Muslim festivals. However, we should still remain polite and respectful to the non-Muslims who follow and celebrate these festivals.*

I suppose, this is a good time to reflect on our own lives and see how close we are following the teachings of our beloved prophet Muhammad . Are we still faithfully following the original teachings or are we also adding bells and whistles to the teachings and slowly drifting away.

*We should be very cautious of Shirk which slowly creeps into our lives. We should be steadfast on the message of Tawheed as taught by all the prophets, closing the doors to pagan ideas and festivals.*

We should be steadfast on the Qur’an and Sunnah and make this part of all aspects of our lives. Now if we can do this then this is certainly worth celebrating.

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**FACT FILE**

| **Isa ** told his followers about the coming of Muhammad (pbuh). |
| **Isa ** was not killed or crucified but instead was saved by Allah. |
| **Isa ** was NOT the son of Allah nor was he a god. |
| **Isa ** was a great messenger and servant of Allah. |
| **Isa ** had a miraculous birth without any father. |
| **Isa ** was able to heal the blind and ill people. |
| **Isa ** was given a book called the Injeel. |
| **Isa ** was sent to guide his people back to the straight path. |
| **Isa ** always spoke the truth and always obeyed Allah’s command. |
| A chapter in the Qur’an was named after Isa’s  mother. |
| His first miracle was that he spoke when he was still a baby. |
| One day, Isa  will come back and be a just Muslim ruler. |
We have learnt just how precious and important Jerusalem and Masjid Al-Aqsa is.

Can you fill in the missing words?

IN JERUSALEM
Angel __________ gave the glad tidings of the birth of a baby boy to __________.

IN JERUSALEM
The Prophet __________ was the Imam of Masjid __________

IN JERUSALEM
Allah would send __________ to Maryam in Masjid Al-Aqsa

IN JERUSALEM
It was from Masjid Al-Aqsa that __________ ascended into the heavens.

IN JERUSALEM
___________ was so happy when Allah gifted her with a baby girl.

IN JERUSALEM
Allah saved Prophet __________ and raised him into the _________.

IN JERUSALEM
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Wow! What a journey we have been on. We have now come to the end of the journey through the life of Prophet Isa ﷺ. We have learnt many important and beneficial lessons today.

Lets just take a moment to think about some of the important points that we have learnt during the Journey.

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Thank you for joining us on this Journey. It has been fun! Remember us in your duas and remember the Muslims that live in the blessed City of Jerusalem. Last person to leave please switch off the light!