



# Jinns



## Elementary Level Lessons

Note: To keep from using my own explanations as much as possible, I have kept the text from the resources<sup>1</sup>, therefore it is best if teacher reads the lessons to students so that explanations can be given as needed.

Resources used to prepare this work drawn from:

<http://abdurrahman.org/character/index-shytaan.html>



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## Lesson 1: What is a Jinn?

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- A Jinn is a Creation of Allah.
- Jinns are made from a smokeless flame of fire.



Allah tells us in the Quraan, "And the jinns did He create from a smokeless flame of fire." [al-Rahmaan 55:15].

Naar = Fire

"The angels were created from light, the jinn were created from fire, and Adam was created from that which has been described to you." (Reported by Muslim, 5314).

`The world of the jinn is an independent and separate world, with its own distinct nature and features that are hidden from the world of humans. Jinns and humans



have some things in common, such as the possession of understanding and the choice between the way of good and the way of evil. The word jinn comes from an Arabic root meaning "hidden from sight". Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"... Verily he [Shaytaan] and his qabeeluhu [his soldiers from the jinn or his tribe] see you from where you cannot see them..." [al-A'raaf 7:27] `

Qabeel = Tribe

**Check Point/Drill**

Answer the following questions (orally or written, as assigned)

1. What are Jinn?
2. What are Jinn made from?
3. What are angels made from?
4. Name one thing that Jinns and people have in common.
5. Can we generally see Jinns?

Teacher: Use all checkpoint questions in the lessons as drills. Ask student these questions over and over again until they are answered fluently and continue asking them daily, then weekly, then monthly.



## What are Jinn made of?

Draw a picture to show what Jinn are made of

### Vocabulary

Can you give the meaning of these words?

Jinn

Qabeel

Naar



## Lesson 2: Why Were Jinn Created?

Jinn were created for the same reason that humans were created; *to worship Allah alone:*

"And I (Allah) created not the jinns and humans, except they should worship Me (Alone)." [al-Dhaariyaat 51:56].

Worship means to do what Allah tells us to do and stay away from the things that Allah has told us to stay away from. Some examples of worship are prayer, making duaas, fasting, and giving Zakat.

Name some other examples of worship.

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**Drill:**

Q: Why did Allah create you? A: To worship Him Alone.

Q: What is your proof? A: (51:56).....

**Memory Work (if assigned):**

Memorize Ayaat 51:56



Color in star when  
ayaah is memorized!



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### Lesson 3: Everyone has a Jinn

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“Every individual among the sons of Adam has a jinn who has been appointed to be his constant companion (qareen).

Ibn Mas’ood said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, ‘There is not one of you who does not have a jinn appointed to be his constant **companion**.’ They said, ‘And you too, O Messenger of Allah’ He said, ‘Me too, but Allah has helped me and he has submitted, so that he only helps me to do good.’" (Reported by Muslim, 2814). Al-Nawawi said in his commentary on Muslim (17/175): "He has submitted’ ... he became a believing Muslim.

Qareen =  
Constant  
Companion =  
one who is  
always there

Al-Qaadi said: Know that the ummah is agreed upon the fact that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was protected from Shaytaan, physically and mentally, and with regard to his speech. This hadeeth contains a reference to the warning against the fitnah (temptation, trial) and whispers of the qareen (constant



companion from among the jinn). We know that he is with us so we should beware of him as much as possible."

**Check Point/Drill**

Answer the following questions (orally or written, as assigned)

1. Who are the sons of Adam?
2. What is the constant companion jinn called in Arabic?
3. Did the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) have a Jinn?
4. What was the Jinn of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) like?



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## Lesson 4: Types of Jinn

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'Allah has created different types of jinn.

Among them are some who can take on different forms, such as dogs and snakes; some who are like flying winds with wings; and some who can travel and rest.

Abu Tha'labah al-Khushani said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

'The jinn are of three types:

1. a types that has wings, and they fly through the air;
2. a type that looks like snakes and dogs;
3. and a type that stops for a rest then **resumes** its **journey**."

(Reported by al-Tahhaawi in Mushkil al-Athaar, 4/95, and by al-Tabaraani in al-Kabeer, 22/214. Shaykh al-Albaani said in al-Mishkaat (2/1206, no. 4148): al-Tahhaawi and Abu'l-Shaykh reported it with a saheeh isnaad).'

### Checkpoint/Drill:

Describe the 3 types of jinns.





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## Lesson 5: Do Jinns eat and drink?

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“The jinn eat and drink.

Ibn Mas’ood said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: ‘Someone from among the jinn called me, and I went with him and recited Qur’aan for them.’ He took us and showed us the traces of where they had been and the traces of their fires. They asked him for food and he said, ‘You can have every bone on which the name of Allah has been mentioned that comes into your possession, as meat, and all the droppings as food for your animals.’

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, ‘So do not use [these things] for cleaning yourselves [after relieving oneself], for they are the food and provision of your brothers.’” (Reported by Muslim, 450).

According to another report: "A delegation of jinn from Naseeben came to me, and what good jinn they are! They asked me for food and I prayed to Allah for them, so that they would not pass by bones or droppings, but



they would find food on them." (Reported by al-Bukhaari, 3571).

The believing jinn may eat any bone on which the name of Allah has been mentioned, because the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not permit them to have anything on which Allah's name has not been mentioned – those are for the kuffaar among the jinn."

**Check Point/Drill**

1. Do Jinn eat and drink? If so, what do they eat?
2. What is special about the bones that the Jinn eat?
3. Why did the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) tell the Jinn not to use bones for cleaning themselves after going to the bathroom?



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## Lesson 6: Do Jinns Have Powers?

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Allah has given the jinn powers that he has not given to humans. Allah has told us about some of their powers, such as **the ability to move and travel quickly**. An `ifreet from among the jinn guaranteed to the Prophet Sulaymaan (peace be upon him) that he would bring the throne of the Queen of Yemen to Jerusalem in a moment faster than that needed for a man to get up from where he was sitting. Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"An `ifreet (strong one) from the jinns said: 'I will bring it [her throne] to you before you rise from your place (council). And verily, I am indeed strong, and trustworthy for such work.' One with whom was knowledge of the Scripture said: 'I will bring it to you within the twinkling of an eye!' – then when Sulaymaan saw it placed before him, he said, 'This is by the Grace of my Lord...'" [al-Naml 27:39-40].

Ifreet = strong  
one



**Explore (optional):**

Bilqis, was the Queen spoken about in this Hadith.  
Research to find pictures of the remnants of her throne.

How far was the throne in Yemen from Jerusalem  
(research).

Record your findings here (paste a picture, give the  
distance) as well as any other interesting facts you may  
find.



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## Lesson 7: Where do Jinns live?

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"The jinn live on this earth where we do.

They are mostly to be found in ruins and unclean places like bathrooms, dunghills, garbage dumps and graveyards.



Hence the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught us to take precautions when entering such places, by reciting the adhkaar (prayers) prescribed by Islam.

One of these was reported by Anas ibn Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: "When the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) entered the toilet, he would say, 'Allaahumma innee a'oodhu bika min al-khubuthi wa'l-khabaa'ith (O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the evil ones, male and female).'"

(Reported by al-Bukhaari, 142; and Muslim, 375). Al-Khattaabi explained that khubuth is the plural of khabeeth (evil or dirty – masculine form), and



khabaa'ith is the plural of khabeethah (evil or dirty – feminine form), and that what is meant is male and female shayaateen.

**Checkpoint/Drill:**

1. Why do we say a duaa before using the bathroom?
2. What duaa do we say before going into the bathroom?

**Memory Work:**

Memorize the duaa for entering the bathroom, if you do not already know it. Try to remember to say it each time you enter the bathroom and why you are saying it.



See cards on next page to post outside the bathroom as a reminder. Also, use the cards to memorize the duaa.



**What to say when  
entering the restroom**

[بِسْمِ اللَّهِ] اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ  
مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ

**'[In the name of Allah]. O  
Allah, I take refuge with  
you from all evil and  
evil-doers.'**



**What to say when  
Leaving the restroom**

غُفِرَانَكَ

**'I ask You [Allah]  
for forgiveness.'**

Cards courtesy Umm Abdul Basir of [Islamicbulletinboards.wordpress.com](http://Islamicbulletinboards.wordpress.com)





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## Lesson 8: Protection from Jinn

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“Because the jinn can see us while we cannot see them, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught us many ways to protect ourselves from their harm, such as:

- Seeking refuge with Allah from the accursed Shaytaan,
- Reciting Soorat al-Falaq and Soorat al-Naas (the last two Soorahs of the Qur’aan),
- Reciting the words taught by Allah in the Qur’aan (interpretation of the meaning): "Say: `My Lord! I seek **refuge** with You from the whisperings (suggestions) of the shayaateen (devils). And I seek refuge with You, my Lord, lest they may attend (or come near) me.'" [al-Mu’minoan 23:97-98]
- Saying Bismillaah (in the Name of Allah) before entering one’s home, and before eating or drinking, will also keep the Shaytaan from entering the house or partaking with a person in his food and drink.



- Similarly, mentioning the name of Allah before entering the toilet or taking off one's clothes will prevent the jinn from seeing a person's 'awrah or harming him, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "To put a barrier that will prevent the jinn from seeing the 'awrah of the sons of Adam, let any one of you say 'Bismillaah' when entering the toilet." (Reported by al-Tirmidhi, 551; Saheeh al-Jaami', 3611).
- Strength of faith and religion in general will also prevent the jinn from harming a person, so much so that if they were to fight, the one who has faith would win. 'Abd-Allaah ibn Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "A man from among the Companions of Muhammad met a man from among the jinn. They wrestled, and the human knocked down the jinn. The human said to him, 'You look small and skinny to me, and your forearms look like the front paws of a dog. Do all the jinn look like this, or only you?' He said, 'No, by Allah, among them I am strong, but let us wrestle again, and if you defeat me I will teach you something that will do you good.' The human said, 'Fine.' He said, 'Recite, 'Allah! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever-living, the



One Who sustains and protects all that exists...'  
[Ayaat al-Kursi – al-Baqarah 2:255 –  
interpretation of the meaning]. The human said,  
'Fine.' He said, 'You will never recite this in your  
house but the Shaytaan will come out of it like a  
donkey breaking wind, and he will never come  
back in until the next morning.'" (Reported by al-  
Daarimi, 3247).

**Check Point/Drill**

1. What keeps a Jinn from eating with us when we eat?
2. What are two surahs we can recite to seek protection from the Jinn?
3. Reciting what ayaah will cause the Shaytaan to run out of your house like a 'donkey breaking wind?'
4. What will protect us from the Jinn looking at us when we undress?
5. What will protect us from the Jinn when using the bathroom?
6. What is the phrase for seeking refuge with Allah from Shaytaan?

**Memory Work:**

Memorize "Authu billahi minash Shaytaanir Rajim," a dua to seek protection from the Jinns.





### Jinn Fact Review Sheet

Complete during or after study. Keep in notebook or on board for reference

Jinns are made from:

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Why did Allah Create Jinns?

\_\_\_\_\_

Everyone has a Jinn appointed to him. What is this constant companion called?

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What was the Prophet's Jinn like?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

There are three types of Jinn:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do Jinns eat?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where do Jinns live?

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\_\_\_\_\_ = Jinn companion

Qabeel = \_\_\_\_\_

Naar = \_\_\_\_\_



## Review Bank

Add these to your master review list/review card deck to review regularly; use the questions for test/quizz material.

1. What are Jinn?
2. What are Jinn made from?
3. What are angels made from?
4. Name one thing that Jinns and people have in common.
5. Can we generally see Jinns?
6. Define Naar.
7. Define Qabeel
8. Why did Allah create you? What is your proof?
9. Who are the sons of Adam?
10. What is the constant companion jinn called in Arabic?
11. Did the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) have a Jinn?
12. What was the Jinn of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) like?
13. Describe the three types of jinns.
14. Do Jinn eat and drink? If so, what do they eat?
15. What is special about the bones that the Jinn eat?
16. Why did the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) tell the Jinn not to use bones for cleaning themselves after going to the bathroom?
17. Name a power of the Jinns that humans do not have.
18. Why do we say a dua before using the bathroom?
19. What dua do we say before going into the bathroom?
20. What is khubthi? Khubaaith?
21. What keeps a Jinn from eating with us when we eat?
22. What are two surahs we can recite to seek protection from the Jinn?
23. Reciting what ayaah will cause the Shaytaan to run out of your house like a 'donkey breaking wind'?
24. What will protect us from the Jinn looking at us when we undress?
25. What will protect us from the Jinn when using the bathroom?
26. What is the phrase for seeking refuge with Allah from Shaytaan?



## **Test Prep**

### **As an aid to preparing tests for students**

#### **Part I. Recall**

Give student questions from the Review bank (oral exam or written or a mixture of both).

#### **Part II. Memorization**

Have student recite memory work

#### **Part III. Practical**

Give student situations (role-play or real life) to tell what should be done: (e.g. going to the bathroom –using duaas; seeking refuge at other times from shaytaan; if asked why you were put on earth, what is your purpose.



Teacher: Once student has mastered the content in this unit (passed the end of unit exam); affix the Jinn badge to Muslim Learner Scout book.





**Optional Assignment Ideas:**

- Let younger students practice writing the word Jinn (Arabic or English according to ability)
- Have students who can write Arabic write their memory work out daily.
- Make a lapbook (or mini notebook) of concepts learned
- Have student write a paragraph (or news/magazine article) about Jinns