

Important Notes for the Educator

- The PowerPoints are **animated** so please use the PPT version if possible.
- Keep the **competition** active throughout the four sessions. There is a slide in the first session with instructions.
- Recite the passage/ayah aloud and encourage learners to recite after you OR ask learners to recite an ayah each.
- Encourage learners to memorise Surah Qaf and its translation. Reward them for successful completion.
- There are **speaker notes** under each slide. Read the notes before delivering the session.
- Please thoroughly read the **free PDF** 'A Journey through Surah Qaf' in addition to reading tafsir books and lectures of this surah.
- Feel free to adjust this PPT to your learners' needs.
- **[A] in the PPT = Active learning.** This can be done orally, in writing, on mini-whiteboards (MWB), classroom board, through discussion; alone, in pairs, groups etc, and through other methods. Try to use a variety of methods within each session. These can all contribute to the competition score.
- LWA is not responsible for external links.
- If you benefit from this resource, please remember the project in your du'as. Your feedback to improve the resources is highly appreciated.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Welcome!



Draw an aspect of nature that reminds you most of Allah.

سورة قاف

A Wake-Up Call

Surah Qaf: Session 1

Session Objectives

01 Reflect on the centrality of the Qur'an in our lives

02 Outline the two key issues this sūrah addresses

03 Explain why Allah asks us to reflect on His signs

04 Recite and reflect upon verses 1-14 of Surah Qāf



Are You Ready to Win?

A Special Surah

The Prophet ﷺ would recite Surah Qāf in large gatherings:

Jumu'ah ṣalāh

The Friday sermon:
Umm Hishām b. Ḥārithah

The two Eid ṣalāhs

Fajr ṣalāh



A Powerful Beginning

- ق: Strong letter: why?
- Letter repeated in the surah
- [A] What is the function of an oath?
- الْمَجِيدِ: Lofty, glorious, majestic

ق وَالْقُرْآنِ الْمَجِيدِ ﴿١﴾

Qaf - By the glorious Quran!



Time to Reflect

Be honest with yourself! I'm not going to ask for feedback.

Can I explain in 2 minutes *why* the Qur'an is majestic?

Do I feel connected to the Qur'an?

How important is the Qur'an in my life (on a scale from 1-10)?



How Strange!

- 1st issue raised by the Quraysh.
- Disbelievers: “Why did Allah send a human and not an angel?”
- [A] If Allah had sent an angel instead of a human messenger, how do you think some people would have reacted?

بَلْ عَجِبُوا أَنْ جَاءَهُمْ مُنذِرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَقَالَ
الْكَافِرُونَ هَذَا شَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ ﴿٢﴾

But the disbelievers are amazed that a warner has come from among them and they say, ‘How strange!’



As If!!

- 2nd issue raised by the Quraysh.
- The Quraysh did not believe it was possible for humans to be brought back to life after their bones had decomposed.
- The remainder of the sūrah is a response to this issue.

أَءِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا ذَلِكُمْ رَجْعٌ بَعِيدٌ ﴿٣﴾

To come back [to life] after we have died and become dust? That is too farfetched.'



Allah's Absolute Knowledge

- **كُتِبَ حَفِيظًا**: Recorded in al-Lawḥ al-Maḥfūz— every single thing is recorded; not one thing is missed out.
- [A] How does this verse make you feel?

قَدْ عَلِمْنَا مَا تَنْقُصُ الْأَرْضُ مِنْهُمْ وَعِنْدَنَا كِتَابٌ حَفِيظٌ ﴿٤﴾

We know very well what the earth takes away from them: We keep a comprehensive record.

Lost & Confused

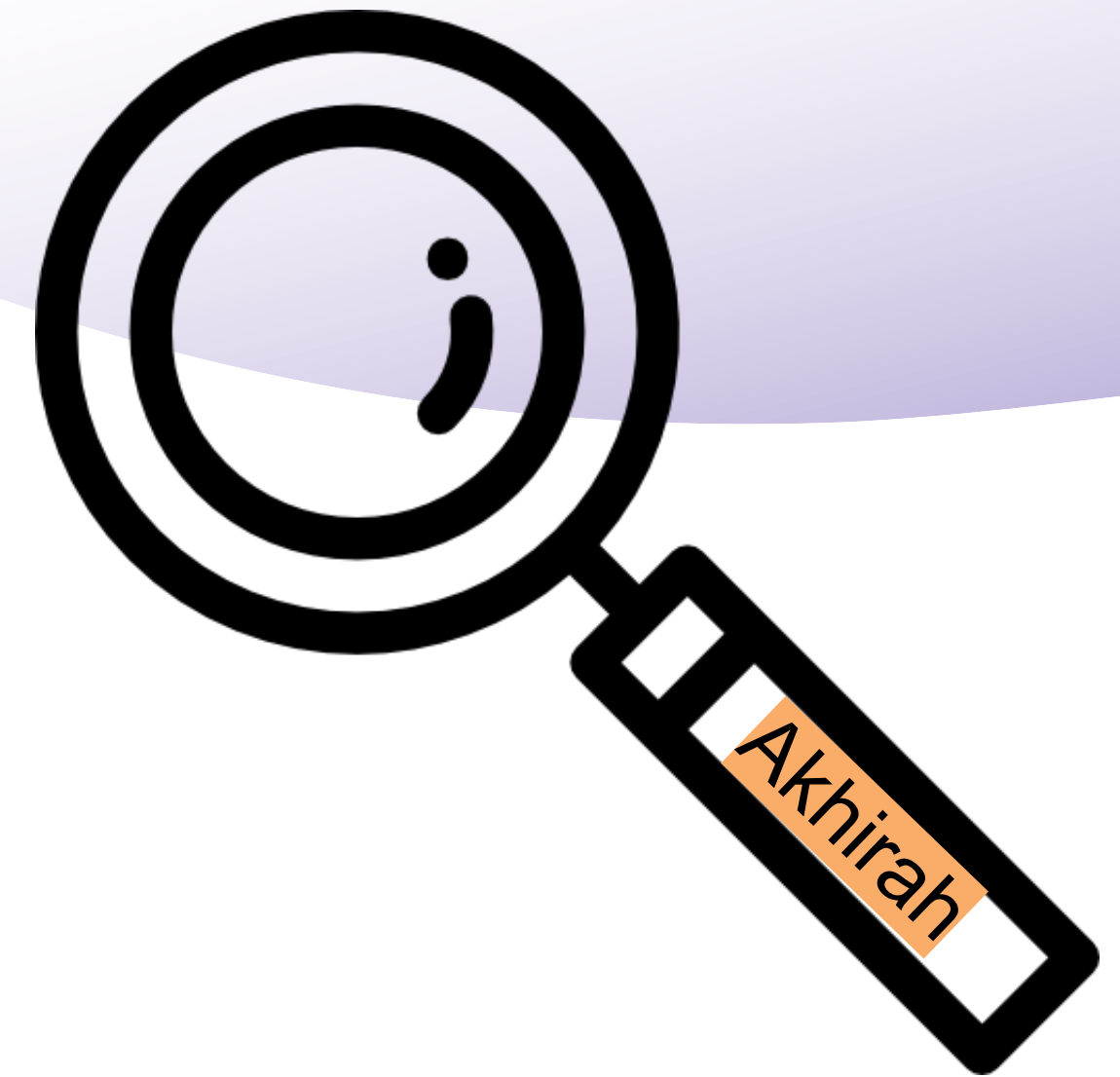
- Consequence of those who reject the message = confusion.
- Mixed and confused - there will be no meaning and purpose to their life if they reject the truth.

بَلْ كَذَّبُوا بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ فَهُمْ فِي أَمْرٍ
مَّرِيحٍ ﴿٥﴾

But the disbelievers deny the truth when it comes to them; they are in a state of confusion.



The Outcomes of Belief in the Next Life



Amy, 14

Does NOT believe
in the hereafter



Iman, 14

Does NOT believe
in the hereafter

[A] What impact does this have on their lives? How are their lives different?

The Flawless Sky

- Reflect on the signs around us: nature.
This is part of fitrah.
- The sky reflects Allah's power and beauty:
built, adorned, and flawless in structure.
Similar to the truth.
- Connect the physical to the spiritual.

Did You Know?

It's a sunnah to look at the sky. The Prophet ﷺ would frequently look at the sky and glorify Allah.

أَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَاهَا
وَزَيَّنَّاهَا وَمَا لَهَا مِنْ فُرُوجٍ {٦}

**Do they not see the sky above them—how
We have built and adorned it, with no rifts in
it;**



The Earth

بِهَيْجٍ

Joyous, beautiful.

We just need to open our eyes and hearts.

رَوِّسِي

[A] What is the function of mountains?

Revelation's purpose is to make our hearts firm and stable too.

وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوْسِيَ وَأَنْبَثْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ﴿٧﴾

how We spread out the earth and put solid mountains on it, and caused every kind of joyous plant to grow in it,



Who Will Benefit?

- Any knowledge that does not lead us to knowing Allah is incomplete, false or useless.
- The Book of the Universe: accessible to all.
- The reminder will only be internalised by those who constantly return to Allah.

تَبْصِرَةً وَذِكْرًا لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ ﴿٨﴾

as a lesson and reminder for every servant who turns to God;



The ABC Game



In your groups, write a list of fruits and vegetables for each letter of the alphabet – 1 per letter. The group first to finish/with the most words wins!

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The signs around us make it clear that Allah exists, is All-Powerful, and One!



The Source of Life

[A] What are the similarities between water from the sky and revelation from the sky?

وَنَزَّلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً مُبْرَكًا فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ
وَحَبَّ الْحَصِيدِ {٩}

**and how We send blessed water down from
the sky and grow with it gardens, the harvest
grain,**



Palm Trees

- [A] What is unique about the palm tree?
- Can survive in extreme heat;
- Have a long life and durability;
- Produce abundant fruit: variety of flavours, colours and textures.

وَالنَّخْلَ بَاسِقَاتٍ لَهَا طَلْعٌ نَضِيدٌ ﴿١٠﴾

**and tall palm trees laden with clusters of
dates,**



Allah: the Giver of Life

- Allah is telling the disbelievers: the One who can cause the dead earth to come back to life, can certainly bring you back to life again.
- [A] Which ayah mentioned their denial of resurrection?

رِّزْقًا لِلْعِبَادِ وَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ بَلَدَةً مَّيْتًا كَذَلِكَ
الْخُرُوجُ {١١}

as a provision for everyone; how with water We give [new] life to a land that is dead? This is how the dead will emerge [from their graves].



Learn from History

- [A] Why does Allah tell us to look at the signs in history?
- Look at nations in the past who denied the truth
- Water: a blessing, but can also be a punishment. For e.g. ?

كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَأَصْحَابُ الرَّسِّ وَثَمُودُ
{١٢} وَعَادٌ وَفِرْعَوْنُ وَإِخْوَانُ لُوطِ {١٣}
وَأَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ وَقَوْمُ تُبَّعٍ كُلٌّ كَذَّبَ الرُّسُلَ فَحَقَّ
وَعِيدِ {١٤}






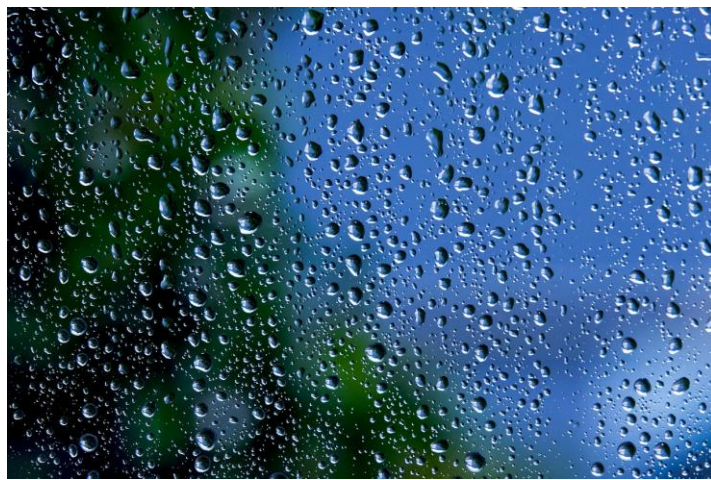
The people of Noah disbelieved long before these disbelievers, as did the people of Rass, Thamud, Ad, Pharaoh, Lot, the Forest-Dwellers, Tubba: all of these people disbelieved their messengers, and so My warning was realized.



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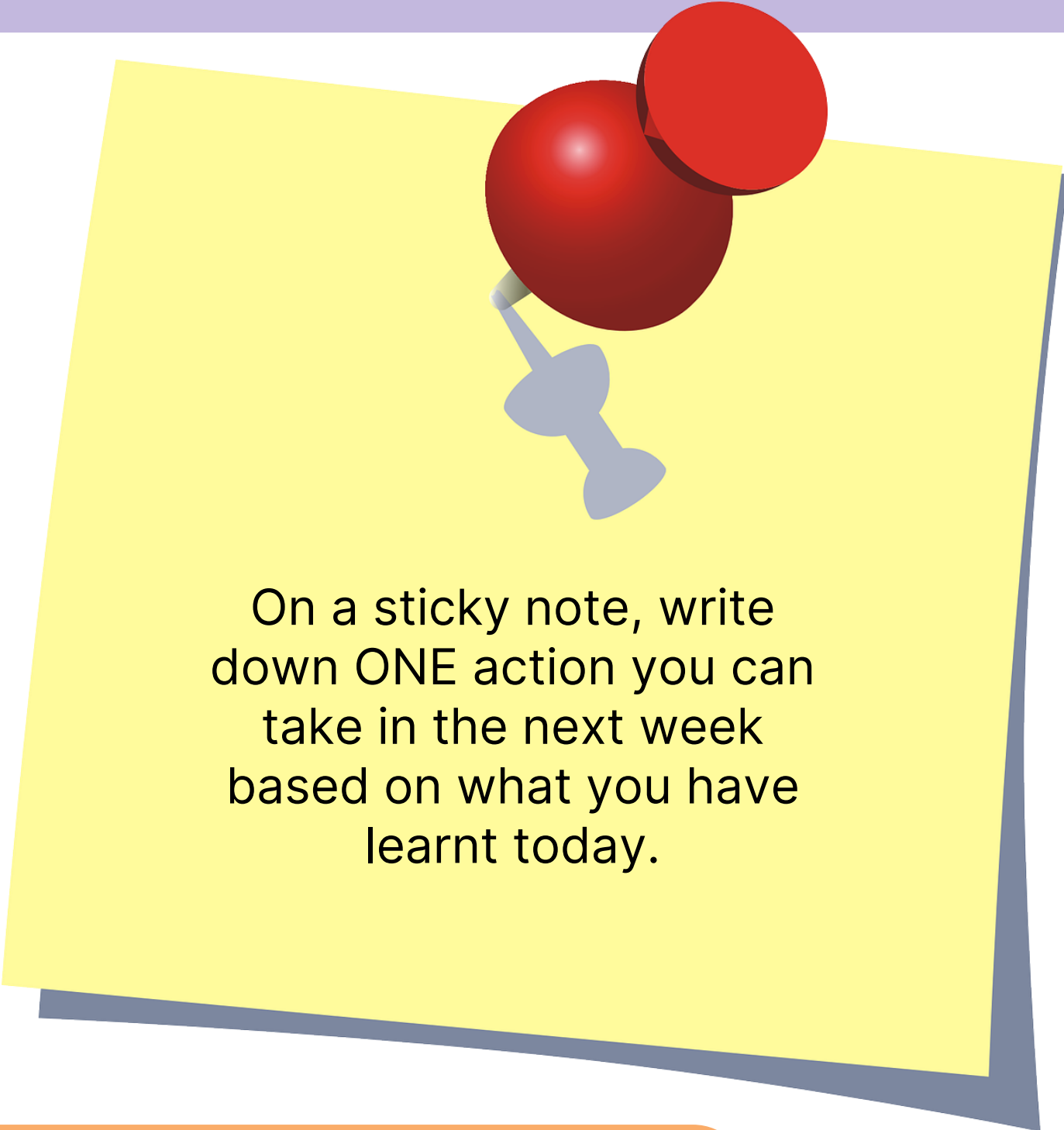
No matter how advanced a civilisation gets, it's never too great for Allah's punishment.

Match the Picture to the Ayah

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<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> 

Plenary

1. What does Allah take an oath by at the beginning of the surah? Why?
2. What were the two issues raised by the disbelievers?
3. Why does Allah remind us to reflect on His creation?
4. Why does Allah ask us to reflect on history?



On a sticky note, write down ONE action you can take in the next week based on what you have learnt today.

For Next Week

- 1) Memorise Ayahs 1-12
- 2) Bonus: Memorise the translation

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ
وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا
إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ
وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

The End

Additional Activities

- Paint a canvas/sketch with pencil the nature in this surah
- Vocabulary activities/sheet
- Splat with vocabulary (next slide)

SPLAT!

أَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ	ذِكْرِي	كَذَبَ
نَزَّلْنَا	مُنذِرٌ	النَّخْلَ
الْأَرْضُ	السَّمَاءِ	عَجِيبٌ