

Surah Nahl

1. What creation of Allah (swt) is 'An-Nahl' for which this sura is named? Draw a nahl and see if you can label it with the following body parts: head, body, wings, antennae, eye, leg and sting.

What does the nahl make that is really sweet and yummy?

2. Name any two types of food and any two types of drink mentioned in this sura. Give the verse number(s).

In which ayat of this sura does Allah (swt) talk about the bees making honey and what two things does he tell us about honey?

3. In which ayat of this sura does Allah (swt) talk about food which is Haraam for us? Which types of food have been mentioned in this ayat?

Why do you think it is important to be aware of the food which we put into our bodies?

4. In ayats #5-7 of this sura, Allah (swt) mentions that He has created the cattle, and in them are many advantages. List any three advantages of cattle as stated in this ayat.

5. According to this sura, why are birds a sign for those who believe? Give the ayat number.

Try this activity from <https://askabiologist.asu.edu/> to better understand how Allah (swt) created birds to fly. *Take a piece of paper. The best type of papers to use are the thin sheets used in magazines. Hold the short edge of the paper up [near] to your mouth using both hands. Blow hard across the top of the paper.*

The paper should lift up...why do you think this is?

Now go outside and see if you can spot birds flying in the sky. Isn't it beautiful?!
Subhanallah!

6. "This sura is one of the most important of those in the Quran that point out the spiritual significance of nature" (The Study Quran by Seyyed Hossein Nasr). In that regard, what do you think Allah (swt) is trying to teach us?

List any 10 blessings that Allah (swt) has showered upon us as mentioned in this sura.

7. Who do the **أَوْتُوا الْعِلْمَ** refer to in ayat #27?

8. According to ayat #24, what was the response of the disbelievers when posed with questions regarding the guidance Allah (swt) had sent to humankind before?

What kind of people does Allah (swt) refer to as those who will be ‘losers in the hereafter’? Give the ayat number(s).

9. Which ayat in this surah implies that the Holy Prophet (saw) was present in this world from the very beginning and will be here till the end to witness that which has happened and that which is taking place?

10. Ayats #11-13 end in a similar fashion as shown below:

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ {11}

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ {12}

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَذَّكَّرُونَ {13}

What is the English translation of each Arabic phrase?

Using an Arabic dictionary (or Google translate if you don't have one!), translate the following phrases into English.

يَتَفَكَّرُونَ
يَعْقِلُونَ
يَذَّكَّرُونَ