

Sura Ale-Imran

1. The first ayat of this sura is has three letters of the Arabic alphabet. Can you circle these letters?

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش
ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل م ن ه
و ي

2. What is the meaning of this sura's name: 'Ale-Imran'?

Family of Imran

Ayat #33 explains their significance; what is it? Who else is mentioned in the same ayat?

They are 'chosen by God' over the worlds, as are Prophet Adam, Prophet Nuh and the family of Prophet Ibrahim

Which famous lady is mentioned in relation to Ale Imran? How was Imran related to her?

Lady Maryam; Imran is her father

3. Why was Imran's wife surprised when her baby was born? What had she vowed to do with the baby? How did Allah (swt) respond to the baby? What does that tell us about how Allah (swt) sees men and women? Give the ayat number(s).

Ayats #35-37 – because her baby was a girl! She had vowed to dedicate the child to the service of Allah (swt). Allah (swt) already knew that she was female and accepted her with a beautiful acceptance –no male child the wife of Imran might have hoped for could have been like this female. Allah (swt) judges people by their consciousness of Him and not by whether they are male or female.

4. The baby was brought up in the service of Allah (swt) under whose care?

Prophet Zakariya

In ayat #37, by what miracle was this person inspired to make a dua? What did he pray for and what happened as a result?

He saw Maryam had fruit which was out of season and he wondered where it came from. Maryam replied that it was from Allah (swt) and that He could provide for anyone He wished – without any limit. That prompted Prophet Zakariya to pray for the child he had thought he was too old to have – and indeed Allah (swt) granted him a son named Prophet Yahya

5. Draw your favourite fruits. According to the chart below, when are they usually in season?



6. When the baby became a young woman what did the angels say to her?

Ayats #42-45 – That Allah (swt) had chosen her and purified her above all the women of the world. They told her to be devout and to make sajdah. And they gave her the good news of her son, Prophet Isa

When she questions how this is possible, what is she told? Give the ayat number.

Ayat #47 Allah (swt) can do whatever He wants; all he has to command is 'Be!' and it is (that famous phrase discussed in Sura Yaseen!)

7. To which other major world religion is the miracle described in the previous question a significant part? And in what way does it differ from Islam theologically?

Christianity; Christians believe Prophet Isa to be the son of God but in Islam we believe that Allah (swt) is not born and does not have any children

Instead, how does the Quran explain this miracle by taking the example of Prophet Adam? Give the ayat number.

Ayat #59 – Prophet Isa is like Prophet Adam in that Allah (swt) created him from dust and said to him to "Be!" and he was. While Prophet Isa has no father, Prophet Adam has no father or mother

8. Name some of the miracles Allah (swt) gave to Prophet Isa as mentioned in this sura. What does the Holy Quran mention to be a key element of these miracles? Give the ayat number(s).

Ayat #49 – Breathed life into clay bird, gave sight to the blind, cured the lepers, and brought dead back to life, knowledge of what people ate and what they stored in their houses. This was only possible by the permission/command of Allah (swt)

9. In ayat #75 of this sura, Allah (swt) refers to **أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ**? What does this mean in English and who does it include? What is He telling us about them in this ayat?

‘The People of the Book’ includes Christians and Jews. Allah (swt) describes how some are trustworthy and some are not.

10. Go back and look at the beginning of this sura – can you find a dua that we commonly recite in qunoot? Give its English translation.

Ayat 8 – Our Lord, Let not our hearts swerve from the truth after Thou hast guided us and bestow upon us the gift of Thy grace, Thou art the [true] Giver of Gifts.

Ayat 16 – Oh our Sustainer! Behold we have believed [in Thee] forgive us then our sins and keep us safe from the suffering of the fire.