

Sura Maryam

1. The first ayat of this sura is five 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. Name the 12 prophets which are mentioned in this sura.
3. Which prophet's story does this sura begin with? What miracle is mentioned in relation to him?

Where else in the Holy Quran is this mentioned?

Sura Ale Imran, ayats # _____

Sura Anbiya, ayats # _____

4. Name five of the good traits that Allah (swt) gave to Prophet Yahya. Give the ayat number(s).
5. What is similar between the sign which Allah (swt) sent to Prophet Zakariyya and the instructions Allah (swt) later gave to Lady Maryam? Give the ayat numbers of each.
6. In this sura, the Holy Quran details more of Lady Maryam's life as discussed in Sura Ale Imran. After she has been told by the Angel Jibrael that Allah (swt) has blessed her with a son, what does it say in ayats #23-26 to suggest to us that Lady Maryam was scared? Why do you think Lady Maryam would have been scared at this point?

What did Allah (swt) tell Lady Maryam to do so as to comfort her?

9. This sura beautifully presents to us that we should not judge others except on the content of their character; Lady Maryam was a woman (in a society where women were seen as inferior to man) and Prophet Ibrahim sought to guide his father (in a reversal of the roles seen as a key tribal norm). Other than gender and age, what are some other examples you can think of that we intentionally/unintentionally judge people by when they advise us? Why might it be important to keep an open mind?

10. In ayats #66-67, Allah (swt) responds to those who question the possibility of resurrection. What response does Allah (swt) give to these people? According to scholars, which incident might these verses have been revealed in response to?

Bonus: See if you can perform the 'observation of silence' – which Prophet Zakariyya and Lady Maryam did – for an hour. Imagine doing this for 3 days like Prophet Zakariyya!