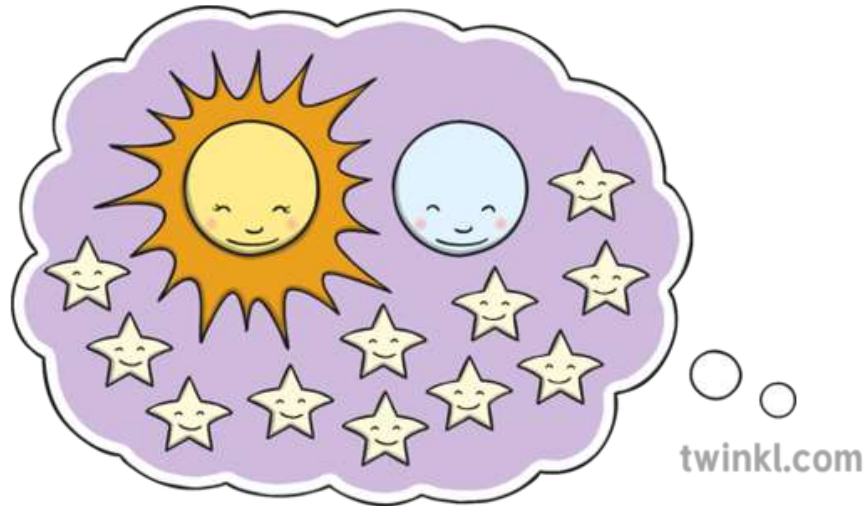


Surah Yusuf

1. **Draw a picture of what Prophet Yusuf sees in his dream. What advice does Prophet Yaqub give to Prophet Yusuf about his dream? Give the ayat number(s).**

Ayat #4 – 11 stars, the sun and the moon bowing to him



Ayat #5 – Prophet Yaqub told his son not to share his dream with his brothers as they may, with Shaytan’s encouragement, plot against him.

2. **The brothers of Prophet Yusuf became jealous and were plotting to kill him. But then one of the brothers offers an alternative plan... What is it? What happens as a result? Give the ayat number(s).**

Ayat #10 – The brothers decide to throw him into a well and leave him there.

Ayats #19-20 – Afterwards, a caravan comes by the well and when they pull out water, Prophet Yusuf comes out with it. The caravan decide to kidnap him and sell him in the markets of Egypt.

3. **Prophet Yusuf goes from being a servant in the household of a rich Egyptian to being put in prison. What happened?**

Prophet Yusuf is (falsely) accused of attacking the wife of his Egyptian Aziz. But it was actually she who attempted to make an advance on him.

How do we know Prophet Yusuf was handsome? Give the ayat number.

Ayat #31 – As they are doing some chopping, the women cut their hands when Prophet Yusuf walks past. They say, ‘This is not a man; this is none but a noble angel’

- 4. What special gift from Allah (swt) to Prophet Yusuf helps him get out of prison? How does this gift help him? Give the ayat numbers.**

Ayats #43-55. The ability to interpret dreams. Prophet Yusuf interprets a dream for the king when no one else could, and is appointed by the king as the guardian of food stores. This is an important role because the dream which Prophet Yusuf interpreted predicted there would be seven years of good harvest followed by seven years of draught, and so the food from the years of good harvest would need to be rationed in order to survive the draught.

- 5. Under what circumstances does Prophet Yusuf meet his brothers again? Do they recognise him? Give the ayat number.**

Ayat #58 – The brothers come to Egypt to ask for food rations, but they do not recognise that the guardian of the food stores is in fact their younger brother, Prophet Yusuf!

- 6. What causes Prophet Yaqub to go blind?**

Prophet Yusuf convinces the brothers to come back with the youngest brother (the only one to remain with Prophet Yaqub when the rest came to Egypt) and reveals to him his true identity before framing him for theft. Prophet Yusuf then insists on detaining him. When the brothers go back to Prophet Yaqub without this youngest brother, it reminds him of the loss of Prophet Yusuf and the great sorrow makes him go blind.

How is this malady of Prophet Yaqub cured?

Later on, when the brothers come again to Egypt to enquire about their youngest brother, Prophet Yusuf reveals his identity and tells them to take his shirt and put it over Prophet Yaqub's face.

- 7. When is Prophet Yusuf's dream from childhood fulfilled? Give the ayat number.**

Ayat #100 – When his family come to join Prophet Yusuf in Egypt, where he enjoys an important title, and they bow to him in salute.

- 8. This is the longest and most continuous single narrative in the Holy Quran and is described as 'most beautiful' in which ayat? Why do you think it has been described as such?**

Ayat #3; the story of Prophet Yusuf is the most beautiful story because it demonstrates the power of forgiveness and patience even in the face of great wrong. Yusuf persisted in patience to such a degree that he retained his purity when confronted by the treachery of his brothers. He retained his pure character when he found himself in a pagan society, including when his patron's wife attempted to entrap him; an act for which he endured with monumental patience an unjust term in prison. Yusuf further retained his purity when he attained political power. As a political appointee of a Pharaoh, he governed with justice and compassion. When his brothers came to him, he forgave them for he recognized that it was the Shaytan who had really caused the strife between him and his brothers. It also details the qualities, which are the prerequisites for success in this life and in the Hereafter.

9. Which names from the 99 beautiful names of Allah (swt) are mentioned in ayat #100 and what do they mean?

Al-Alim (The Knowing) and Al-Hakim (The Wise)

10. The last ayat of this sura tells us that in Quranic stories, there are lessons for us. What are some of the lessons from the story of Prophet Yusuf?

Forgive and show mercy to those who offend you; there's good in adversity if you persevere; always return good and evil with good; never compromise your moral standards; if you want to ask for something, ask from Allah (swt); worldly pain is better than eternal punishment; patience is a virtue that's hard to implement; jealousy is terrible trait that can ruin relationships even between brothers; never give up hope.

Bonus: Complete the word find below. Then list each of the words under its correct heading



- BRAVERY
- DECEPTION
- NOBILITY
- COMPASSION
- JEALOUSY
- CRUELTY
- TERROR
- HATRED
- INTRIGUE
- PASSION
- PRIDE
- LOYALTY
- PATIENCE

Human Weaknesses	Human Qualities
Jealousy hatred pride passion deception intrigue cruelty terror	patience loyalty bravery nobility compassion