## **LESSON 3: Islamic Moral Stories for Kids**

# 1. The Man and the Dog

The Man and the Dog is one of the short Islamic stories for kids that aim to teach them moral values. It will plant the seeds of compassion towards animals in the heart of your kid. "Once upon a time, there was a man, who was walking in the desert. The sun was blazing, and it was cruelly hot. The man was so exhausted from walking for a long time; as he was searching desperately for some water. He felt like his throat was as hot and dry as the desert around him. Finally, he found a deep well of water, from which he satisfied his thirst. He felt his throat stop itching, and his body came to life with energy. He was hopeful again and started to move again. Suddenly, he came across a dog that was gasping in desperation of thirst. The man felt so much pity for the little dog; as he could relate to his suffering. But how can he get him to drink water from the deep well? He kept thinking until he reached a solution. He took off his shoe, filled it with water, and brought it to the poor dog's mouth. The dog drank to his heart's content. Later, when the man died, Allah decided to have mercy on him, and accept him in heaven; for his deed of compassion towards the little dog was proof of the purity of his heart."

# 2. The Kindness of Abu Bakr (May Allah be pleased with him)

Once upon a time in the city of Makkah, there lived a man named Abu Bakr. He was a close companion and a dear friend of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Abu Bakr was known for his kindness, generosity, and compassion. One day, Abu Bakr was walking through the busy market when he saw a poor old woman struggling to carry a heavy load of groceries. Her face was tired, and her hands trembled under the weight of the bags. Abu Bakr's heart filled with compassion as he quickly went to help her. "Let me carry these for you, dear sister," he said with a gentle smile. The old woman was surprised and grateful for the unexpected help. As they walked together, she shared her struggles and difficulties in life. She told him how she had no family to support her and how every day was a challenge to make ends meet. Abu Bakr listened with empathy, and his heart ached for her. When they reached her small, humble home, Abu Bakr helped her put the groceries away and made sure she was comfortable. Before leaving, he gave her a small bag of coins. "Use this to buy what you need," he said. "May Allah bless you and ease your hardships." Tears welled up in the old woman's eyes as she thanked him profusely. Abu Bakr's kindness had touched her deeply. But Abu Bakr didn't stop there. Every few days, he would visit the old woman, bringing her food, water, and whatever she needed. He never asked for anything in return and always treated her with respect and dignity. One day, the old woman's neighbors noticed Abu Bakr's constant visits and asked her, "Do you know who that man is?" She shook her head, "No, but he is one of the kindest people I have ever met." They told her, "That man is Abu Bakr, a close companion of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)." The old woman was astonished. She couldn't believe that a man of such high status would humble himself to help her. She realized that Abu Bakr's kindness and compassion were not just acts of charity but a reflection of his deep faith and love for Allah. The story of Abu Bakr's kindness spread throughout the city, and it inspired many others to follow his example. People began to show more compassion and care for one another, knowing that true kindness

was a virtue that Allah greatly rewarded. And so, the lesson of Abu Bakr's kindness continued to live on, reminding everyone that small acts of kindness could make a big difference in the lives of others and bring them closer to the love and mercy of Allah.

### 3. The Honesty of a Milkmaid

Once upon a time in the city of Medina, there lived a young girl named Aisha. She was known for her beauty, grace, and above all, her honesty. Aisha and her mother lived in a small house, and they earned their living by selling milk to the people of the city. Every morning, Aisha would wake up early, milk the family cow, and pour the fresh milk into pots to sell in the market. She was always careful to ensure that the milk was pure and unadulterated. One evening, as Aisha and her mother were preparing the milk for the next day, her mother said, "Aisha, we don't have enough milk to sell tomorrow. Why don't you add some water to it so we can make more money?" Aisha was taken aback by her mother's suggestion. She had always been taught to be honest and truthful. She looked at her mother and said, "Mother, we cannot do that. It is not right to deceive people. Allah is watching us, and we must be honest in our dealings." Her mother sighed and said, "But Aisha, we need the money. It's just a little water. No one will notice." Aisha shook her head firmly. "No, mother. I cannot do it. I would rather sell less milk and earn less money than to cheat and deceive our customers. Allah's blessings are more important than money." Her mother was silent for a moment, and then she nodded, "You are right, my dear. I am proud of you for being so honest and steadfast in your faith." The next day, Aisha sold the pure milk in the market, and even though they earned less money, she felt content and at peace. Her honesty and integrity did not go unnoticed. One day, Umar ibn Al-Khattab, the Caliph of the Muslims, was walking through the market and heard about the honest milkmaid. He decided to visit her home to see for himself. When he met Aisha and heard her story, he was deeply impressed by her honesty and devotion to Allah. He said to her, "Your honesty is a great example for all of us. Allah loves those who are truthful and honest in their dealings. May He bless you and your family." Aisha's story spread throughout the city, and people admired her for her unwavering commitment to honesty. Her example inspired others to be truthful in their own lives, knowing that honesty was a virtue that brought Allah's blessings and rewards. And so, Aisha, the honest milkmaid, lived a life of integrity and faith, always trusting in Allah's guidance and knowing that true success and happiness came from being honest and sincere in all that she did.

#### 4. The Forgiveness of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Once upon a time in the city of Mecca, there was a man named Abu Sufyan. He was a prominent leader of the Quraysh tribe and one of the fiercest opponents of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his message of Islam. For many years, Abu Sufyan and the Quraysh tribe had persecuted the Muslims, causing them immense suffering and hardship. Despite this, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) always hoped for their guidance and forgiveness. The situation in Mecca became so difficult that the Muslims were forced to migrate to the city of Medina to seek refuge. However, the Quraysh continued their hostility, leading to several battles between them and the Muslims. Years passed, and eventually, the Muslims grew stronger, and the message of Islam spread far and wide. The time came when Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) decided to return to

Mecca. With an army of 10,000 strong, he marched towards the city, determined to reclaim it peacefully. As they approached Mecca, Abu Sufyan and the Quraysh realized that they were no match for the Muslim army. Fearing for their lives, they decided to surrender. Abu Sufyan went to meet Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to seek his forgiveness. When he stood before the Prophet, he expected harsh punishment for all the wrongs he had done. However, to his surprise, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) looked at him with compassion and said, "Today is a day of mercy and forgiveness. There will be no revenge. Go, for you are free." Abu Sufyan was astonished by the Prophet's generosity and kindness. He couldn't believe that after all the years of enmity, the Prophet was willing to forgive him and his people. This act of forgiveness touched Abu Sufyan's heart deeply. He realized the true greatness of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the message of Islam. From that day on, he embraced Islam and became a devoted follower of the Prophet. The people of Mecca were also amazed by the Prophet's forgiveness. They had expected punishment, but instead, they received mercy. Many of them were inspired by this act of compassion and accepted Islam. The story of Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) forgiveness spread far and wide, and it became a shining example of the power of forgiveness and mercy. It taught people that even in the face of adversity and enmity, forgiveness and compassion could change hearts and bring about peace and harmony. And so, the lesson of forgiveness lived on, reminding everyone that true strength lay not in seeking revenge, but in showing mercy and kindness, just as Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had done.