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# Program Material

## 'Isā (A): A Prophet of Allāh (swt)

### Objective of the Lesson:

This lesson provides a short summary of the life and mission of prophet 'Isa (A).



Prophet 'Isa (A) was born about 600 years before Prophet Muhammad (S). He came as a prophet to the followers of Musa (A). They were known as the **Bani Israel**, or the Children of Israel. 'Isa (A) was a prophet only for the Bani Israel, while Prophet Muhammad (S) was a prophet for the whole world. Today, the followers of 'Isa (A) are known as Christians.

Maryam was the mother of 'Isa (A). She was a pious woman. When Maryam was a young woman, Allāh (swt) sent her a message about the birth of a son. She was surprised because she was not married. She was also a very pious woman. Allāh (swt) informed her that He can create as He wishes.<sup>3:47</sup>



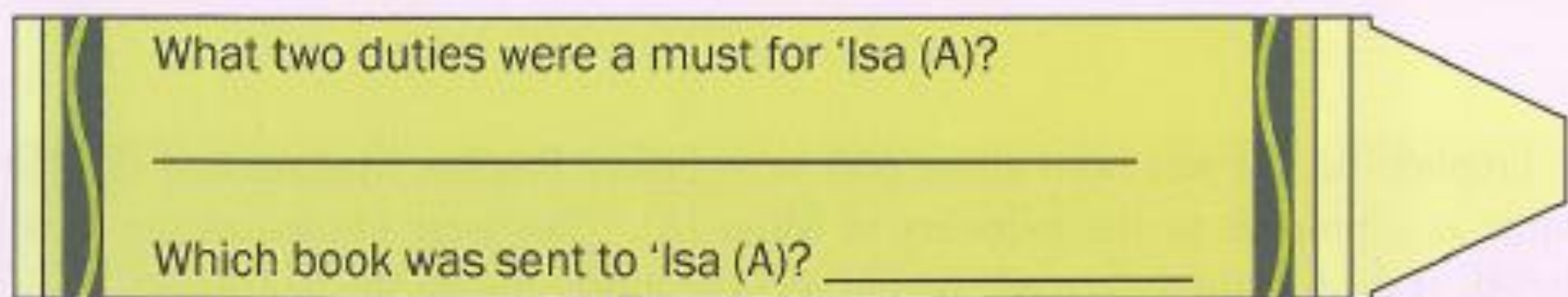
*O Maryam! surely Allāh gives you good news with a Word from Him: His name is the Masih, 'Isa, son of Maryam, who will have dignity in this world and the Hereafter ... (3:45)*

After receiving this information, Maryam moved to a place in the east. She gave birth to 'Isa (A) in that place. Later she returned to her native place with 'Isa (A). People did not like 'Isa (A) or his

mother. They accused them and taunted them.<sup>19:27</sup> They refused to speak to him saying that he was child in the cradle.<sup>19:29</sup>

'Isa (A) told his people that was a nabi, and that he had received a Book from Allāh (swt). He said that making salāt and paying zakat were a must for him.<sup>19:31</sup>

Earlier, before 'Isa's (A) birth, Allāh (swt) had promised Maryam that He would give her son wisdom and knowledge about His books.<sup>3:48</sup> Allāh (swt) fulfilled His promise. He sent a book to 'Isa (A). The name of this book is the **Injil**. He also taught 'Isa (A) the teachings of the **Tawrat**. The Tawrat was a book sent to Musa (A). Both the Tawrat and the Injil had guidance for the Children of Israel. Prophet 'Isa (A) said that Muhammad (S) would come as the prophet for mankind.



What two duties were a must for 'Isa (A)?  
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Which book was sent to 'Isa (A)? \_\_\_\_\_

Most people did not like the teachings of their prophets. They were rude and mean to their prophets. Many people from the Quraish were against Prophet Muhammad (S). The people were against Ibrahim (A). The people and the king were mean to Musa (A). With 'Isa (A) too, the people were mean. They refused to listen to him. Even the elders were against him. They taunted him.

Prophet 'Isa (A) is not the son of God. Allāh (swt) never had a son or a daughter. Allāh (swt) said that He cannot have a child since He has no wife.<sup>6:102</sup> Allāh (swt) created all of us, including the prophets. Allāh (swt) did not give birth to any prophet. He is not the father of any person.

Prophet 'Isa's (A) people planned to kill him. We learned earlier that the Quraish tried to kill Prophet Muhammad (S) several times, and fought battles against him. Allāh (swt) protected him from being killed. Pharaoh planned to kill prophet Musa (A) when he was a newborn baby. People wanted to kill their prophets because they did not like their teachings. Similarly, 'Isa's (A) people tried to kill him by putting him on a cross. They wanted to kill 'Isa (A) because they did not like his teachings.



The Qur'ān says that these people could neither kill 'Isa (A), nor could they **crucify** him.<sup>4:157</sup> Allāh (swt) saved him.

Allāh (swt) does not have any children.	True / False
The Quraish tried to kill Musa (A).	True / False
The people could not kill 'Isa (A).	True / False

'Isa (A) always asked the people to worship One Allāh (swt). As with all the other prophets, 'Isa (A) showed the people the Right Path. He was supported by the **Holy Spirit—Ruhul Quddus**, which means Angel Jibril. This angel used to bring revelations. Angel Jibril supported all other prophets who received the message from Allāh (swt) too.

As with all the other prophets, Allāh (swt) blessed 'Isa (A). The Qur'ān mentions 'Isa (A) as the **Masih**, or the blessed one.<sup>3:45</sup>

Which angel supported 'Isa (A)? _____
What is the meaning of Masih? _____



## Attachment 1 – Home Activities

Student Name:

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1. What is the name of the book that Allāh (swt) sent to ‘Isa (A)?

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2. ‘Isa (A) was supported by Angel Jibril. What is another name for Angel Jibril?

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3. Prophet ‘Isa’s (A) people wanted to kill him. The Qur’ān says they failed. What are the two things they could not do to him?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What were the two duties that prophet ‘Isa (A) said were a must for him?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Qur’ān mentions ‘Isa (A) by another name. What is the name and what is the meaning of the name?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Who was the mother of ‘Isa (A)?

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7. Prophet ‘Isa (A) said a prophet would come after him. Who was that prophet?

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