Gems of Knowledge

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Can you solve this Riddle?

What is the tree that consists of 12 branches, on each branch 30 leaves, and each leaf has 5 fruits...

3 of them in darkness
2 of them in light?

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It is that time of year, when as a Muslim you might be asked "What are you doing for Christmas?" Usually our response is always the same, "We celebrate Eid." But why do the other communities celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is an occasion in which the other communities commemorate the birth of Jesus (Isa a.s.). They believe Jesus was the son of God. Muslims believe in Prophet Isa,(Jesus), however, they do not believe that Prophet Isa was the son of God. He was a Prophet like other Prophets.

Every religion has ther own days of celebration and holy days. As Muslims we have been given the two days of Eid as our days of celebration.

Many people will greet us in different ways during the Christmas period. Islam teaches us manners therefore if a person does wish you or greet you with by saying "merry Christmas", then we should also greet them positively in return with words such as, "may the Lord bless you" or "wish you a pleasant holiday".

Our Beloved Prophet (s.a.w.) and his beloved companions have always shown us as Muslims, we must always remember to show respect for every religion. We must make sure to always treat other people and their beliefs with respect just as we would expect them to treat our religion and beliefs.

-THE FAMILY OF IMRAN-

The family of Imran was a blessed and pious family. Imran (a.s) was an imam of Masjid-ul-Aqsa in Jerusalem, Palestine.

His wife, Hannah, supplicated to Allah to grant her a son. It was a practice of People in those days for them to give their sons to a place of worship to show their love for Allah. When Hannah's supplication was accepted and she found out she was going to have a baby, she took an oath to do the same.

However, when she gave birth, it was a **BABY GIRL!**

She named her Maryam and dedicated her to Allah's worship. Maryam was put in the care of her uncle Prophet Zakariyya (a.s), who was also a guardian of Masjid-ul-Aqsa, where Maryam would stay.

Maryam (r.a) grew up to be an extremely pious lady.

She devoted herself to Allah's worship and Allah favoured her with miracles- when Zakariyya (a.s) would enter her Mihrab (room) he found fruits. Surprised, he asked about it and Maryam (r.a) replied "They are from Allah!".

BIRTH OF PROPHET ISA(A·S)

Once, when Maryam (a.s) was in Masjid-ul-Aqsa, Angel Jibraeel appeared to give to her the glad tidings of a son.

Maryam (a.s) asked "How can I have a son when no man has ever touched me?" Jibraeel (a.s) replied "Allah is the Almighty. When he wishes something to happen, it happens. It is easy for him. You will have a son. His name will be Isa, the son of Maryam, He will be a sign of Allah and a Prophet to mankind.

Allah chose Maryam(a.s) for a great miracle. He wanted to show humanity that he could create a child without a father, just as he created Adam(a.s)

without a father or mother!

Maryam(a.s) was worried about what people would say. She left and came to Bethlehem, where she gave birth to Isa(a.s)

When she returned, Jibraeel(a.s) told her to stay silent. People were shocked! They asked where Isa had come from so Maryam pointed to Isa, who said, "I am the servant of Allah, He has given me the scripture and has made me a Prophet. Peace be on me the day I was born and the day I die and the day I will be raised up alive."

ISA-THE PROPHET OF ALLAH

Isa (a.s) grew up to be a kind and gentle human. He loved the poor and weak and worshipped Allah. The Injil was revealed to him and he preached amongst Bani Israil.

Not everyone accepted his message. Some wanted him to prove his prophethood!



Allah granted Isa (a.s) miracles such as curing the blind and lepers, bringing the dead to life and bringing a clay bird to life with the permission of Allah.

THE PLOT TO CRUCIFY ISA(A.S)

As more and more people accepted the divine message of Prophet Isa (a.s), the leaders of Bani Israil started to plot to kill him. They went to the Roman ruler and claimed that Isa (a.s) was a threat to the government and he didn't obey the law.

This convinced the governor to arrest Isa(a.s). However, Allah informed Isa (a.s) of this evil plot. He gathered his followers and gave them the responsibility of preaching the message of Allah.

ISA(A·S) RAISED TO THE HEAVENS

Soldiers surrounded the house of Isa (a.s), however, Allah came to his rescue and raised Prophet Isa (a.s) up to the heavens. A soldier came into the house to search but could not find him anywhere.

Whilst he was searching, Allah changed the appearance of the soldier to look like and resemble Isa's (a.s). More soldiers entered and arrested that very soldier thinking that he was Isa (a.s). He pleaded with them that he was not Isa (a.s) but the soldiers laughed and crucified him on a cross.

This is what Muslims believe about Isa (a.s).

He was born without a father and was raised up to the heavens and was not crucified on a cross. He is alive in the heavens and will remain alive until he will return to the world again as a follower of Prophet Muhamad (s.a.w) and live for some time before passing

away.

DID YOU KNOW!

Maryam (a.s), is the only woman who is mentioned by name in the Quran. She is known as one of the most righteous women in Islam. 2

Masjid-ul-Aqsa in
Jerusalem, Palestine, is
also known as Al-Bayt
-ul-Maqdis. It was the
first qiblah (direction
of prayer), for muslims,
before it was changed
to the Kabah in
Makkah.

Prophet Isa will come down from the heavens with his hands resting on the shoulders of 2 angels before Qiyaamah. He will destroy the Dajjal, marry, have children and die a normal death. He will be buried alongside Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Madinah.

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According to
narrations, Prophet
Muhammad (SAW)
met Prophet Isa and
Prophet Yahya in
the second heaven
during the
miraculous night
journey — Al-Mi'raj.

The title 'Al-Masih' is used to refer to Prophet Isa. It translates as the Messiah. One if its meanings is a person who is 'wiped over' with goodness.

Along with curing the ill and bringing the dead to life, another miracle Isa (a.s) was given was that he could tell people exactly what they had eaten and what they had stored hidden in their homes. This was all by the permission of Allah SWT!

The name of
Prophet Isa(a.s) is
mentioned a total
of 29 times in the
Holy Quraan. The
name of Prophet
Musa (a.s) is
mentioned 136
times.

We Wuslins

We do hundreds of sins a day,
Yet we do not repent,
And then we say,
'Allah, Allah!',
when a calamity is sent

Too busy in worldly things,



Too busy with our money.

When told of Jahannam

We laugh and say its funny.

We have no time to say
Allah's name,

Nor to give money to the poor

We turn away beggars who come knocking at our door.

We sit and eat plentiful,
Whilst other people die.
We've forgotten the salaam
But say 'Hi, 'hello' and 'bye'

We know death is sure to come,

Yet we do not prepare.

When told about hell,

We say, 'Oh! I don't care'.

We say, "Heaven is nice",
"It is surely made for me!"
But with all the sins we do,
we shall have to wait and see.

So be prepared, Oh Muslims!

Ask for forgiveness from Allah The Great.

Do not sit there lazily waiting,

For then it will be too late!

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Stars of the Month

Pray&Play

Hafsah Patel

Level 2B

Ayman Patel

Level 5A

Aysha Gangat

Umar Al Farua Bodi

Reception A

Junaid Ashraf

Level 3A

Sulayman Moreea

Zahra Patel Zeeshan Mulla

<u>Level 6/7A (BOYS)</u>

Reception B

Yousuf Moosa

Level 4A

Muhammad Sa'd

Atcha

Adam Bux

Level 6/7A (GIRLS)

Anisah Vorajee

Level 1A

Zakariyya Laly

Level 6/7B (BOYS)

Amaan Ali

Ziyaad Manjra

Level 2A

Adam Rajani

Hamnah Mamsa

<u>Level 4/5B</u>

Aamirah Ali

Campaign 9 - Environment

On 11th of November, we carried out our 9th Campaign at Madrasah Kashif-ul-Uloom. The campaign was all about getting involved in cleaning our neighbourhood and

also working to improve the Cleanliness of our hearts and minds, to make us great ambassadors of Islam. Fantastic work from all the students! Well done!

As Muslims we have to have the best character at all times. Find all the good qualities of a Muslim in the word search below.

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KIND CARING **MANNERS** CHARACTER **FAIRNESS** OBEDIENT RESPECT HELPFUL HONEST RESPONSIBLE

FILL IN THE BLANKS

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