

## Read Story of Prophet Yusuf (AS) – Prophet Josef Islamic Story for Kids

*In a distant land, there lived a young boy named Yusuf, a beloved son of the wise Prophet Yaqub (AS). Yusuf was not an ordinary boy; he was special, and his heart held a dream that would one day shine brightly.*

Yusuf's home was filled with laughter and the sounds of many brothers. He had eleven siblings, and the youngest, Binyamin, was his closest companion. But Yusuf's heart held a secret – a dream that painted the night sky with eleven stars, the radiant sun, and the gentle moon, all bowing down to him.

### Prophet Yusuf's Dream:

One beautiful morning, Yusuf, his eyes sparkling with excitement, rushed to his father Yaqub. "Oh, Father! I had the most amazing dream last night. Eleven stars, the sun, and the moon – they all bowed down to me! It was like a magical dance in the night sky."

Prophet Yaqub (AS), a wise and caring father, smiled warmly. He knew this dream was special, a message from Allah. But he also sensed that sharing such a dream might stir emotions in the hearts of Yusuf's older brothers.

### Father's Concern:

As Yusuf shared his dream, Yaqub felt a twinge of worry. He hugged Yusuf, saying, "My dear son, this dream is a gift from Allah. But not everyone may understand it. For now, let's keep it between us, okay? Your brothers might feel a little different."

### Warning to Yusuf:

Yaqub, with his flowing white beard and gentle eyes, gave Yusuf a fatherly piece of advice. "You see, my son, sometimes people can feel a little jealous if they think someone is getting special attention. It's not that they don't love you; it's just how some hearts work. So, let's be careful with our words, alright?"

### Growing Jealousy:

As the days passed, Yusuf's brothers couldn't help but notice the extra attention he received. The sparkle in his eyes, the warmth of his father's embrace – it made them feel a bit different. Jealousy started to sprout like seeds in their hearts.

*And so, in the cozy home of Prophet Yaqub, the stage was set for a tale of dreams, love, and the tricky feelings of the human heart.*

## Betrayal and Yusuf's Ordeal

*In the land where Yusuf's dreams held promises and secrets, a storm was brewing. Jealousy, like a dark cloud, was about to cast its shadow over the joyous home of Prophet Yaqub.*

### Deceptive Outing:

One day, Yusuf's brothers gathered around their father with an innocent request. "Father, may we take Yusuf with us on a special outing? We want him to enjoy the day with us," they pleaded. Yaqub, his heart filled with fatherly concern, agreed, saying, "Take care of him, my sons. I worry that harm may befall him."

The brothers, with hidden smiles and veiled intentions, set out on their journey, pretending to embrace a joyful day with Yusuf.

### Deception at the Well:

The sun was high, and the brothers reached a desolate well far away from their home. It was time to execute their plan – a plan fueled by jealousy and bitterness.

"Let's get water from this well. It's deep, and Yusuf will come with us," they whispered, masking their malicious intentions. As they approached the well, the excitement in Yusuf's eyes turned to confusion. "Why are we here? What are you doing?" he asked innocently.

With swift cruelty, they grabbed him, removed his colorful coat – a coat gifted by his father – and with a forceful push, Yusuf tumbled into the cold darkness of the well. The echoes of his pleas for mercy filled the air, but his brothers, driven by jealousy, heartlessly abandoned him and headed back home.

### Yusuf's Desperation:

As Yusuf fell into the depths of the well, his world turned upside down. Darkness surrounded him, and the cold walls of the well echoed with his cries. But Yusuf, even in his desperate moments, turned to the One who listens to every prayer.

*"O my Lord! Prison is more to my liking than that to which they invite me if You do not avert their plan from me. I might incline towards them and [thus] be of the ignorant."* (Quran, 12:33)

Yusuf, clinging to a small ledge, prayed fervently to Allah for salvation from this sudden betrayal.

### False Story to Yaqub:

Back at their home, Yusuf's brothers concocted a tale of a wolf attacking Yusuf, using his blood-stained coat as false evidence. They rushed to their father, presenting the torn and stained coat, and with feigned grief, they said, "Father, we went racing with each other, and a wolf ate Yusuf. Look, this is his coat!"

Yaqub, with his heart trembling, looked at the stained coat. But deep inside, a father's heart knew – it knew that this story didn't add up.

*"So be patient. Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth."* (Quran, 30:60)

Yaqub, with tears in his eyes, bore the pain with patience. He didn't jump to conclusions; instead, he turned to Allah and trusted in the promise that truth would prevail.

### Prophet Yusuf's Prayer and Survival:

As Yusuf clung to the ledge in the cold well, he felt a mixture of fear and hope. He realized he was at the mercy of Allah's plan, and his only refuge was in prayer.

*"And I have followed the religion of my fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And it was not for us to associate anything with Allah." This is from the favor of Allah upon us and upon the people, but most of the people are not grateful.*" (Quran, 12:38)

Yusuf, with unwavering faith, prayed and held onto the promise of Allah's favor upon those who remain grateful.

*In the depths of the well, Yusuf's ordeal had just begun. Betrayed by his own brothers, he clung to faith and patience, awaiting the unfolding of Allah's plan.*

## Yusuf in Egypt- From Slave to Servant

*As Yusuf clung to hope in the depths of the well, his journey took an unexpected turn. A caravan passing by, destined for Egypt, marked the beginning of a new chapter in Yusuf's life.*

### Arrival in Egypt:

The caravan, with its camels and traders, halted at the well for a much-needed water break. As the water drawer lowered his bucket, he was met with a surprising sight – a young boy clinging to a ledge in the well.

*"So they raced with one another to the door, and she tore his shirt from the back, and they found her husband at the door. She said, 'What is the recompense of one who intended evil for your wife but that he be imprisoned or a painful punishment?'" (Quran, 12:25)*

The traders quickly pulled Yusuf out, marveling at this unexpected find. Yusuf, now a stranger in a foreign land, wondered about the twists and turns of his destiny.

### Al-Azeez's Favor:

The traders took Yusuf to Egypt, where he was sold as a slave to Al-Azeez, the treasurer of Egypt. Though fate had led him to slavery, Allah's plan was unfolding in mysterious ways.

Al-Azeez, a man with a kind heart, saw something special in Yusuf. He recognized not just a slave but a young man of honesty and integrity. Al-Azeez decided that Yusuf would not be just a slave; he would be entrusted with responsibilities.

*"And thus We established Joseph in the land to settle therein wherever he willed. We touch with Our mercy whom We will, and We do not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good." (Quran, 12:21)*

Yusuf, despite his enslaved status, found favor in the eyes of Al-Azeez, who appointed him to manage his household.

### Zulaika's Obsession:

In the corridors of Al-Azeez's grand house, another character emerged – Zulaika, the wife of Al-Azeez. She watched Yusuf closely, day after day, and an intense desire grew within her heart.

*"And she, in whose house he was, sought to seduce him. She closed the doors and said, 'Come, you.' He said, '[I seek] the refuge of Allah. Indeed, he is my master, who has made good my residence. Indeed, wrongdoers will not succeed.'" (Quran, 12:25)*

Zulaika, driven by her desire, invited Yusuf to her in a moment of seclusion. But Yusuf, with unwavering piety, sought refuge in Allah and resisted her advances.

### False Accusation:

One day, when Al-Azeez was away, Zulaika's desire reached its peak. In her desperation, she closed the doors and tried to seduce Yusuf again. He, however, remained steadfast.

*"And she certainly determined [to seduce] him, and he would have inclined to her had he not seen the proof of his Lord. And thus [it was] that We should avert from him evil and immorality. Indeed, he was of Our chosen servants." (Quran, 12:24)*

As Yusuf resisted, Zulaika grabbed his shirt from behind, causing it to tear. In her shame, she concocted a false story, accusing Yusuf of wrongdoing when her husband returned.

### Yusuf's Imprisonment:

Al-Azeez, caught in the web of deception, faced a dilemma. Unsure whom to believe, he turned to his wife's cousin for advice.

*"So they raced with one another to the door, and she tore his shirt from the back, and they found her husband at the door. She said, 'What is the recompense of one who intended evil for your wife but that he be imprisoned or a painful punishment?'" (Quran, 12:25)*

The cousin advised, "If his shirt is torn from the front, then she has told the truth, and he is of the liars."

And so, unjustly, Yusuf found himself once again facing the harshness of life, this time within the walls of a prison.

*In the grand tapestry of Yusuf's life, threads of loyalty and betrayal, virtue and vice, were intricately woven. Little did Yusuf know that these threads would lead him to his destiny.*

### Yusuf's Time in Prison- Dreams and Interpretations

*As Yusuf found himself confined within the cold walls of a prison, his life took a new turn. Little did he know that within those prison walls, his destiny would continue to unfold.*

### Yusuf's Time in Jail:

In the dimly lit prison cell, Yusuf pondered over the twists of fate. Yet, in the darkness, a glimmer of light emerged. Yusuf was not alone; he was placed among two other prisoners, each with dreams that carried a mysterious significance.

*"And he said to the one whom he knew would go free, 'Mention me before your master.' But Satan made him forget the mention [to] his master, and he [Yusuf] remained in prison several years." (Quran, 12:42)*

One prisoner dreamt of pressing grapes to make wine, while the other dreamt of carrying bread on his head, with birds eating from the basket. Their dreams puzzled them, and they sought Yusuf's wisdom.

### Yusuf's Call to Allah:

In the prison cell, Yusuf, despite his own predicament, turned the attention of his fellow inmates toward Allah. He reminded them of the oneness of God and the importance of turning to Him.

*"O two companions of the prison, as for one of you, he will give drink to his master of wine; but as for the other, he will be crucified, and the birds will eat from his head. The matter has been decreed about which you both inquire." (Quran, 12:41)*

Yusuf, with a heart full of faith, offered them not only the interpretation of their dreams but a profound lesson about the divine order governing every aspect of life.

### Forgotten Favor:

As the events unfolded, the prisoner who was destined to be released had a chance to mention Yusuf's innocence to the king. Yet, influenced by Satan, he forgot to fulfill this crucial task.

*"And the king said, 'Indeed, I have seen [in a dream] seven fat cows being eaten by seven [that were] lean, and seven green spikes [of grain] and others [that were] dry. O eminent ones, explain to me my vision, if you should interpret visions.'" (Quran, 12:43)*

The oversight meant Yusuf remained in prison for several more years, awaiting the next chapter of Allah's plan.

#### King's Puzzling Dream:

In the royal palace, the king of Egypt was troubled by a dream – a dream that puzzled his wise men and advisors. Seven fat cows being devoured by seven lean ones, and seven green spikes of grain followed by seven dry ones. The king sought an interpretation, and the news reached the prison where Yusuf resided.

#### Yusuf's Interpretation:

The cupbearer, remembering Yusuf's ability to interpret dreams, informed the king about the young man in prison. The king summoned Yusuf to unravel the mystery behind his perplexing dream.

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Yusuf, standing before the king, prayed for clarity, and Allah granted him the wisdom to decipher the dream.

*"You will plant for seven years consecutively; and what you harvest leave in its spikes, except a little from which you will eat. Then will come after that seven difficult [years] which will consume what you advanced [saved] for them, except a little from which you will store. Then will come after that a year in which the people will be given rain and in which they will press [olives and grapes]." (Quran, 12:47)*

#### Yusuf's Condition for Interpretation:

However, before Yusuf shared the interpretation, he made a unique request to the king. He asked the king to investigate the case of those women who cut their hands when he was falsely accused. Yusuf knew that his innocence needed to be established before he assumed any significant role.

*"Mention me before your master [the king]. And Satan made me forget the mention [to] the king, and I did not [go to] the prison. And I am free from blame, indeed I did [go to] the prison." (Quran, 12:42)*

*And so, within the confines of a prison, Yusuf's ability to interpret dreams became the key to unlocking the next chapter of his incredible journey.*

#### Yusuf's Innocence Proclaimed- Reunion with His Brothers

*As Yusuf's life unfolded, the threads of destiny began to weave together. The revelation of his innocence opened the doors to a long-awaited reunion with his family.*

#### Women's Testimony:

The king, intrigued by Yusuf's interpretation of the dream, decided to investigate the case of the women who had cut their hands. He summoned them for questioning.

*"So when they saw him, they greatly admired him and cut their hands and said, 'Perfect is Allah! This is not a man; this is none but a noble angel.'" (Quran, 12:31)*

The women, in the presence of the king, acknowledged Yusuf's innocence and testified to the noble character that had captivated their hearts.

### Zulaika's Confession:

Caught in her own deceit, Zulaika, the wife of Al-Azeez, could no longer conceal the truth. She confessed to her wrongdoing and revealed Yusuf's steadfastness in the face of temptation.

*"And the wife of Al-Azeez said, 'Now the truth has become evident. It was I who sought to seduce him, and indeed, he is truthful.'" (Quran, 12:25)*

Yusuf's virtue and piety shone through, dispelling the clouds of false accusations that had cast a shadow over him.

### Yusuf's Innocence Proclaimed:

The truth unfolded before the king, and Yusuf's name was cleared of any wrongdoing. The king recognized the injustice done to Yusuf and apologized for the misunderstanding.

*"And he said, 'O my people, know that my father has overpowered me in a way other than my shirt, but if you should avenge me for what you do not know, then that would be the greater injustice.'" (Quran, 12:26)*

Yusuf, now free from the chains of false accusations, stood tall, his innocence proclaimed to all.

### Yusuf's Request:

As Yusuf's honor was restored, he saw an opportunity to reconcile with his brothers. He asked for their forgiveness, choosing to let go of the past and embrace the future.

*"And he raised his parents upon the throne, and they bowed to him in prostration. And he said, 'O my father, this is the explanation of my vision of before. My Lord has made it reality. And He was certainly good to me when He took me out of prison and brought you [here] from bedouin life after Satan had induced [estrangement] between me and my brothers.'" (Quran, 12:100)*

Yusuf's heart, filled with compassion, yearned for family, forgiveness, and unity.

### Reunion with His Brothers:

Yaqub, the wise and patient father, learned of Yusuf's innocence and the unfolding events. Overjoyed, he prepared to travel with his sons to Egypt to reunite with Yusuf.

*"And Yusuf said to his servants, 'Put their merchandise into their saddlebags so they might recognize it when they have gone back to their people that perhaps they will [again] return.'" (Quran, 12:62)*

In an act of wisdom, Yusuf arranged for his brothers' merchandise to be returned to them secretly, creating a path for their return.

### Yusuf's Vision Fulfilled:

As Yusuf's brothers returned home, they discovered their merchandise had been returned. Overwhelmed by this unexpected turn of events, they realized Yusuf's sincerity and the transformation that had taken place in his heart.

*"O my father, go and find out about Joseph and his brother and despair not of relief from Allah. Indeed, no one despairs of relief from Allah except the disbelieving people." (Quran, 12:87)*

Yusuf's vision of his family bowing in prostration before him was coming to fruition. The journey of reconciliation and reunion was set in motion.

*In the tapestry of Yusuf's life, the threads of patience, forgiveness, and divine wisdom intricately intertwined. As the doors of reconciliation opened, the stage was set for a heartfelt reunion between a father and his long-lost son.*

## Lessons from the story of Prophet Yusuf (AS)

### Lesson 1: Trusting Allah's Plan

Hey kids! So, imagine you're playing a really cool game, but suddenly things get a bit tricky. Well, that's kinda like what happened to Yusuf. Even when things got tough, he trusted that Allah had a plan for him. So, the first lesson is to trust in Allah's plan when things get a bit tricky in your own adventures!

### Lesson 2: Being Patient Like Prophet Yusuf

Picture this: you're building the tallest tower with your building blocks, and it suddenly falls over. Oops! Well, Prophet Yusuf had some moments like that too, but he showed us that being patient, like waiting for your tower to stand tall again, is super important. Patience is like a superhero power!

### Lesson 3: Choosing Kindness and Forgiveness

Have you ever had a friend accidentally step on your favorite toy? It can be a bit upsetting, right? But guess what? Prophet Yusuf forgave his brothers even when they didn't treat him nicely. Choosing kindness and forgiveness can turn a frown into a smile!

### Lesson 4: Family is Important

Okay, imagine having a super cool secret club with your family. Well, Yusuf loved his family a lot, and even though he was away for a while, when they finally reunited, it was like the best club meeting ever! So, always remember, family is like having your own special superhero team.

### Lesson 5: Being Thankful for Allah's Blessings

Think about your favorite snack. Yummy, right? Well, Yusuf always thanked Allah for the good things in his life. Just like you say thank you for treats, it's great to say thanks to Allah for all the awesome stuff in your life too!

### Lesson 6: Dreams Can Come True

Imagine you dream of flying on a magical carpet. Well, Yusuf had dreams too, and guess what? They actually came true! So, always dream big and work hard, and who knows, you might end up riding a magical carpet of your own someday!

So, Kids, these are some awesome lessons from Yusuf's story. Remember them, and you'll be all set for your own exciting journey!