

LESSONS FROM SURAH LUQMAN

RAMADAN REMINDERS



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LESSON 1

THE QUR'AN IS DIVINE GUIDANCE

Allah revealed the Qur'an to His beloved Messenger in Ramadan. We recite it for reward, but it's first and foremost Allah's guidance, rich with wisdom, sent by our Creator and Sustainer. In a post-truth world, our children will be told it's "just another religious book." We must teach them the reality: the Qur'an is a living guide and a mercy from Allah, but only for those who approach it as guidance. So invite your children to do more than recite: reflect, learn, and apply.

"These are the verses of the Book, rich in wisdom. 'It is' a guide and mercy for the good-doers."
(Surah Luqman 31:2-3)



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REDEFINING SUCCESS

Our children are being told this life is everything. Be rich, be famous, chase pleasure, fulfil desires and you'll be happy. But that isn't why we were created. When this worldview takes hold, Allah can feel distant, Islam becomes "just another religion," and worship turns into empty ritual.

We must help our children build a real, strong, personal relationship with Allah – and redefine success as Allah defines it, a life anchored in Allah's obedience, not materialistic illusions that pull them away from purpose.

"Those who establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and have sure conviction in the Hereafter... It is they who are truly guided by their Lord, and it is they who will be successful."

(Surah Luqman 31:4–5)

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ALLAH IS OUR CREATOR

Everything around us points to Allah, our perfect Creator. He has fine-tuned creation for our benefit - animals, plants, sun, rain and soil that bring forth what we eat. In a world that admires creation but forgets the One who made it, we must help our children connect the created world to the Creator in everyday life.

He created the heavens without pillars—as you can see—and placed firm mountains upon the earth so it does not shake with you, and scattered throughout it all types of creatures. And We send down rain from the sky, causing every type of fine plant to grow on earth. (Surah Luqman 31:10)



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ORGANISED DISTRACTIONS

Our children are surrounded by distractions designed to pull them away from the purpose Allah created them for. These influences aren't accidental; they are by design. Our greatest enemy – Shaytan - wants Allah's obedience to feel strange.

So we must build homes where resisting instant gratification and living lives of obedience are the norm.

But there are some who employ theatrics, only to lead others away from Allah's Way -without any knowledge - and to make a mockery of it. They will suffer a humiliating punishment. [Surah Luqman: 6]



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OUR CREATOR IS MOST DESERVING OF WORSHIP

As society drifts from Allah, reverence gets misdirected - to celebrities, influencers, and man-made ideologies treated like "truth from above." But what have they created? Human beings are weak, dependent beings who live, breathe, and die. Today's ideologies come from the same weak humans.

Who or what deserves worship and obedience besides the Creator?

"This is Allah's creation. Now show Me what those "gods" other than Him have created." (Surah Luqman 31:11)

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THE WISE ONE SHOWS GRATITUDE TO ALLAH

Allah is the source of every good we enjoy - life, food, shelter, health, family, and ease. Gratitude is the natural response of a servant to their Lord. It is the wise person who directs thanks to the One who truly provides.

Make gratitude a daily family habit. See the gratitude activities in the **Nurturing Purpose in Your Child** toolkit.

Indeed, We blessed Luqmân with wisdom, "saying",
"Be grateful to Allah..." (Surah Luqman 31:12)



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ALLAH ﷻ DOES NOT NEED GRATITUDE, WE DO!

Tell your children this: Allah ﷻ does not need us to be grateful to Him ﷻ. If every human and jinn withheld their gratitude, it would not harm Him ﷻ at all. Gratitude benefits us – it's the mark of a servant who recognises the Giver. And when one shows gratitude, it should lead to worship and obedience of the One most deserving of our thanks.

“...Be grateful to Allah, for whoever is grateful, it is only for their own good... Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.” (Surah Luqman 31:12)

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CONNECTION BEFORE CORRECTION

When Luqman advises his son, he begins with love - not power or fear. He says, "O my dear son," showing care and sincere concern. When you advise your child, lead with love and connection - hugs, time, attention, praise. Remember, "connection before correction".

"And 'remember' when Luqmān said to his son, while advising him, 'O my dear son...'" (Surah Luqman 31:13)



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START WITH THE CORE MESSAGE FIRST

Luqman's wisdom shows in how he advises: he leads with love, then starts with the most important message. When everything is corrected, nothing lands, like a building full of signs. So begin with the core message: worship Allah alone. Prioritise what aligns with your child's purpose above everything else.

"O my dear son! Never associate 'anything' with Allah 'in worship'..." (Surah Luqman 31:13)

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THE STRUCTURE OF IMPACTFUL ADVICE

Luqman models wise advice. Firstly, start with love, secondly, prioritise what matters most, finally, give a clear reason. He explains that associating anything with Allah is the greatest, single act of oppression because it elevates created, needy, and imperfect things alongside Allah - the One who is perfect, independent, all-powerful, all-knowing, and the Creator of all.

“O my dear son! Never associate ‘anything’ with Allah ‘in worship’, for associating ‘others with Him’ is truly the worst of all wrongs.” (Surah Luqman 31:13)



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HONOUR YOUR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUR MOTHER

Allah pauses Luqman's advice to speak directly to us. After gratitude to Allah, He singles out two people most deserving of honour, gratitude and thanks - our parents, and then gives mothers a special mention. He highlights just two of the many sacrifices mothers make for us - pregnancy and breastfeeding for two years. If these are the only things they ever did for us, are they not enough to show gratitude to them?

“And We have commanded people to ‘honour’ their parents. Their mothers bore them through hardship upon hardship, and their weaning takes two years. So be grateful to Me and your parents. To Me is the final return.” (Surah Luqman 31:14)

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HONOUR PARENTS WITHOUT OBEYING SIN

Allah commands honourable conduct towards all parents - not only Muslim parents. Even if parents pressure you to associate partners with Allah, you must not obey them in that, but you also must not cut ties. Disagree with courtesy, keep good companionship, and stay anchored to Allah's path.

And remember: we will all return to Allah, and He will bring every deed to account - even those we may have forgotten.

“But if they pressure you to associate with Me what you have no knowledge of, do not obey them. Still keep their company in this world courteously... Then to Me you will all return, and I will inform you of what you used to do.”

(Surah Luqman 31:15)



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NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM ALLAH

Luqman teaches his son, gently, that accountability to Allah must sit at the centre of life. He paints a powerful image, a mustard seed hidden inside a rock, or lost anywhere in the heavens or earth - yet Allah will bring it forth. Likewise, every deed is known to Allah, big or small, hidden or open. So we must teach our children that obedience isn't about whether parents are watching, but because Allah, their Creator and ours, sees all and is subject to divine justice.

“O my dear son! Even if a deed were the weight of a mustard seed—hidden in a rock or in the heavens or the earth—Allah will bring it forth. Surely Allah is Most Subtle, All-Aware.”
(Surah Luqman 31:16)

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PRAYER IS THE RIGHT OF ALLAH

Luqman begins by commanding prayer because ṣalāh is our personal connection to Allah and the foundation for everything that follows. "Establish prayer" means maintaining it properly - within its boundaries, conditions, and obligations.

Prayer represents the rights of Allah and is the primary means of refining the self, nurturing inner strength, and grounding a child in devotion so they can carry the rest of Luqman's advice with sincerity and stability.

"O my dear son! Establish prayer..." (Surah Luqman 31:17)



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ALLAH COMMANDS PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY

Islam isn't a private, individualistic way of life. Luqman teaches that after ṣalāh we must turn outward - enjoin good (amr bi'l-ma'rūf) and forbid evil (nahy 'an al-munkar). This is moral courage and service - guiding people to obedience to Allah and protecting hearts, homes, and communities from corruption. It starts with those closest to us - children, family, neighbours - but extends to public responsibility, community action, speaking truth, and advising leaders. Islam doesn't treat social corruption as "none of my business"; Allah wants goodness upheld collectively, not just practised privately.

"O my dear son! ...encourage what is good and forbid what is evil..." (Surah Luqman 31:17)

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PATIENCE WHEN TRUTH BRINGS TRIALS

Luqman commands patience because enjoining good and forbidding evil will bring resistance and harm. "Be patient with what afflicts you" isn't generic advice - it's resilience for the consequences of standing for truth for Allah's sake. Allah calls this 'azm al-umūr - not light, optional acts, but duties requiring real resolve. Without ṣabr, prayer weakens, courage fades, and public responsibility collapses. Patience is active resilience, enduring hardship without abandoning the mission, holding together worship of Allah, responsibility to people, and inner strength through trials.

"O my dear son! ...and endure patiently whatever befalls you. Surely this is a resolve to aspire to." (Surah Luqman 31:17)

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DON'T LET GOOD DEEDS GROW PRIDE

When a person prays, enjoins good, and challenges the evils around them, they can start to feel morally superior. Luqman therefore warns his son to guard his character and never look down on others with arrogance or self-admiration. The worship and social responsibility of verse 17 must be matched with humility in verse 18, otherwise religious deeds can be poisoned by pride. Arrogance destroys a person's relationship with people and with Allah; true obedience shows itself in humility - in character, speech, and manner.

“And do not turn your nose up to people, nor walk pridefully upon the earth. Surely Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful.” (Surah Luqman 31:18)



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HUMILITY IN DAILY HABITS

Luqmān ends by grounding humility in daily habits - how you walk and how you speak. He uses the donkey's bray as a memorable warning against loud, boastful speech meant to dominate or show off. Even "ordinary" actions are part of worship, so we are commanded to walk with balance (no strutting or dragging) and speak with calm dignity, not arrogance.

"Be moderate in your pace. And lower your voice, for the ugliest of all voices is certainly the braying of donkeys."
(Surah Luqman 31:19)

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GRATITUDE MUST MANIFEST IN OBEDIENCE

Allah has filled our lives with blessings, many we don't even notice. None are random: your heart beats on time, your lungs breathe without you thinking. If His gifts are precise, our response can't be careless.

Many enjoy Allah's gifts yet choose ingratitude, and the peak of ingratitude is kufr - denying Him. So we must train our children to live gratitude: praise on the tongue, recognition in the heart, worship in the body, and obedience in action.

"Have you not seen that Allah has subjected for you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and has lavished His favours upon you, both seen and unseen?"

(Surah Luqman 31:19)



REVELATION IS THE STANDARD FOR TRUTH

Many people refuse revelation and cling to what they inherited from their forefathers. That's a dangerous way to live: it makes culture, habit, and popularity the judge of truth. Our children must learn that Islam isn't followed blindly - it's embraced with conviction. Teach them early, we measure values, ideas and behaviour by what Allah has revealed, not by trends or "what everyone does." Build the habit of asking: "Is this from Allah - or just what people repeat?"

"When it is said to them, 'Follow what Allah has revealed,' they reply, 'No! We only follow what we found our forefathers practicing.' 'Would they still do so' even if Satan is inviting them...?" (Surah Luqman 31:21)

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THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH IS THE PRIMARY GOAL

The heart of Islam is to surrender to Allah - and then live that submission through doing good.

This is not always easy, especially when instant desires feel stronger than the promise of reward. But our children must learn. Temporary pleasure comes second to Allah's pleasure.

That is the path of real and lasting success.

Whoever submits fully to Allah and does good has grasped the firmest handhold – and with Allah is the outcome of all affairs.
(Surah Luqman 31:22)

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YOUR DUTY IS TO LIVE AND UPHOLD THE TRUTH

Teach your children not to feel disheartened when others reject guidance. Not everyone will accept the truth, and that's not our burden to carry. The oppression and corruption they inflict will catch up with them on the day when all deeds will be brought to light.

Our duty is to convey and model - not to control outcomes. Leave what weighs heavily on your heart with Allah.

"Do not let their disbelief grieve you. To Us is their return, and We will inform them of all they did. Surely Allah knows best what is hidden in the heart." (Surah Luqman 31:23)

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DON'T TRADE ETERNITY FOR MOMENTS

Don't be fooled by short enjoyment. This life is temporary- don't trade eternity for a few moments.

Teach your children, before any choice, ask: "Will this matter when I return to Allah?" Pleasure without purpose ends in regret.

"We allow them enjoyment for a little while, then in time We will force them into a harsh torment." (Surah Luqman 31:24)

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ACKNOWLEDGING ALLAH IS NOT ENOUGH

Even many who reject guidance still admit there is a Creator of the heavens and the earth. But acknowledging the Creator isn't enough - it must manifest in full submission, then worship and obedience.

Teach your children to move from "Allah made" to "Allah is obeyed."

"And if you ask them who created the heavens and the earth, they will definitely say, 'Allah!' Say, 'Praise be to Allah!' In fact, most of them do not know." (Surah Luqman 31:25)

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WHAT YOU POSSESS DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU

Ownership resets arrogance. Nothing is truly “mine” - everything we have is an amanah, a trust from Allah. When you remember who owns the heavens and the earth, humility grows and status shrinks.

Remind your children to use what Allah gave them in worship and obedience to Allah, not as a badge of arrogance.

“To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. Allah is truly the Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.” (Surah Luqman 31:26)

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DON'T SHRINK YOUR DU'A

Remind you children that Allah's knowledge and wisdom are limitless. You can't exhaust His words. His answers aren't limited.

So when you feel stuck, don't shrink your hopes. Make du'a with certainty: Allah can give you more than you can imagine.

"If all the trees on earth were pens and the oceans were ink", refilled by seven other oceans, the Words of Allah would not be exhausted. Surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise." (Surah Luqman 31:27)

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LIVE LIKE YOU'LL STAND BEFORE HIM TOMORROW

Resurrection is not difficult for Allah. Your return - and accountability - is real.

Teach your children to live today as if they'll stand before Him tomorrow. Small deeds matter because the return is certain.

"The creation and resurrection of you all is as simple for Him as that of a single soul. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing."
(Surah Luqman 31:28)

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YOUR LIFE IS MOVING, LIVE IT WITH PURPOSE

Allah controls time and its rhythms. Night and day keep merging - quietly reminding us that life is moving and every day is a chance to use time well.

Teach your children: time isn't just a schedule - it's a sign. Allah runs the world, so trust Him and live with purpose.

"Do you not see that Allah causes the night to merge into the day and the day into the night... and that Allah is All-Aware of what you do?" (Surah Luqman 31:29)

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DON'T WORSHIP AND OBEY SUBSTITUTES

Allah is the independent Creator - everything else is dependent, passing, and can fail you. If something can disappoint you, abandon you, or change tomorrow, it shouldn't lead your life today.

Teach your children this. Don't build your life on temporary things - people's approval, trends, or ideologies. Build it on Allah - the Most High, the Greatest.

"That is because Allah 'alone' is the Truth and what they invoke besides Him is falsehood, and 'because' Allah 'alone' is the Most High, All-Great." (Surah Luqman 31:30)

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PLAN, ACT AND THEN TRUST IN ALLAH

Reliance on Allah isn't laziness. It's action + tawakkul. Take the means, plan well, and work hard, then trust Allah with the outcome. The ship still needs a route and a sail, but it only moves by Allah's permission.

Teach your children this. Use the means, but don't worship the means. And notice Allah's "hidden help" in your life - then let gratitude show up not just in words, but in a lifestyle that remembers Allah in ease and in hardship.

And as soon as they are overwhelmed by waves like mountains, they cry out to Allah "alone" in sincere devotion. But when He delivers them "safely" to shore, only some become relatively grateful. And none rejects Our signs except whoever is deceitful, ungrateful. (Surah Luqman 31:31)

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RAMADAN ENDS, OBEDIENCE MUST CONTINUE

On a day of joy, remember the Day that gives Eid its meaning: the Day we return to Allah, when no parent can benefit their child, and no child can benefit their parent. Allah's promise is true. So let Eid renew our taqwā – don't let the dunya distract or deceive you, and don't let Shayṭān deceive you about Allah. May Allah accept our Ramadan, forgive our shortcomings, and unite our families in goodness. Ameen

O humanity! Be mindful of your Lord, and beware of a Day when no parent will be of any benefit to their child, nor will a child be of any benefit to their parent. Surely Allah's promise is true. So do not let the life of this world deceive you, nor let the Chief Deceiver deceive you about Allah.

(Surah Luqman 31:33)

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