

Verses for a Child's First Reading

For parents. Short passages, memorisable, and explainable to a seven-year-old. Read them aloud together rather than handing the page over.

1:1-7

In the name of GOD, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
Praise be to GOD, Lord of the universe.
Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
Master of the Day of Judgment.
You alone we worship; You alone we ask for help.
Guide us in the right path;
the path of those whom You blessed; not of those who have deserved wrath, nor of the strayers.

112:1-4

Proclaim, "He is the One and only GOD.
"The Absolute GOD.
"Never did He beget. Nor was He begotten.
"None equals Him."

113:1-5

Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of daybreak.
"From the evils among His creations.
"From the evils of darkness as it falls.
"From the evils of the troublemakers.
"From the evils of the envious when they envy."

114:1-6

Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of the people.
"The King of the people.
"The god of the people.
"From the evils of sneaky whisperers.
"Who whisper into the chests of the people.
"Be they of the jinns, or the people."

97:1-5

We revealed it in the Night of Destiny.

How awesome is the Night of Destiny!

The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months.

The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by their Lord's leave, to carry out every command.

Peaceful it is until the advent of the dawn.

99:1-8

When the earth is severely quaked.

And the earth ejects its loads.

The human will wonder: "What is happening?"

On that day, it will tell its news.

That your Lord has commanded it.

On that day, the people will issue from every direction, to be shown their works.

Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it.

And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.

103:1-3

By the afternoon.

The human being is utterly lost.

Except those who believe and lead a righteous life, and exhort one another to uphold the truth, and exhort one another to be steadfast.

105:1-5

Have you noted what your Lord did to the people of the elephant?

Did He not cause their schemes to backfire?

He sent upon them swarms of birds.

That showered them with hard stones.

He made them like chewed up hay.

107:1-7

Do you know who really rejects the faith?
That is the one who mistreats the orphans.
And does not advocate the feeding of the poor.
And woe to those who observe the contact prayers (Salat)—
who are totally heedless of their prayers.
They only show off.
And they forbid charity.

93:1-11

By the forenoon.
By the night as it falls.
Your Lord never abandoned you, nor did He forget.
The Hereafter is far better for you than this first (life).
And your Lord will give you enough; you will be pleased.
Did He not find you orphaned and He gave you a home?
He found you astray, and guided you.
He found you poor, and made you rich.
Therefore, you shall not forsake the orphan.
Nor shall you reprimand the beggar.
You shall proclaim the blessing your Lord has bestowed upon you.

31:13-19

Recall that Luqmān said to his son, as he enlightened him, "O my son, do not set up any idols beside GOD; idolatry is a gross injustice."

We enjoined the human being to honor his parents. His mother bore him, and the load got heavier and heavier. It takes two years (of intensive care) until weaning. You shall be appreciative of Me, and of your parents. To Me is the ultimate destiny.

If they try to force you to set up any idols beside Me, do not obey them. But continue to treat them amicably in this world. You shall follow only the path of those who have submitted to Me. Ultimately, you all return to Me, then I will inform you of everything you have done.

"O my son, know that even something as tiny as a mustard seed, deep inside a rock, be it in the heavens or the earth, GOD will bring it. GOD is Sublime, Cognizant.

"O my son, you shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat). You shall advocate righteousness and forbid evil, and remain steadfast in the face of adversity. These are the most honorable traits.

"You shall not treat the people with arrogance, nor shall you roam the earth proudly. GOD does not like the arrogant showoffs.

"Walk humbly and lower your voice—the ugliest voice is the donkey's voice."

17:23-24

Your Lord has decreed that you shall not worship except Him, and your parents shall be honored. As long as one or both of them live, you shall never say to them, "Uff" (the slightest gesture of annoyance), nor shall you shout at them; you shall treat them amicably.

And lower for them the wings of humility, and kindness, and say, "My Lord, have mercy on them, for they have raised me from infancy."

2:152

You shall remember Me, that I may remember you, and be thankful to Me; do not be unappreciative.

14:7

Your Lord has decreed: "The more you thank Me, the more I give you." But if you turn unappreciative, then My retribution is severe.

This is a collection, not a summary. Every verse here is worth reading in its own place, with the verses on either side of it. A collection that stops someone doing that has done more harm than good.