

# Prophet Ibrahim - 1

LEVEL: BEGINNER

In the great city of Babylon, people had been worshipping idols, stars, and planets for many, many years. They believed that these idols, along with the sun, moon, and stars, had special powers. The people thought that these idols were gods who created them and provided everything they needed, like food, health, and wealth. Whenever they wanted something, they would pray to these idols, asking for help and guidance. They had done this for so long that everyone in Babylon thought it was the only way to live.

In this city, there was a curious and thoughtful young boy named Ibrahim. His own father was the craftsman who made the idols, carving them out of stone and wood. Although his family and everyone around him worshipped these idols, Ibrahim refused to believe that they were gods. He would watch people bowing down to lifeless statues and wonder how they could believe that something they created with their own hands could actually be a god. Ibrahim would often question his father and the people of Babylon. He asked, "How can you worship something that cannot see, hear, or speak? These idols cannot even protect themselves if they fall over. How could they possibly protect you or answer your prayers?"

But the people of Babylon did not have real answers to his questions. They simply replied, "We are doing what our ancestors did. They worshipped these gods, so we worship them, too." Ibrahim could see that they were following blindly without understanding why.

One night, Ibrahim wanted to teach his people a lesson about who the true Creator is. He looked up at the night sky and saw a bright, shining star. He thought for a moment and said, "This must be God. It's so high above and shining so brightly." But when morning came, the star faded away as the sun rose. Ibrahim realized that this star could not be God because it had disappeared. He thought, "A true God would never go away or disappear."

The next night, Ibrahim looked up and saw the beautiful, glowing moon in the sky. This time, he thought, "This is even brighter than the star. Perhaps this is God." But when morning came, the moon also vanished as the sun rose. Ibrahim was disappointed and said, "This also cannot be God. A true God would never leave or disappear."

Then, as the sun rose in the sky, it lit up everything with its warmth and light. Ibrahim thought, "The sun is the brightest and the biggest of all. Maybe this is God." But, as night approached, the sun set, disappearing just like the star and the moon. Ibrahim then understood that none of these could be the true God. He knew that a real God would be present all the time, not coming and going like the stars, moon, or sun.

Finally, Ibrahim turned to his people and said, "I do not worship your idols, the stars, the moon, or the sun. They are not gods. I worship the One who created all of these things – the stars, the moon, the sun, and everything else in the universe. The One who created us all and never disappears. That One is Allah, the true Creator and Sustainer of everything."

# Activities

## True or False:

- 1- The people of Babylon believed that the sun, moon, and stars were gods.
- 2- Ibrahim's father was a blacksmith who made tools.
- 3- Ibrahim questioned his people's worship of idols because he knew they could not hear, speak, or respond.
- 4- Ibrahim thought the moon was God, but then realized it couldn't be because it disappeared in the morning.
- 5- Ibrahim decided that the idols, sun, and moon were all true gods.

## Multiple Choice

**1- What did the people of Babylon believe about the idols and stars?**

- a) They were decorations.
- b) They were powerful gods who created and provided for them.
- c) They were symbols of luck.
- d) They were old traditions without meaning.

**2- Who made the idols that the people of Babylon worshipped?**

- a) Ibrahim's uncle
- b) Ibrahim's father
- c) The king of Babylon
- d) Ibrahim himself

**3- Why did Ibrahim reject the star as his god?**

- a) It was too small.
- b) It disappeared in the morning.
- c) It was very far away.
- d) He liked the moon better.

Answer: b) It disappeared in the morning.

**4- After the star and moon, what did Ibrahim think could be God?**

- a) The earth
- b) The clouds
- c) The sun
- d) The river

**5- In the end, who did Ibrahim say was the true God?**

- a) The sun
- b) The idols
- c) The moon
- d) Allah, who created everything

# Activities

## Fill-in-the-Blank:

- 1- The people of Babylon believed that idols made of ..... and ..... were gods.
  - 2- Ibrahim's father was the one who ..... the idols for the people to worship.
  - 3- Ibrahim said he would only worship the One who created everything, and that is .....
- Ibrahim noticed that the idols could not ....., ....., or .....

## Answer the Questions

- 1- Why did Ibrahim's people worship the stars, idols, and planets?
- 2- What did Ibrahim notice about the idols that made him question their power?
- 3- How did Ibrahim try to teach his people that the stars, moon, and sun weren't gods?
- 4- What did Ibrahim tell his people at the end of the story?
- 5- What lesson can we learn from Ibrahim's story?