

Rasulullah ﷺ is Welcomed to Madinah

Term __ / Week 1

Lesson Objectives

The students will be able to:

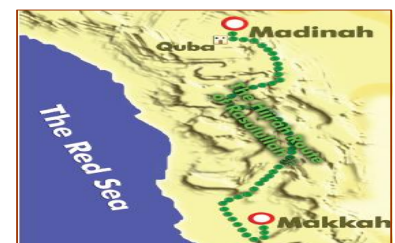
- Recall that Rasulallah ﷺ found protection in Madinah and was able to escape from the persecution of the *Kuffar*.
- Know that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Abu Bakr ؓ stopped at the village of Quba' on their journey to Madinah and they built the first masjid there.
- Learn from Rasulallah's ﷺ example that a *Masjid* should be the first building to be built wherever Muslims go to live.
- Describe how Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was greatly welcomed by the people when he arrived in Madinah.

Daily Routine

- Welcome students to their first day of class with a high-spirited "Assalamualaikum!"
- Take attendance.
- Explain any Classroom Rules and Expectations that you may have.

Materials Needed

- Textbook Grade 6
- Workbook Grade 6
- Handout TL 1.1-'Hijrah'
- OHT TL 1.1-'Hadith on being a host'
- Handout TL 1.2-'What happened next?'
- Handout TL 1.3-'An Extraordinary Host'
- CD player and a copy of 'Tala'al Badru Alaina' by Yusuf Islam



Warm-Up

- Play the song, 'Tala'al Badru Alaina' by Yusuf Islam for the students to listen to. Ask for volunteers to explain what the song is about (song describes the feelings the people of Madinah had for Rasulullah ﷺ and how they welcomed him.) Praise those who shared their responses.

Lesson Connection

- Recall with students why Rasulullah ﷺ and Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه left Makkah for Madinah.
 - They were persecuted in Makkah.
 - They were unable to practice Islam openly in Makkah
 - The *Kuffar* created many problems for the Muslims etc.
- In pairs, get the students to read **Textbook Lesson 1 page 1 to 3** the story of Rasulullah ﷺ making Hijrah in and record in **Handout TL 1.1**. Give them 10-15 min to complete this pair work activity.
- Invite the students to share their answers with the class. Highlight to the students that Rasulullah ﷺ showed that wherever Muslims go to live, they must first build a *masjid*. This shows the importance of congregational prayer, unity and brotherhood in Islam.
- Discuss with the students at least 3 functions of a masjid. As a place of worship and to congregate, a place where Muslims share knowledge about Islam and a place where help is available for those in need (financial, emotional etc).
- Compare with the students the treatment Rasulullah ﷺ received in Madinah to the treatment he was subjected to in Makkah.
 - Everyone was happy to receive him in Madinah
 - Every family offered their home to him
- Explain to them that in order not to disappoint anyone, Rasulullah ﷺ decided to let his camel Qaswa choose where he would stay. Ask them what does this show of Rasulullah ﷺ?
 - He was creative in making decisions,
 - He relied on Allah's ﷻ Guidance so that he would not disappoint anyone.
- Display **OHT TL 1.1**, a hadith related to honoring a guest.
- Explain to them that honoring our guest is a requirement on one who believes in Allah ﷻ and the Last Day.
- Distribute **Handout TL 1.2** to the students and ask them to read the story silently. Then, explain to them that they are to work in pairs and reflect on the incident before answering the questions in the handout.
- Explain to students regarding the extra care Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari رضي الله عنه

Lesson
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Looking Ahead

Rasulullah ﷺ was finally able to find protection in Madinah. We will see the great welcome he was given by the people of Madinah.

Rasulullah's journey from Makkah to Madinah took about two weeks. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, his beloved companion Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه, and a servant traveled through the desert on their camels. After many days the three men reached a little village just outside Madinah named Quba. The people of Quba were anxiously waiting for them.

Rasulullah ﷺ and Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه stayed in Quba for a few days to rest from their long journey. While they were there they built a small masjid called Masjid Quba. In doing this Rasulullah ﷺ showed that wherever Muslims go to live they must first build a masjid. A few days later Rasulullah ﷺ and Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه set out for Madinah. By that time 'Abdullah' رضي الله عنه arrived from Makkah to join them.

It was a festive day in Madinah when the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ arrived. All the men, women, and children of the city came out to greet him. They were very happy to see Rasulullah ﷺ. They met him with cries of "Welcome O Messenger of Allah! Welcome!"



Rasulullah's Hijrah route to Madinah

were called *Munafiqun* (hypocrites). A *munafiq* is someone who says one thing but does something else. The *Munafiqun* did not like Rasulullah ﷺ living in Madinah. They soon began to help the *Muslim Kuffar*.

WE HAVE LEARNED

- The people of Madinah welcomed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.
- Rasulullah ﷺ stayed in the house of Abu Ayyub al-Ansari رضي الله عنه.

WORDS TO KNOW

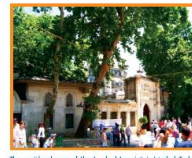
Faith, *Munafiqun*, Quba

HADITH CONNECTION

The word "Ansar" means "Helper". The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ called the Muslims of Madinah "Ansar" because they helped the Muslims from Makkah. Rasulullah ﷺ said about these people:

"The Ansar are my family and my trusted friends. People will increase in number while they will decrease, so appreciate the deeds of the Ansar who do good and overlook their faults."

Sahih Muslim



The masjid and grave of Abu Ayyub al-Ansari رضي الله عنه, in Istanbul, Turkey

took to make Rasulullah's ﷺ stay in his house comfortable.

- Impress upon them the reason why Abu Ayyub ؓ is known as 'Al-Ansari' meaning 'The Helper.'

Reflection

- Let students reflect upon the key ideas in **Textbook Lesson 1** to reinforce in the focus of the lesson.
- Emphasize to students that treating our guests well is an Islamic adab which we should adopt in our lives.
- Reinforce the importance of building Mosques and their significance to the Muslim community.
- Get students to complete activities in **Workbook Lesson 1Activity 1-4**.

STRETCHING POINTS

Activities:

More about Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari ﷺ

- Students are required to research on Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari ﷺ. They are to focus on his contributions to Islam and his affections for Rasulullah ﷺ. The students are required to share their research with the class.

Provide:

Handout 1.3 “An Extraordinary Host”

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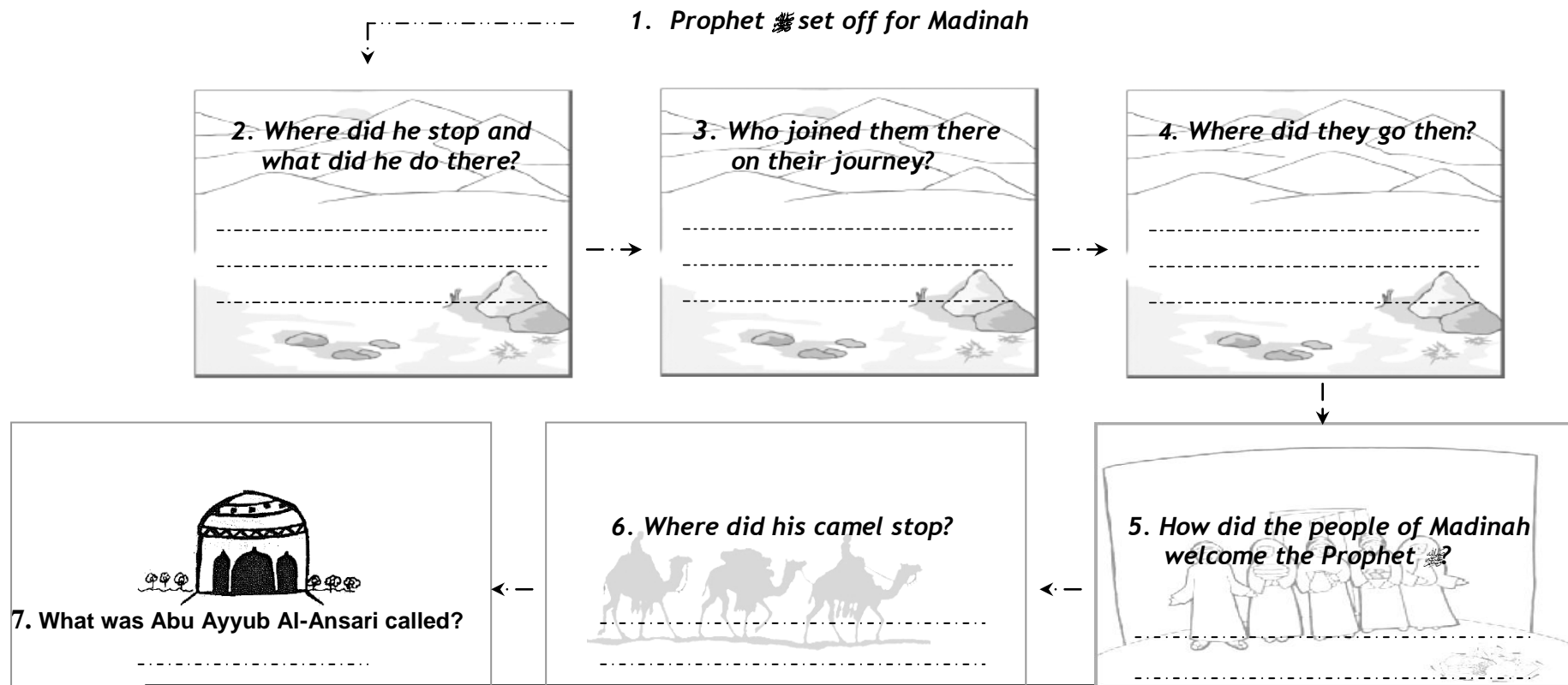
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Adab of Being a Host & a Guest

Get students to find out about the *Adab* of being a host as well as a guest in Islam. Make a list of do's and don'ts and display them on the Bulletin Board.

HIJRAH

Complete the flow chart



***Hadith* on Being a Host**

“Let whosoever believes in Allah and in the Last Day honor his guest.”



(Al-Bukhari & Muslim)



What happened next?

Read the story below and work with a partner to find answers to the questions.

Abu Ayyub's ﷺ heart was filled with happiness. He went out to the Prophet ﷺ and greeted him with great enthusiasm. He took the Prophet's ﷺ baggage in his arms and felt as if he was carrying the most precious treasure in the world.



Why do you think, "... he felt as if he was carrying the most precious treasure in the world?"



Abu Ayyub's ﷺ house had two stories. He emptied the upper floor of his and his family's possessions so that the Prophet ﷺ could stay there, but the Prophet ﷺ preferred to stay on the lower floor.


Night came and the Prophet ﷺ retired. Abu Ayyub ﷺ went up to the upper floor. But when they had closed the door, Abu Ayyub turned to his wife and said, "Woe to us! What have we done? The Messenger of Allah ﷺ is below and we are higher than he! Can we walk on top of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ? Do we come between him and the Revelation? If



so, we are doomed."


The couple became very worried, not knowing what to do. They only got some peace of mind when they moved to the side of the building that was not directly above the Prophet. They were careful also only to walk on the outer parts of the floor and to avoid the middle.



**How did Abu Ayyub  and his wife feel
towards the Prophet .**

In the morning, Abu Ayyub  said to the Prophet , "By Allah, we did not sleep a wink last night, neither myself nor Umm Ayyub."

"Why not, Abu Ayyub?" asked the Prophet .

Abu Ayyub  explained how terrible they felt being above while the Prophet  was below them and how they might have interrupted the Revelation.

"Don't worry, Abu Ayyub," said the Prophet . "We prefer the lower floor because of the many people coming to visit us."

"We submitted to the Prophet's  wishes," Abu Ayyub  related, "until one cold night a jar of ours broke and the water spilled on the upper floor. Umm Ayyub and I stared at the water. We only had one piece of velvet which we used as a blanket. We used it to mop up the water out

of fear that it would seep through to the Prophet ﷺ. In the morning I went to him and said, 'I do not like to be above you,' and told him what had happened. He accepted my wish and we changed floors.

Why do you think the Prophet ﷺ accepted

Abu Ayyub's ﷺ request?

The Prophet ﷺ stayed in Abu Ayyub's ﷺ house for almost seven months until his mosque was completed in the open space where his camel had stopped. He moved to the rooms that were built around the mosque for himself and his family. He thus became a neighbor of Abu Ayyub ﷺ. What a noble neighbor to have had!

Abu Ayyub ﷺ continued to love the Prophet ﷺ with all his heart and the Prophet ﷺ also loved him dearly. There was no formality between them. The Prophet ﷺ continued to regard Abu Ayyub's ﷺ house as his own.

LET'S READ & REFLECT...



An Extraordinary Host!

Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه, once left his house in the burning heat of the midday sun and went to the mosque. Umar رضي الله عنه saw him and asked, "Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه, what has brought you out at this hour? Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه quipped that he had left his house because he was terribly hungry and Umar رضي الله عنه said that he had left his house for the same reason.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم came up to them and asked, "What has brought the two of you out at this hour?" They told him and he said, "By Him in Whose hands is my soul, only hunger has caused me to come out also. But come with me."

✦ At Abu Ayyub al-Ansari home...

"Welcome to the Prophet and whoever is with him." His wife greeted them.

"Where is Abu Ayyub?" asked the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Abu Ayyub رضي الله عنه, who was working in a nearby palm grove, heard the Prophet's voice and came hurriedly.

"Welcome to the Prophet and whoever is with him," he said and went on, "O Prophet of God, this is not the time that you usually come."

(Abu Ayyub رضي الله عنه used to keep some food for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم every day. When the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم did not come for it by a certain time, Abu Ayyub رضي الله عنه would give it to his family.)

"You are right," the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم agreed.

✦ What would he do?

Abu Ayyub رضي الله عنه went out and cut a cluster of dates in which there were ripe and half ripe dates. "I did not want you to eat this."

Said the Prophet ﷺ, "Could you not have brought only the ripe dates?"

"O Rasulullah ﷺ, please eat from both the ripe dates (*rutb*) and the half ripe (*busr*). I shall slaughter an animal for you also. "

"If you are going to, then do not kill one that gives milk," cautioned the Prophet ﷺ. Abu Ayyub رضي الله عنه killed a young goat, cooked half and grilled the other half. He also asked his wife to bake, because she baked better, he said.

When the food was ready, it was placed before the Prophet ﷺ and his two companions. The Prophet ﷺ took a piece of meat and placed it in a loaf and said, "Abu Ayyub, take this to Fatima. She has not tasted the like of this for days."

When they had eaten and were satisfied, the Prophet ﷺ said reflectively: "Bread and meat and *busr* and *rutb*!" Tears began to flow from his eyes as he continued:

"This is a bountiful blessing about which you will be asked on the Day of Judgment. If such comes your way, put your hands to it and say, *Bismillah* (In the name of God) and when you have finished say, *Al hamdu lillah alladhee huwa ashbana wa anama alayna* (Praise be to God Who has given us enough and Who has bestowed his bounty on us). This is best."

Answer the questions below.

1. What lessons did you learn about the role of a guest in relation to Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari رضي الله عنه being 'The Extraordinary Host'?

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2. Describe how you have been treating your guests so far.

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3. How would you treat your guests now after reading about Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari's رضي الله عنه hospitality towards Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and his Companions?

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Vocabulary Build-Up

- **Festive**

Special and cheerful atmosphere

- ***Munafiqun***

People who pretended to be Muslims, while in fact, they were against Islam.

- **Quba**

A little village situated along the route between Makkah and Madinah