

Luqman's Advice to His Son

A story from Surah Luqman





Long ago, there lived a wise man called Luqman. Allah gave him wisdom, and Allah tells us about him in the Qur'an, in a surah named after him: Surah Luqman.



Allah taught Luqman: **“Be thankful to Allah.”** When we say thank you to Allah for our food, our home and our family, it is good for us.



One day, Luqman sat with his son and gave him loving advice.
He began: **“My dear son, never worship anything with Allah.”**
Allah alone made the stars, the earth and everything.



Allah also tells us to be good to our parents. Our mothers carried us and looked after us when we were tiny. So we thank Allah, and we thank our parents too.



“My dear son, even if something is as small as a mustard seed, hidden inside a rock, Allah will bring it out.” Allah knows everything we do, big or small.



Then Luqman told his son something very important:

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**Ya bunayya aqimis-salata wa'mur bil-ma'rufi wanha 'anil-munkari wasbir 'ala ma
asabak. Inna dhalika min 'azmil-umur.**

“My dear son, keep up the prayer, tell people to do good and stop them from wrong, and be patient with whatever happens to you. That is something truly important.”



Telling people to do good means helping and being kind, like sharing food with a neighbour or clearing the path for others.



“And be patient with whatever happens to you.” Hard times are like storms: if we stay strong and patient, they pass, and the sun shines again.



“Do not turn your face away from people in pride, and do not walk proudly on the earth.” Like the full ears of wheat, the more good we have, the more humble we should be.



“Walk gently,” said Luqman. We walk calmly and kindly, not rushing or showing off.



“And lower your voice.” We speak softly and politely. That was the loving advice of Luqman to his son, and it is Allah’s advice to us too.

Talk about it

Read the story together, then talk about these

1

What was the first thing Luqman told his son?

2

Luqman said Allah knows even a tiny mustard seed hidden in a rock. What does that teach us?

3

Which piece of Luqman's advice will you try this week?

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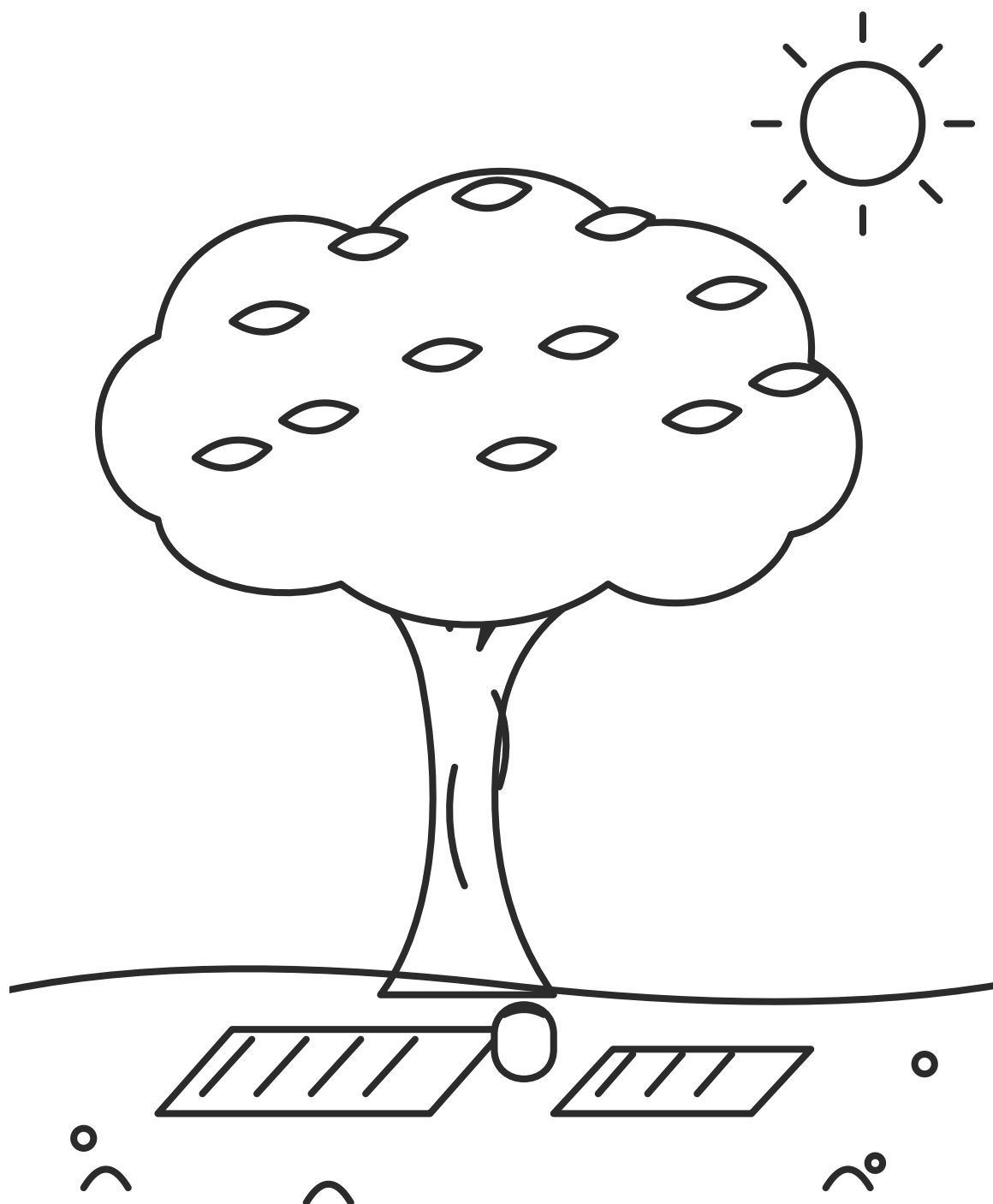
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This ayah is in Surah Luqman (chapter 31 of the Qur'an).

Colour me in!

Colour the olive tree, the two mats and the sun





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