

All students must provide their parent's signature to participate in the exam. Please print out this page and return it to class at least by January 5th.

Dear parent, Assalaamu Alaikum:

I am writing you this letter in hopes that we will be successful in helping my students to gain some benefit out of Sunday School. I have been appointed to teach Qur'an studies to your child and we have finished surah At-Tariq, Alhumdulillah. All of my students have already demonstrated in class that they are capable of memorizing the surah and each has only minor mistakes in their recitation.

I am requesting your help in assisting your child with finalizing this surah. This surah is not difficult to learn, but it will require patience and perseverance, two qualities that are treasured in youth. I encourage you to engage your child several times during the week and **ASK THEM TO RECITE TO YOU OVER AND OVER**. If you show them this is important to you, they will also treat it importantly.

All of my students can memorize a line within 2-3 minutes if they sit down and concentrate. With such a short surah (17 lines) they were all able to memorize most of it in class. I do recommended using Quran.com to listen to the recitation, so as to avoid errors in the pronunciation.

If your child has difficulty reading Arabic, or is weak in reading Arabic, I strongly recommend that you either personally study with him/her several hours a week, or at least give them a tutor who can help them to practice recitation and correct any mistakes they may be making. Sister Fatima is available to teach Arabic to all children and adults during the week days. And there is a growing trend to get online tutors (they cost about \$10 per hour and are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week). Online tutors are a valuable resource, convenient, and can have dramatic results.

I have provided these recommendations with the study guide attached to this letter. I hope that you and your child find the best of this life and the next. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to benefit you and your child and to get benefit from our short time together.

-Haseeb Rahman

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Parent

Date

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Sunday School Grade 5 Quran Class Study Guide for Midterm

Surah At-Tariq

The test will be comprised of two parts as follows:

1. Oral examination (60% of final)

Every student is expected to have memorized all 17 lines of Surah At-Tariq.

Please use online resources such as Quran.com to listen to the recitation. It is expected that the student will be able to memorize the recitation without errors or prompting. Points will be deducted for any assistance needed to finish reciting. Points will also be deducted for mispronunciation of the surah.

2. Written examination (40% of final)

The written examination will test the student's knowledge of the English and Arabic meaning of the surah that they have studied in addition to the meaning of the tafseer of these ayahs. Attached at the end of this letter is a copy of the word list that each student is expected to know.

Students will be expected to be able to provide English translations of the Arabic words listed below at the end of the study guide.

The second part of the written examination will require the students to know the English meaning of surah. Please use the translations provided in the book provided, or use any other authentic Quran translation. Deeper meanings (Tafseer) of the surah will be tested as well.

Please note that the grading scheme is as follows:

- >90% - Will recommend student for possible advancement to next class
- >80% & <90% - Will recommend student to remain in current class level
- >70% & <80% - Will only recommend student to remain in current setting if parents pledge to work with child over next year
- >50% & <70% - Will recommend student to drop in class rank to help student find classmates at suitable level
- <50% - Will recommend child be removed from teaching services and be placed in babysitting or kindergarten services

1. At-Tariq – The night traveler

۱ وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ

2. Hafith – Protector / guardian

۴ إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَّمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ

3. Al-insaan – the one who forgets / Mankind

۵ فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ بِمَ خُلِقَ

4. Youm – day (of Judgement)

۹ يَوْمَ تَبْلَى السَّرَائِرُ

5. As-samaa' – the heavens / skies

۱۱ وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الرَّجَعِ

6. Al-ardh – the earth / ground

۱۲ وَالْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الصَّدْعِ

7. Al-kafireen – the disbelievers

۱۷ فَمَهْلِكُ الْكَافِرِينَ أَهْلَهُمْ رَوِيدًا

8. الرحمن Ar-Rahman – The Overwhelmingly Merciful

9. الرحيم Ar-Raheem – The Everlasting Merciful

10. النَّفْسِ Nafs – The soul

11. فَصْلٌ Fasl – Decisive statement

12. الْهَزْلِ Hazl – A joke

- 1) What are the two things that Allah swears by in the beginning of the surah
- 2) Give a reason why Allah asks us to remember what we were created from (For full credit, use the later verses to justify your answer)
- 3) How does Allah describe the earth and the sky on the Day of Judgement?
- 4) Who are the guardians of the nafs? (For full credit, you must describe the guardian of both the soul and of the human desires)
- 5) Why does Allah say to leave the disbelievers alone for only a little while?
- 6) What do the angels who sit on your shoulders write down?
- 7) What is Allah's plot for the disbelievers?