

# Qur'an City



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Qaswa visits  
**Sura Al Ikhlaas**

112 Qul Corner  
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**QASWA'S JOURNEY THROUGH QUR'AN CITY** is a series of books about a camel called Qaswa and his best friend Safiya who want to learn about the Qur'an. Depicting the Qur'an as a city, Qaswa explores each building (Sura) with the help of Hizqeel and Habeeb who are the Qur'an City guides.



### **A little bit about Qur'an City...**

With 114 buildings, Qur'an City is divided into 14 quadrants which circle Muhammad City Centre and has a road network called M14\* that links all the quadrants with each other. The heights of the buildings represent the number of ayaat of the suwer and can be distinguished as Makki or Madani through their roof tops Yellow for Makki and Green for Madani. There are 86 Makki buildings and 28 Madani buildings.

\*Representing the 14 Ma'sumeen who are the necessary guidance to navigate Qur'an City.

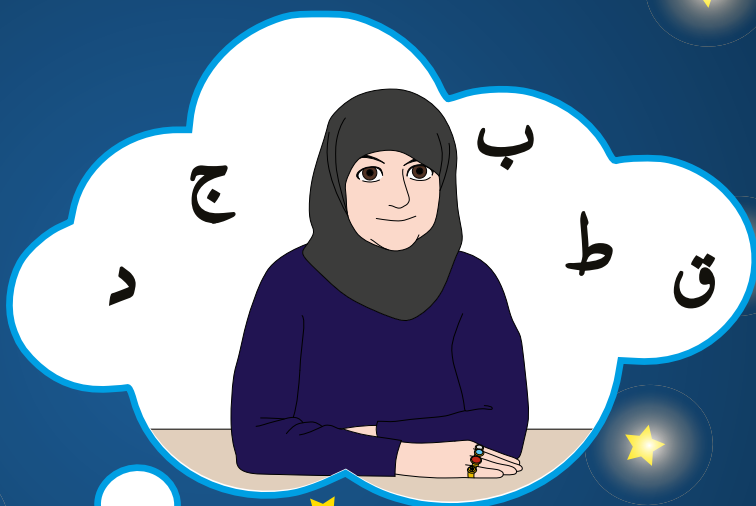
**JOIN QASWA AND SAFIYA IN THEIR QUEST TO DISCOVER THE AWESOMENESS OF THE QUR'AN THROUGH QUR'AN CITY.**

"Why don't you brush your teeth, do wudhoo and recite the 4 QULS and go to sleep?" his mum said



Qaswa got under the duvet and started reciting Suratul Ikhlaas. He remembered how Amina Auntie had taught him that if he recited it three times it was like reciting the whole Qur'an. "Don't forget the qalqala at every stop" she would say.

"Make an echo sound with the letter daal" he could just hear her words.



His eyes closed just as he finished the third Suratul Ikhlas and he found himself at the doors of Qur'an City. The doors were beautiful. Engraved on them was the word IQRA'.

He remembered Safiya learning about Iqra'. Her grandma had drawn round her hand and written the words READ, MEMORISE, UNDERSTAND, APPLY & TEACH on each finger. The picture was hanging on Safiya's bedroom wall.



He knocked on the door and waited. A kind looking young man came out and said "Assalamu 'Alaykum' Qaswa" "My name is Hizqeel, how can I help you"

"May I come in? I have already done wudhoo.

"I always do wudhoo before I go to bed." said Qaswa

"Come in" said Hizqeel, "And remember to say Bismillahirrahmaanirraheem and to step in with your right legs"



Qaswa entered and saw the most beautiful city in the world. He felt at peace but energized. Hizqeel showed him the city map and asked him where he would like to go.

"No 112 Qur'an City please" Qaswa said "The one in QUL CORNER"

Qaswa felt very clever that he knew the exact address.



Hizqeel led the way. They walked past Kingdom Place and came to a corner with 5 buildings. A big sign said QUL CORNER. "What does QUL mean?" he asked Hizqeel. Hizqeel replied " It means to Say, to announce, to tell everyone..."



The tallest building had swirls of smoke on it and looked a little different; it said SURATU JINN, 72 QUR'AN CITY. Qaswa made a mental note to visit the building next time but today he just wanted to see what SURATU IKHLAAS was all about.



Just then Hizqeel said; "Here we are! No 112 Qur'an City."

Qaswa was amazed. It was a small building but it felt like it lighted up the whole of Qur'an City. Hizqeel said; "Everything has a NOOR (energizing light) and the NOOR of the Qur'an is Suratul Ikhlaas".

The front of the building had ALLAH written on it and when Qaswa looked at it, it seemed like all the ASMAUL HUSNA (the attributes of Allah) were radiating out of the name



He could see AL RAHMAAN, AL RAHEEM, AI MALIK, AL QUDDOOS, AL SALAAM..... It was just like the picture of the tasbeeh of Asmaul Husna that he had seen in Safiya's grandma's study.

Qaswa just stood there mesmerized. He made a note to learn one Asmaul Husna a day.



Hizqeel was patiently waiting. "Would you like to go in?" he said

Qaswa nodded and said "Bismillah". He made sure he stepped into the building with his right legs first.


Qaswa felt he had stepped into an energizing hall. There were two large screens.

Just standing there he felt like super camel. "I'm sure I can do anything I want" he thought to himself.



“What is so special about this sura?” he asked Hizqeel.

“This is the sura that only focuses on Allah” Hizqeel said. “It answers the question of “Who is Allah?” Qaswa walked to the first screen which said “QUL HUWALLAHU AHAD” “SAY! HE ALLAH IS ONE”



**QUL HUWALLAHU  
AHAD - SAY!  
HE ALLAH IS ONE**

Suddenly his picture appeared on the screen. A voice said "Assalamu 'alaykum Qaswa"

"Alaykum Salaam" Qaswa whispered.

"Would you like to take part on the Ikhlas quiz and win Qur'an City vouchers?" the voice asked

"Yes please!" said Qaswa.



The word QUL flashed on the screen in 'Arabic.

"What does Qul mean?" the voice asked

Qaswa remembered what Hizqeel had told him and he answered confidently.

"It means to say, to announce, to tell everyone"

A big green tick appeared next to his picture with lots of golden stars.

"Awesome!" the voice said.



Next the word HUWA flashed in 'Arabic. Before the voice from the screen even said anything, Qaswa said "I don't know what HUWA means"  
"It's OK" said the voice "It means HE"  
"That's easy" thought Qaswa.



And then the word "ALLAH" flashed on the screen. It felt like the screen just lit up. The whole room was filled with light.

"I know what that is!" he told the voice. "I saw it on the building wall outside."

"It is the proper name for Allah which is the sum of all the 99 ASMAAUL HUSNA. All the beautiful qualities of Allah."

"Do you know the Asmaaul Husna?" the voice asked.

"I know them because I sing the rhyme with Safiya"  
Qaswa replied "May I hear it?"



Qaswa started singing the rhyme\* he had heard  
Safiyas grandma sing...

Hush little Safiya, don't you cry  
Nani's going to sing you a lullaby  
She'll tell you about the names of God  
Asmaaul Husnaa they are called

Yaa Allah, Yaa Rahmaan, Yaa Raheem,  
Yaa Malikul Quddoosus Salaamul Mu'minul  
Muhayminul 'Azeezul Jabbaarul Mutakabbir  
Yaa Khaaliqul, Baariul, Musawwir  
Yaa Ghaffaarul Qahhaarul Wahhaabur Razzaaqul  
Fattaahul 'Aleem

Suddenly the hall was filled with angels and they  
were all singing with him. Qaswa sang louder.



\*Full rhyme available at the back of the book

As soon as Qaswa finished there was a loud salawaat recited by all the angels. Hizqeel and Habeeb were there too.

Near his picture on the screen were hundreds of green ticks and golden stars.

Qaswa felt like he was on top of the world.



And then suddenly all the angels were gone.  
Qaswa looked at the screen and the word AHAD was flashing in 'Arabic.  
'DO you know what AHAD means?" asked the voice  
"Here's a clue"  
Qaswa saw a large number one on the screen.  
"But I thought one was WAAHID in 'Arabic." Qaswa said to Habeeb who was standing near him.



"A normal number One is WAAHID" Habeeb explained  
"But AHAD is special; it doesn't have a zero before it  
nor a two after it. It cannot be divided or multiplied."

Qaswa looked at the screen and said; "ALLAH is  
AHAD means that ALLAH is THE ONLY ONE."

"You are a star!" the voice said

The screen was filled with stars and green ticks  
again.....

"Time to go to the next screen." Habeeb said

**You are  
a star!**

**ALLAH is AHAD  
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ALLAH is THE  
ONLY ONE**



Qaswa walked over to screen no 2 which said  
ALLAHUS SAMAD – ALLAH is SAMAD

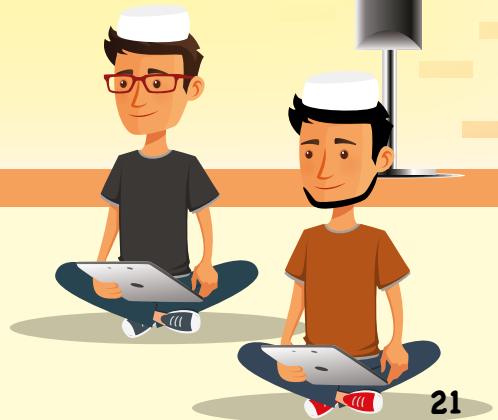
The voice from the screen told him to sit down.

“This is a really important word Qaswa. You have to listen carefully”

Qaswa saw that Habeeb and Hizqeel were sitting near him and making notes.

...You have  
to listen  
carefully

ALLAHUS SAMAD  
ALLAH is SAMAD



The voice from the screen said "SAMAD is a very special name of Allah. It means that everyone needs Allah but He does not need anyone"

SAMAD also means LAM YALID WA LAM YULAD  
WA LAM YAKULLAHU KUFUWAN AHAD"

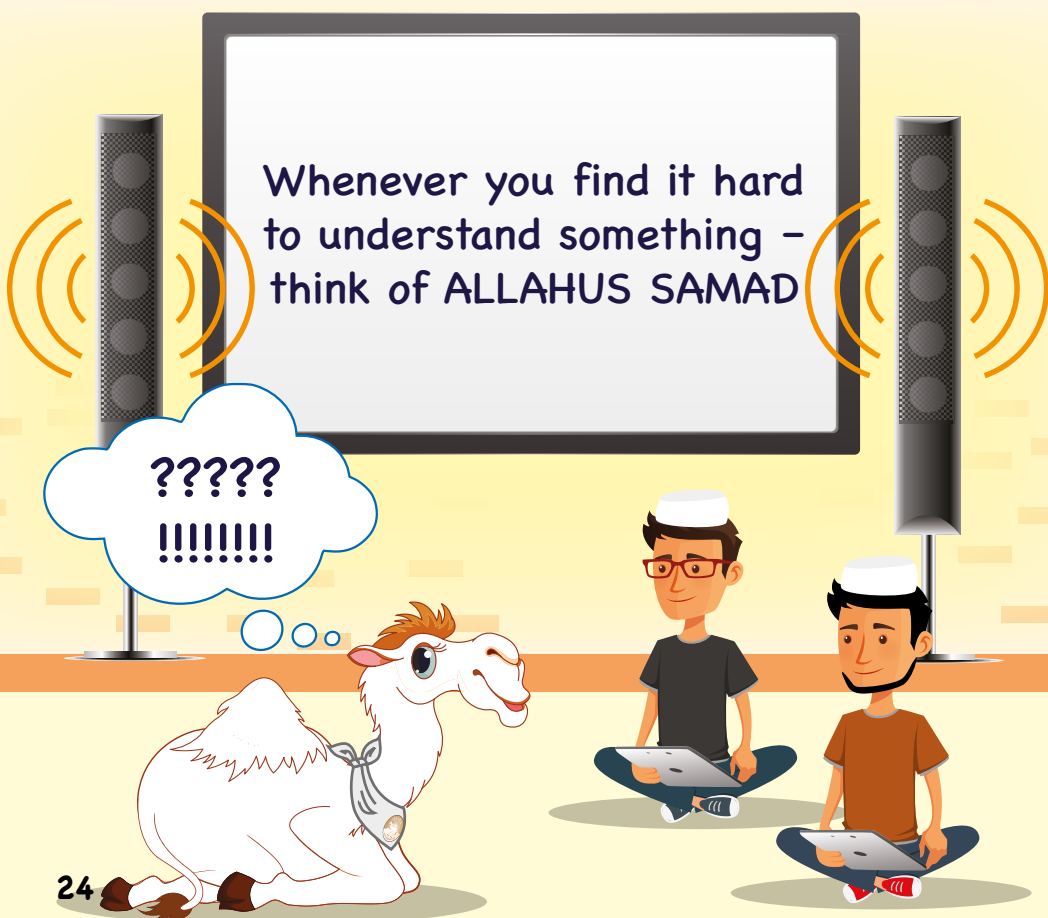
"But that is the last two ayaat of Suratul Ikhlas!"  
said Qaswa



The voice from the screen said "When the people of Basrah asked Imam Husayn what SAMAD meant he said that it also meant LAM YALID WA LAM YULAD - Allah is not from anyone nor is anyone from Him  
WA LAM YAKULLAHU KUFUWAN AHAD - And there is no one else like Him"



“Qaswa” the voice continued “Whenever you find it hard to understand something – think of ALLAHUS SAMAD. It will help you understand difficult things”



Qaswa was amazed. He had never thought that there was so much to learn from such a small sura. He promised himself that he would recite it slowly and carefully and learn the meaning of all the Asmaaul Husna.

His eyes opened as his alarm sounded for Fajr Salaa. Qaswa wanted to recite Suratul Ikhlas all the time. It was his favourite sura by far.



I love  
Suratul  
Ikhlas

I will learn  
the meaning of  
Asmaaul  
Husna



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Mu'izzul Muzhill,  
Yaa Samee'ul Baseerul Hakamul 'Adlul Lateeful  
Khabeer  
Yaa Haleemul 'Azeem  
Yaa Ghaffaarush Shakoorul 'aliyyul Kabeerul  
Hafeezhul Muqteet

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Yaa Haseebul, Jaleelul Kareemur Raqeeb  
Yaa Mujeebul Waasiul, Hakeemul Wadoodul  
Majeed

Yaa Baaithush Shaheed  
Yaa Haqqul Wakeelul Qawiiyyul Mateenul Waliyyul  
Hameed

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Asmaaul Husnaa they are called

Yaa Muhsiiul Mubdiul Muuidul Muhyiul Mumeetul  
Hayyul Qayyoom  
Yaa Waajidul Maajidul Waahidul Ahadus Samad  
Yaa Qaadirul Muqtadirul Muqaddim  
Yaa Muakhhkirul Awwalul Aakhiruz Zaahirul  
Baatinul Waaliul Muta'aali

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Yaa Barrut Tawwaabul Muntaqimul 'Afuww  
Yaa Ra'uful Maalikul Mulkil Dhul Jalaali wal  
Ikraam  
Yaa Muqsitul Jaamiul Ghaniyyu  
Yaa Mughniyyul Maaniul Dhaarrun Naafun Noor  
Yaa Haadiul Baadiul Baaqiul Waarithur  
Rasheedus Sabur

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Colour in the Suratu Al-Ikhlās Building.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٣﴾

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٤﴾

