

Serhan the Seahorse

Learns Allah's Name Ash-Shafi

I'M LEARNING ALLAH'S NAMES

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Dear Parents and Educators,

It is very important that our children are introduced to concepts of faith at a young age so that when they grow up, they can use these concepts to make sense of the things they experience. With this idea in mind, we set out to prepare this series, "I'm Learning Allah's Names". We tried to open a window to the names of Allah from the world of children using the animal heroes and their adventures in the stories. In the last pages of our books, you will also find questions and pictures which can be used to ensure that your children understand the concepts introduced in the book. There are also discussion topics under the "explain to your children/ask them" heading.

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I am a Seahorse!



We seahorses are known for the interesting way our bodies look. Despite what some people think, we are small animals. We live in the seaweed that grows near the shore. We can protect ourselves against other creatures because our skin kind of looks like armor. Also we can change our color so that big fishes can't see us.

We can't move our heads around, but we can see all around. That's because our eyes can spin in every direction.

We move up and down under the sea by filling and emptying the air in our bladders. A bladder is like a balloon or a bag.

We seahorse men are famous for the loyalty we have to our wives. We are unlike other animals. In our case, the fathers give birth to our babies, which are called fry.

So next time you take a swim in the sea you might meet one of us!







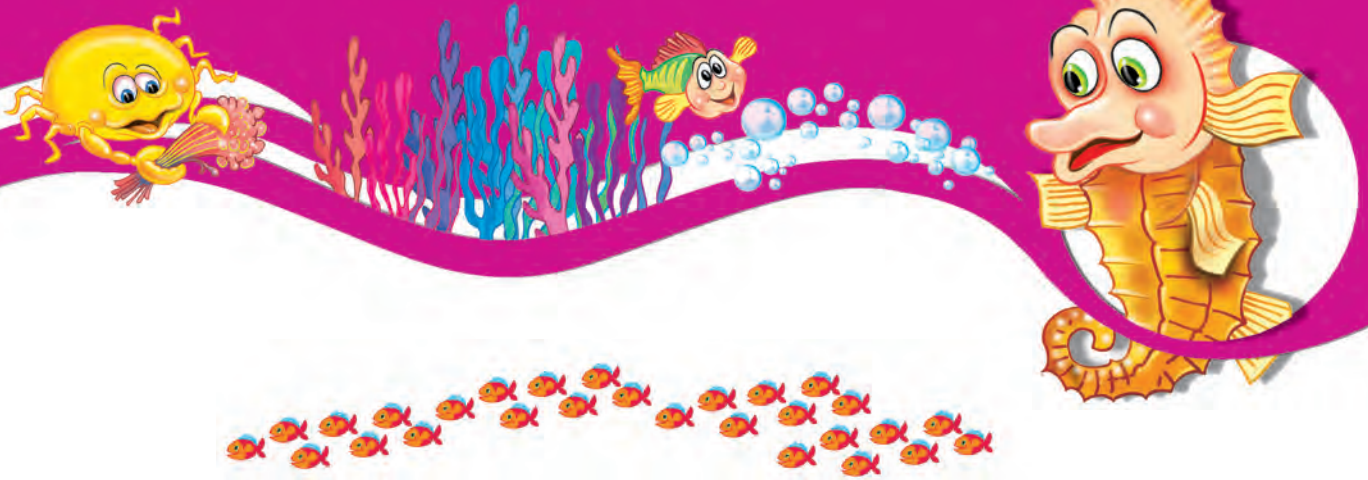
Serhan the Seahorse woke up early one morning. He went swimming up and down under the sea. He was looking at all the amazing things around him. "Mashallah! Our sea is very beautiful!" he thought to himself.

However, Jamila the Jellyfish was hiding in a patch of seaweed. She wanted to surprise the seahorse. When she saw Serhan, she swam quickly toward him, stretching out her flexible body. But she swam so fast that she couldn't stop from crashing into Serhan.

Serhan was stunned. He was not expecting such a thing. He became very annoyed.







Jamila had run into Serhan so hard that he spun around several times.

“Why do you do the same thing to me every morning?” he scolded the jellyfish.

“But stirring up the sea makes me happy!” she replied.

“Then you should learn to control your speed,” replied Serhan. “Look what you’ve done! You can’t stop without crashing into me!”

“But it’s so exciting!” Jamila exclaimed as she laughed.

Serhan thought that she was being difficult. He filled his air bladder and swam away.

