

Dina the Dolphin

Learns Allah's Name ar-Rahman

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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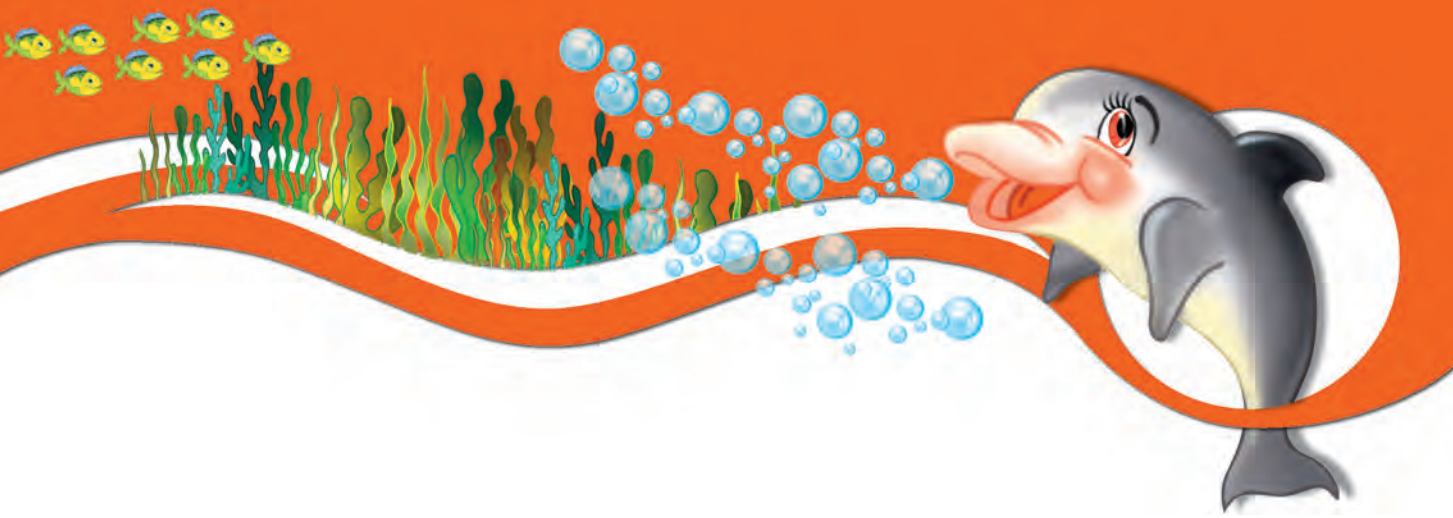
I AM A DOLPHIN!

We dolphins are very friendly with humans. We always try to help those who are in trouble on the sea. We are mammals, not fish! Like humans, our babies grow inside of us until they are born. Our blood is also warm, not cold. We are also like whales, because whales are mammals too.

If we say that we have bigger brains than fish we are not bragging! We dolphins are very smart; much smarter than other sea creatures. We talk to each other using a special language. We can know the size and shape of objects with our voices. Our sounds bounce off those objects and return to us. We can even find tiny coins on the bottom of the sea!

Humans love us because of our laughing sounds and our smiling faces. Well guess what? We love humans too!





The sea was as clear as it always was. There were many fish playing joyfully in the water. Jellyfish were floating up and down. Dina the Dolphin was swimming with her baby.

“Yumi!” she cried to her little one. “Don’t forget to take a breath! You can only stay underwater for about five minutes.”

Little Yumi shook his tail.

“Don’t worry Mother!” he answered. “Let’s race! I’m sure that I will beat you this time.”

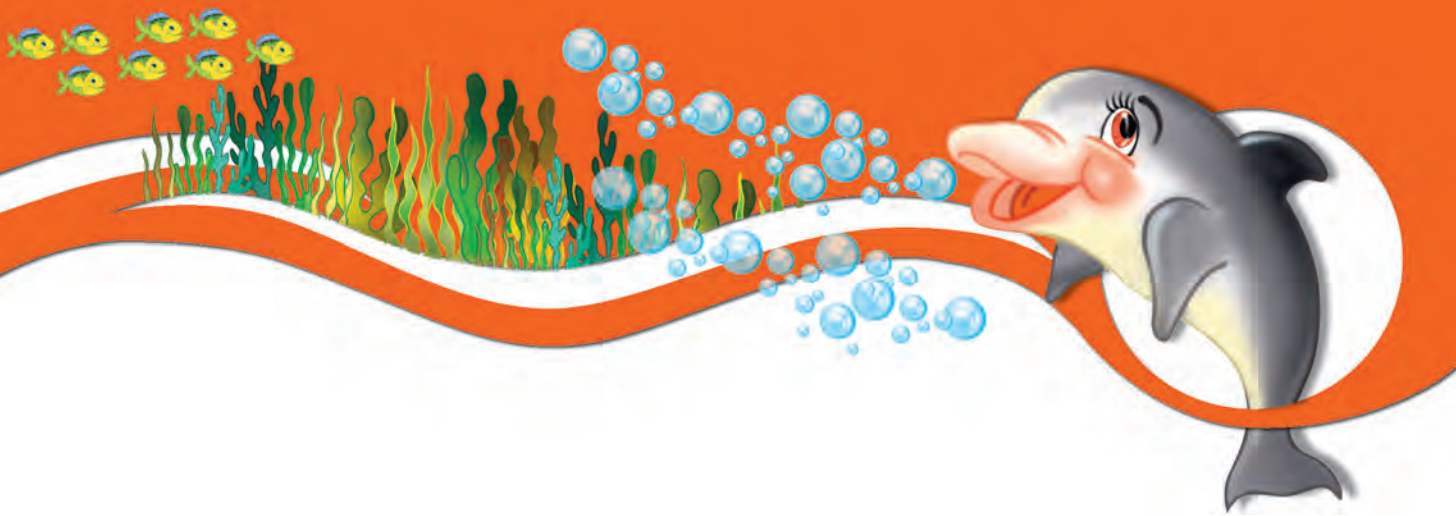
Yumi sped ahead. As he swam he dove deeper into the sea and then jumped out. This helped him move very fast.

“Be careful my baby,” Dina called out. “Don’t swim so fast!”

“Come on Mother! You should swim faster,” Yumi replied. “If you don’t, I’ll beat you!”







Meanwhile, a ship was coming near. It blew its horn. This was a special ship. It searched for dolphins. It would catch the dolphins and sell them to zoos around the world.

A little boy on the ship spotted Yumi swimming.

“Look! There is a little dolphin,” shouted the boy. “He is so lovely!”

The boy’s father replied, “Do you like him? Let’s get him onto our ship.”

The father then threw a big net into the sea.

