

Herman the Hippo

Learns Allah's Name ar-Razzaq

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 Hippopotamus!

We hippopotamuses live in Africa. We live right next to rivers. It is no problem for us to swim in deep water. In spite of our huge and clumsy bodies we can swim very well.

We eat grass, just like elephants. We eat all sorts of grass, especially grass along the riverbanks. We secrete a pinkish liquid from our skin. This protects our bodies from sunburn and germs. It also makes us quite lovely!

Our tiny ears on our huge heads, like a pair of ribbons, make us even cuter. We hippos are usually laid-back but if we sense danger, we can become very angry. When we are angry even crocodiles become afraid of us!







It was midday. The hungry animals were eating their meals with gusto. The Monkey had broken off a very big banana. The long-necked giraffe was busy eating the leaves of the huge trees. A baby lion was gnawing the bone that his mother had brought him. Herman the Hippo had already eaten his fill of grass, which he liked very much. After Peter Pelican had swallowed the fish he had filled his beak with, he said to Herman: "Mashallah! Isn't it nice that there is enough food for all of us? We never go hungry!"

Patting his stomach, which he had filled with grass, Herman replied, "Al-Hamdulillah! There is food all around us!"







While Herman and Peter were chatting, a small bird came and perched on Herman's nose.

"Come on Herman!" said the little bird. "It's my turn to eat. I'm very hungry. Open your mouth! I will eat my fill and clean your teeth at the same time."

Herman opened his big mouth as wide as he could. The small bird started to eat the bits of grass that were stuck in Herman's teeth. The little bird ate until his stomach was full. Herman was also happy. His teeth were getting cleaned!

