

Story of a king and a boy



Vocabulary Revision Table

وَالسَّمَاءِ	وَالْيَوْمِ	وَشَاهِدِ	
ذَاتِ	الْمَوْعُودِ	وَمَشْهُودِ	
الْبُرُوجِ	النَّارِ	إِذْ	
قَتَلَ	ذَاتِ	هُمْ	
أَصْحَابُ	الْوَقُودِ	عَلَيْهَا	
الْأَخْدُودِ	وَالسَّمَاءِ	قُعُودُ	
وَهُمْ	ذَاتِ	وَالْيَوْمِ	
عَلَى	الْبُرُوجِ	الْمَوْعُودِ	
مَا	قَتَلَ	إِذْ	
يَفْعَلُونَ	أَصْحَابُ	هُمْ	
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ	الْأَخْدُودِ	عَلَيْهَا	
شُهُودُ (٧)		قُعُودُ	
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Surah Al-Burooj

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

From history we learn that many times believers have been thrown into pits of blazing fire for their belief. There are many narrations about how people who refused to change their faith were burned alive. One of the events has been reported by Hadrat Suhaib Rumi from the Holy Prophet (upon whom be peace), saying that a king had a magician at his court who on becoming old requested the king to appoint a boy who should learn magic from him. Accordingly the king appointed a boy. But the boy while going to the magician's place and coming back home also started visiting on the way a monk (who was probably a follower of the Prophet Jesus) and being influenced by his teaching turned a believer. So much so, that by his training he acquired miraculous powers. He would heal the blind and cure the lepers.

When the king came to know that the boy had believed in the Unity of God, he first put the monk to the sword. He wanted to kill the boy, but no instrument and no device had any effect on the boy.

At last, the boy said to the king: "If you are bent upon killing me, shoot an arrow at me with the word: Bi-ismi Rabbil-ghulam (in the name of this boy's Lord) in front of the assembled people and I shall die." The king did as he was told and the boy died.

There upon the people cried out that they believed in the Lord of the boy.

The courtiers told the king that the boy has been successful as the people had believed in the Lord of the boy.

At this the king was filled with rage. Consequently, he got pits dug out along the roads, got them filled with fire and ordered that all those who refused to come back to their previous faith should be thrown in the fire.

(Ahmad, Muslim. Nasa'i, Tirmidhi, Ibn Jarir. 'Abdur Razzaq. Ibn Abi Shaibah, Tabarani. 'Ahd hin Humaid)

Connect to the correct answer

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| 1. Why did the old magician want the king to appoint a boy for him? | ➤ The king ordered the killing of the people as he was angry that they all believed in the one Lord of the boy. |
| 2. Where was the boy going? | ➤ The king was not able to kill the boy. |
| 3. What did he learn from the monk? | ➤ The boy was going to a monk. |
| 4. What did the king do to the monk? | ➤ The king killed the monk. |
| 5. What did the boy believe in? | ➤ The boy believed in one God. |
| 6. Was the king able to kill the boy by himself? | ➤ He learned how to heal the blind and lepers. |
| 7. How was the king able to kill the boy? | ➤ The boy told the king that if he says "In the name of the boy's Lord" the boy will die. |
| 8. Why did the king order the killing of so many people? | ➤ The old magician wanted to teach magic. |

Vocabulary Practice

	إِنَّ		الَّذِي		وَمَا
	الَّذِينَ		لَهُ		نَقَمُوا
	فَتَنُوا		مَلِكٌ		مِنْهُمْ
	الْمُؤْمِنِينَ		السَّمَوَاتِ		إِلَّا
	وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ		وَالْأَرْضِ		أَنْ
	ثُمَّ		وَاللَّهِ		يُؤْمِنُوا
	لَمْ		عَلَى		يَا اللَّهَ
	يَتُوبُوا		كُلِّ		الْعَزِيزِ
	فَلَهُمْ		شَيْءٍ		الْحَمِيدِ
	عَذَابُ		شَيْءٍ		(٨)
	جَهَنَّمَ		(٩)		نَقَمُوا
	وَلَهُمْ		السَّمَوَاتِ		يُؤْمِنُوا
	عَذَابُ		وَالْأَرْضِ		وَمَا
	الْحَرِيقِ		شَيْءٍ		الْعَزِيزِ
	(١٠)		شَيْءٍ		الْحَمِيدِ
	فَتَنُوا		السَّمَوَاتِ		نَقَمُوا
	الْمُؤْمِنِينَ		وَالْأَرْضِ		يُؤْمِنُوا
	وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ		شَيْءٍ		وَمَا

	إِنَّهُ		إِنْ		إِنْ
	هُوَ		بَطَشَ		الَّذِينَ
	يُبْدِي		رَبَّكَ		ءَامَنُوا
	وَيُعِيدُ		لَشَدِيدُ		وَعَمِلُوا
	(١٣)		(١٢)		الصَّالِحَاتِ
	يُبْدِي		بَطَشَ		لَهُمْ
	وَيُعِيدُ		لَشَدِيدُ		جَنَّتْ
	بَطَشَ		جَنَّتْ		تَجْرَى
	لَشَدِيدُ		تَجْرَى		مِنْ
	جَنَّتْ		تَحْتِهَا		تَحْتِهَا
	تَجْرَى		الْأَنْهَارُ		الْأَنْهَارُ
	تَحْتِهَا		الْفَوْزُ		ذَٰلِكَ
	الْأَنْهَارُ		الْكَبِيرُ		الْفَوْزُ
	الْفَوْزُ		ءَامَنُوا		الْكَبِيرُ
	الْكَبِيرُ		وَعَمِلُوا		(١١)
	ءَامَنُوا		الصَّالِحَاتِ		ءَامَنُوا
	وَعَمِلُوا		إِنْ		وَعَمِلُوا
	الصَّالِحَاتِ		الَّذِينَ		الصَّالِحَاتِ