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5th Grade Wonder

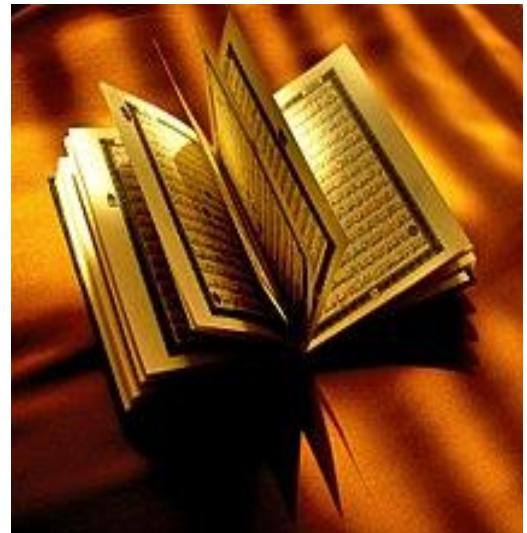
5th grader, Maryam Laam is doing her part to build a greater world. She hosts a YouTube show called *Quran with Maryam*. Maryam invites guests and teaches them and the audience how to read Quran properly. She also hosts another program, *Guide Us TV*. On her show, she interviews famous Muslim imams, and others who are making a mark in the world. Maryam has been on *The Deen Show*, which can be viewed on cable TV. *Al-Jazeera* TV made sure they presented a program about her, too. Who is this young hijab wearing Muslimah who is becoming one of the most famous Muslims in America . . . and why is she so popular?

Maryam is a Hafiza! She began memorizing Quran when she was 2 years old. By the time she was eight, she knew 21 Juz. Now, she knows the entire Quran. May Allah bless her. As if being a hafiz weren't amazing enough, Maryam has one of the most spectacular recitations in the world! Maryam says she wants to motivate other young kids to memorize and understand Quran. The next time you are on your tablet or computer, type in her name. Maybe she will be an inspiration for you to become a hafiz, insha'Allah.

The Martyr who loved Quran

The Prophet (saw) called her the "martyr". No one knew why. Umm Waraqah was one of the famous Muslims who knew the Prophet (saw). Living in Medina, she helped the Meccan Muslims who immigrated to the new city. She was famous for her attentiveness to Quran. She memorized a lot of Quran and studied it often. Umm Waraqah was so devoted to Quran and prayer that the Prophet (saw) provided her with her own personal muezzin! Many Muslim women in her family flocked to her home to pray beside her and listen to her remarkable recitation.

One day when Umar was the leader of the Muslims, he grew worried. No one had heard Umm Waraqah's lovely Quran recitation for some time. People of the town decided to check on her. To their shock, they discovered she had died in her home as a martyr. Now the people knew why the Prophet (saw) used to call Umm Waraqah the "martyr".



"The best among you are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it." (Bukhari)

