



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

PROVIDING EDUCATION
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

SPREADING THE TRUE
TEACHINGS OF ISLAM



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Salāmun 'alaykum,

Alḥamdulillāh this year was another humbling experience of working with dedicated individuals, organizations, and community leaders. Our global community is working hard, and we are honored to be part of this ummah. May Allah increase in the success of all the Muslim ummah all around the world.

Success is often measured on an individual basis, but as the Noble Qur'an says in Sūrah Naḥl, each individual can actually be a nation within themselves.

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ
Indeed Abraham was a nation [all by himself], obedient to Allah, a Ḥanīf, and he was not a polytheist.

Mālik al-Ashtar when asked to govern Egypt expressed concern to Imām 'Alī ('a) of being sent so far away from him, and to a place that was predominantly non-Muslim at the time. Imām asked if Mālik felt that Allah was near or far. To which Mālik responded that indeed Allah is closer than our jugular vein, all we need to do is call on Him. Imām 'Alī ('a) then said that Yā Mālik, if Allah is near, then how can the one who is His mediator and connector be far? In other words, Imām too was close to Mālik, all he had to do was call out Yā 'Alī!

Mālik was essentially being pushed outside of his comfort zone of Kufah, and away from his beloved to change a nation. We need to do this too and realize our potential and think of how we can impact the global community.

As Muslims, our success cannot be individualistic and our vision cannot be myopic. Our path to success has four levels:

- Bettering ourselves
- Having strong families
- Giving back to our community
- And working towards the global society



We are all connected globally by our faith and our communities are all rooted in the teachings of the Ahl al-Bayt. We need to break down barriers and work together to build a global community with good infrastructure and shared resources so the future generations can benefit from our hard work, and inshā'Allāh stay on the straight path. We need to be ambassadors to share our beliefs, spiritual goals, aspirations, and faith.



For this, we need projects that are outside the box, curriculum and literature that is rooted in our faith, creative projects and products that strengthen the identity of our families, youth, and educational platforms.

Our platform is built by the collective effort and teamwork of the community for the community. Majority of the Al-Kisa projects are volunteer driven by professional and enthusiastic individuals. And they use the platform to enhance their skill sets, advance in their creativity, and push projects that they are passionate about moving forward.

Our volunteers and contributors are the gems at Al-Kisa, and they are very precious. May Allah bless and reward their efforts abundantly.

At Al-Kisa, it is important for us to send out annual updates so we can communicate with the global community about the projects we are working on, what we are prioritizing, and what our challenges are. We value your opinion, and are honored to receive input.

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns, feedback, or advice. We welcome your feedback and collaboration (admin@alkisafoundation.org), and if you have any questions about our projects, we are happy to share this. One of our initiatives is that we create books, and we are an open book.

May Allah bless you and your families, and hasten the appearance of the Mahdī ('aj) and make us worthy of helping his cause of justice.

With du'ās,
Nabi Raza Mir (Abidi)



BECOME A
VOLUNTEER

AL-KISA FOUNDATION

Al-Kisa Foundation's mission is to help nurture the holistic growth of individuals, families, and communities by creating infrastructure, resources and services in pursuit of and following the teachings of the Noble Qur'an and Ahl al-Bayt.

Our vision is to create a global infrastructure for holistic education and make it accessible to every household worldwide especially to those who are mission aligned and underserved.



**Al-Kisa Foundation
is accredited by
Cognia!**

In order to fulfill this mission and vision Al-Kisa Foundation has been working on different projects with scholars, professionals, and community members. These projects range from developing new entities such as Kisa Therapy Clinic to enhancing existing projects such as publications, Islamic resources, 2nd Chance prison project, etc.

AL-KISA EDUCATION SYSTEM

A platform that provides support and assistance to institutions to improve quality of education, policies, procedures, and assurances that adhere to higher educational standards. Al-Kisa Foundation has received System Level accreditation from Cognia, providing an opportunity for schools to be eligible for Cognia accreditation through the System's platform. With a System Accreditation, Al-Kisa Foundation can work with institutions to increase quality, processes, procedures, and academic results. Accreditation will allow institutions to issue American diplomas, which will provide students around the world a better opportunity into college, university, and certification programs.



MILESTONES

Developing a set of elements & practices that align to Cognia's Quality Performance Standards.

Developing evidence templates and samples to assist schools in understanding accreditation and improvement requirements.

Developing and organizing a total of 30 different training topics to be available for the Al-Kisa network of existing schools and to add to the Suite of resources.

Working and partnered with 10 schools in pursuit of Cognia accreditation.

Providing support to Al-Kisa accredited schools in collection of data, quality assurance process and continuous improvement journey.

Launched the RISE University project - offering masters and PhD programs in Education.

Leading the WASC accreditation process and setting up the structure for initiating collaborative completion of the self-study. Completing chapter one of the self-study.

Initiating the collaboration with the India Raabta team to initiate joint efforts and align plans and processes for quality assurance.

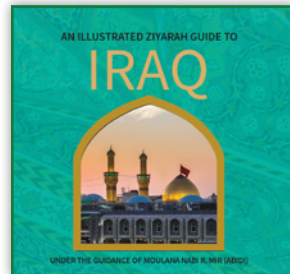
KISA PUBLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTORS IN 8 COUNTRIES



REGISTERED NON-PROFITS IN
US, UK, CA & AU

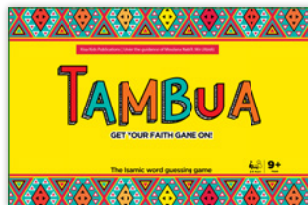
Kisa Publications is dedicated to fostering personal and educational growth among individuals, families, and educators. Our mission is to provide a wide range of Islamic literature, including children's books, Islamic Studies curriculum, and various resources, with the aim of empowering the community. We are committed to equipping individuals with the necessary tools to nurture their minds and souls and to facilitate education.



It is an honor to say that the Illustrated Ziyārah Guide to Iraq has been printed by the Ḥaram of Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) and is now available to purchase in the Baynul Ḥaramayn bookstore.



IRAN
(Ziyarah Guide)



TAMBUA
(Word Guessing Game)



LET'S VISIT JAMKARAN
(100 Piece Puzzle)

MILESTONES

Books for Children of Various Ages:

- Hamza and Aliya Share a Surprise
- Hayaa's Turbah
- Hayaa's Tasbīḥ
- Rafiq and Friends
- The Light Within

Games:

- Let's Visit Jamkarān
(*Hide-and-Seek Puzzle*)
- Tambua
(*An Islamic Word Guessing Game*)

Books for Adults / Young Adults:

- Illustrated Guide to Iran
- The Immaculate 14 - Imām Ja'far aṣ-Ṣādiq (ʿa)
- Mina from the Land of the Poems
- Tell Me About ... Shahr Ramaḍān
- The Clear Guidance (Volume 1)
- 150 Life Lessons from Noble Narrations

Project Booklets

- The Days of Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) Book 1
- The Spiritual Season Book 2
- Shahr Ramaḍān Book 3
- 10 Days of al-Karamah

Upcoming Publications Include:

- A Marriage Mindset
- Day by Day (Board Book)
- Hajj Guide
- Islamic Timeline Game
- Prophet Sequence Game
- Qur'an Mindfulness Journal
- The Good Tree (Chapter book)

Curriculum:

- Islamic Studies Curriculum for Grades 7-12
- Content Development Phase for ELA Curriculum
- Visual Arts Curriculum



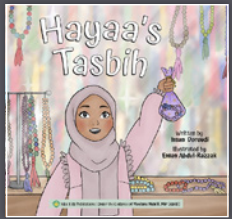
THE CLEAR GUIDANCE

The Clear Guidance is a unique commentary of the Noble Qur'an being written in English, offering an easy-to-follow format that provides more understanding of the Word of Allah.

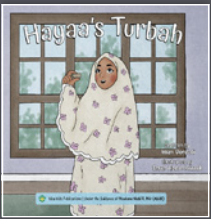
SELECT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THESE LANGUAGES



(Translation volunteers needed)



HAYAA'S TASBIH



HAYAA'S TURBAH



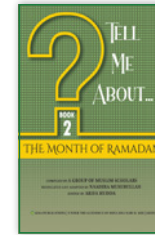
THE IMMACULATE 14



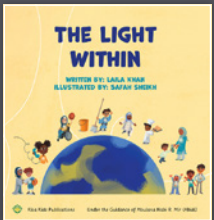
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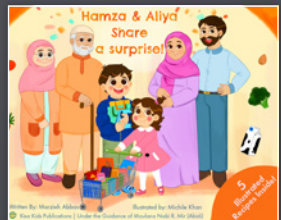
150 LIFE LESSONS



TELL ME ABOUT: RAMADAN

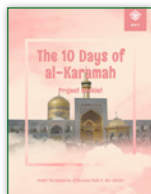


THE LIGHT WITHIN



HAMZA & ALIYA SHARE A SURPRISE

PROJECT BOOKLETS



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MONTH

Your donations are making it possible to bring these resources to our communities!

KISA VISUAL ARTS CURRICULUM



The goal of the Art Curriculum is to incorporate the Roots of Risers in a creative and fun way, engaging with the student, as well as providing an akhlāqi lens to their creativity.

7-12 GRADE ISLAMIC CURRICULUM



The development and compilation of a PreK-12 curriculum for Islamic Studies and Qur'an, along with life skills and contemporary issues related to our daily lives.

KISA FAMILY

The archetype of the perfect family is embodied by the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a), who have provided timeless foundational tools on how to build and maintain a strong and healthy family structure. Kisa Family aspires to teach and help implement these fundamental principles, thereby strengthening the family unit. By developing research-based resources, we strive to provide holistic knowledge, guidance, and support on how to actualize every family’s innate potential to succeed.



MILESTONES

- Marriage Connection Calendar and Journal
- Weaning your Nursing Child
- Advice and Tips for Seeking a Spouse
- The Early Years of Marriage
- FAQs for Parents and their marriage-ready children
- Beginning your journey towards seeking a spouse
- Morale in Seniors through aging and illness
- Seeking Advice from your parents
- Sibling Rivalry and Jealousy
- How to talk to your daughter about her period
- Adapted books for special needs: Hakima and Hadi remember Imam Husain, Hayaa’s Chador, Rahma the Raindrop (Coming Soon)



BLOGS:

- Observing the Male Hijab in a hypersexualized world
- Dear Kisa series:
 - Sleep or worship
 - Going to the masjid with a rowdy child
- Series on Building a Relationship with Imam Mahdi
- The Journey of Spouse Selection
- Reflections and Lessons: Pregnancy and Childbirth
- What is the Purpose of Marriage
- Instilling in our Littles the love of prayer
- The Value of a Mother
- Growing Up with Grandparents
- A welcoming Masjid
- Finding a way home
- Ziyarah a journey of bonding
- Family Meetings





RISE EDUCATION SYSTEM

The mission of RISE Schools is to promote the holistic development of the child through an authentic and experiential student learning approach. This is accomplished by educating the child in the formation of faith, family and community. RISE students learn to become responsible and productive members of the society through a faith-based education promoting tolerance, peace and justice.



MILESTONES

- Developed Admin Handbook
- Introduced streamlined process for budget and purchasing
- Refined admissions process for all Rise schools
- Developed a system for all Rise Schools to be accountable for all tasks, documentation of procedures, and implementation of procedures via Infinity
- Introduced BambooHR to streamline HR functions (time off requests, hiring, contracts, etc.)
- Streamlined Financial Aid process to verify academic and attendance records, completion of volunteer hours, punctuality of tuition payments, and proper communication
- Improved process for Corporate Match families
- Introduced Scholarship Program for Arizona students
- Aligned social studies curriculum with mission
- Implemented NWEA MAP testing at both schools
- Made improvements in the holistic wellbeing referral process

RISE ACADEMY

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MILESTONES

- RISE Academy graduating class of 2023 has a 100% acceptance rate at many prestigious universities including: UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Davis Georgia Tech, University of the Pacific, and more! 43% of our students were accepted into UC Berkeley.
- As of June 2022 high school student performance statistics:
 - SAT Scores: Top 5% in the US
 - AP Exam Pass Rate: 97%
 - 11th grade PSAT Scores: Top 5% in the US
 - 10th grade PSAT Scores: Top 20% in the US
 - 9th grade PSAT Scores: Top 10% in the US
 - 8th grade HSPT Scores: Top 10% in the US
 - 100% of Graduates are accepted to Universities
- Current graduating class (2023) have received scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$116,000 Above Average Performance: On average, RISE Academy students continue to perform at significantly higher rates in comparison to national and local averages. The school is proud of its students' achievements and works hard to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed academically.
- RISE Academy Middle School Camp: This was a student-led learning opportunity where middle school students were given the chance to lead in a camp setting. The camp covered a variety of topics such as leadership, communication, team building, and problem solving.
- New Elective Courses and clubs: several new elective courses have been added to the curriculum this year. Courses include robotics, cooking, entrepreneurship, and media production.
- Community Building Events: the school has hosted several community building events throughout the year, including the Baligha ceremony, hosted parent workshops on topics such as bullying awareness and raising resilient children.
- Student leadership: opportunities through student council, principal advisory committees, internships etc.
- Professional Development: Teachers and staff are provided with training opportunities to ensure they are equipped with the latest teaching practices and techniques. Some topics covered include: Karamatun Nafs, Dignity of the child, Differentiation in the classroom, Student Engagement Strategies, and CPR training.



RISE INSTITUTE

RISE Institute is a US-based, nationally accredited online school that strives for the development of the whole child by providing excellence in academic preparation in a faith-based environment. This means that in addition to the core subjects of Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies, we integrate Qur'an, Islamic Studies, and Mentorship to develop students towards high levels of God-consciousness, professional excellence and civic leadership by serving the larger society around them.

RISE Institute offers a holistic education that incorporates the teachings of the Ahl al-Bayt, where teachers utilize critical thinking that allow students to find creative solutions to real world issues. RISE Institute gives a voice to all students with small class sizes, personalized learning experiences, and leadership opportunities.

MILESTONES

- RISE Institute creates a holistic learning environment through Islamic, academic, enrichment, and social opportunities for every student, through our daily assemblies, after school clubs, school-wide competitions and events, and facilitation in-person gatherings in large cities.
- RISE Institute has a fully Muslim Teaching Staff that shares a collective 75+ years of experience, 100% of the staff have Bachelor's Degrees and/or educational certifications, 100% of the staff are Project Based Learning Certified, and 50% of staff have obtained Graduate Degrees.

- RISE Families shared their overall satisfaction rate with our school is 9 out of 10, highlighting the nurturing of future Muslim leaders, creating a safe and Islamically aligned environment, notable student growth while at RISE, and compassionate and dedicated teaching staff.
- RISE Students participated in a variety of competitions including a school-wide Spelling Bee, Urwathul Wuthqa Quran Competition, and WISE Talks International Speech Competition.
 - For WISE Talks, the top students from 27 schools will be joining their peers from around the world in Iraq to compete in the finals in January 2024, inshaAllah.
 - During the Urwathul Wuthqa Quran Competition RISE Institute competed alongside 11 other registered students from across the globe for the second annual Qur'an Competition. RISE had 4 students placed as finalists, and the school was recognized as one of the two top schools in the competition.
- RISE Institute students showed scholastic and academic success in our school assessments and presentations.
 - In our NWEA MAP Benchmarking Assessment, RISE analyzed the student data and 100% of the classrooms are achieving at or above grade level.
- STREAM Fair: A Celebration of Learning is an annual program where students submit proposals for projects they have done during the year, and present to the school their project, sharing what they learned, and making Islamic connections to their work.
- RISE hosts Student-Led Conferences twice per year to give students the opportunities to share their personal goals with their parents and progress towards those goals. Learning Coaches (parents) shared 100% satisfaction rate that Student-Led Conferences are both beneficial to them and to their learners.

RISE MICROSCHOOLS

RISE MicroSchools are an opportunity for our RISE Institute families to gather on a regular basis to provide the students with religious, social, and academic enrichment. The RISE MicroSchools will be using programs created by the RISE team and in line with the mission and vision of the school. MicroSchools are established in communities of our RISE Institute families who are interested in providing this program for their children.

A RISE MicroSchool benefits the whole community!

RISE students can spend time together while sharing their love of learning and the Ahl al-Bayt. RISE MicroSchools located in Islamic centers will encourage students to participate in local programs while enjoying time with their friends. RISE MicroSchools are building blocks for community schools.

MILESTONES

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- RISE Simi Valley in California started a 5 day a week MicroSchool program that enrolled 6 students from Kindergarten to Grade 2, and will be expanding to 3rd grade next year and 8 students.
- Simi Valley MicroSchools students take their core classes online with RISE Institute teachers and have recess, lunch, extra curricular activities, Islamic celebrations & commemorations with their peers at the in-person facility. MicroSchools are a unique place where students receive the high quality education from credentialed and experienced RISE Institute teachers and enjoy the social aspect of in person schools.
- RISE Seattle in Washington continued their weekly program this year and increased to 15 students enrolled in all grade levels. Currently, there are 20 students enrolled in RISE from the Seattle community for next year. The team also started an early childhood program for children from 2 to 4 years old with 9 students enrolled.
- The Seattle Program starts with Dua Ahad, recitation of the Holy Quran followed by lessons in ELA and Science lessons that incorporate Islamic concepts and hands-on learning. There are also crafts and life skills shortly, followed by salaah and lunch. The final hour is Physical Education where we use the Gym in the facility as well as the children enjoy (weather permitting) the adjoining park.
- RISE Phoenix in Arizona will be launching for the 2023-2024 school year at their local center with currently 11 students enrolled, inshaAllah.

RISE EAST BAY

The mission of RISE East Bay is to promote the holistic development of the child covering the psychological, emotional, spiritual, physical, intellectual and social well-being. This is accomplished by educating the child in the formation of faith, family and community. RISE East Bay students inshaAllah will learn to become responsible and productive members of the society through a faith-based education promoting tolerance, peace and justice.



MILESTONES

- Special Quran and Islamic Studies Program conducted by Moulana Wahedi
- Curriculum fully executed in a play-based manner
- Frequent field trips conducted 7 times
- Focus on building a strong parent and staff relationship
 - Parents actively involved in school activities, including planning, supervision, field trips, cleaning, and organizing the school
 - Guiding and assisting parents in taking the ECE (Early Childhood Education) unit for increased productivity in the next year.



Salam Institute strives to promote access to Qur'anic and Islamic education for every child so as to increase knowledge and the application of Islamic History, Akhlāq, Fiqh, Aqāid and the Noble Qur'an, in a holistic way which covers social, spiritual and physical aspects of development. It is our mission to guide and nurture students who will carry this knowledge forward and adopt through it, God-consciousness.

Learn more about our vision at <https://salamonline.education/>



SALAM INSTITUTE SCHOOLS

Salam Online Schools: 400+ students
North America (Grades PreK-9)
v- Students across USA, Canada, England

MENASA (Grades KG-9)
Students across UAE, Pakistan, Kenya, Qatar, India, Iran, Kuwait, UK, Egypt

NZ/AUS (Grades PreK-7)
Students across New Zealand and Australia

Youth Classes (Grades 7-12)
Students across USA, Canada, India, Australia



MILESTONES

SALAM Institute Collaborating Schools Globally!
Across USA, Canada, India, Pakistan, UK, New Zealand, Australia

Learning Management System (LMS)
Provided LMS (Canvas and Google Classroom) to collaborating schools with full access to all content for curriculum, presentations, quizzes, & games.

Curriculum
Salam Institute has served students with age appropriate curriculum. Created supplemental curriculum classroom content for each lesson, including presentations and games.

Content Creation
Content creation (presentations, games and quizzes) for grades 7th-12th.

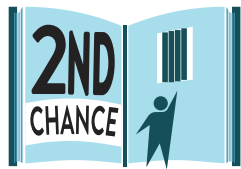
School-Wide Programming
Qur'an Memorization Competition with cash prizes and certificates provided to 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners from each category.

Parent Workshops

Professional Development
Provided professional development training to all staff throughout the year.

Website
All curriculum and supplemental resources provided on the website.





2ND CHANCE BOOKS

2nd Chance Books is a 501c3 organization founded in 2014 to uplift incarcerated Muslims and inmates interested in Islam. We provide support, education, and tools for rehabilitation.

MILESTONES

Statistics as of February 28th 2023:

2,429 active members.

(36.5% increase from August '22)

Sent 22,362 books since founding.

(2,629 since May 2022)

Serving in 40/50 states and 383 prisons nationwide.

Between August '22 and Feb '23, 2nd Chance Books:

Received 1225 letters.

Provided 824 individual curriculum packages.

Sent 2 issues of Sirat Link, 1 Annual Calendar & 3 Islamic Occasion cards.

We have also completed Reading Comprehension Guides for over 20 of our most popular titles and will be launching the service this summer. The goal is to provide increased understanding and support with the texts that we are sending.



Islamic Beliefs is a website launched in July 2021 to provide education and community support to anyone who is looking to build their Islamic knowledge. Our goal is to cater equally to all knowledge levels and backgrounds.

AUDIO RECORDINGS
FOR GUIDED BOOKS



Ongoing audio recording of books, and comprehension guide development

MASJID REGISTRY



Masjid Registry and Ambassadors program is underway

ORIGINAL VIDEOS



Fiqh videos project in collaboration with the Kisa Media team and Sheikh Salim Yusufali

MILESTONES

In partnership with 2nd Chance, Islamic Beliefs has completed reading comprehension guides and discussion group materials for over 20 titles on our curriculum.

Completed scripts for original video series, pending filming.

Partnered with Al-Kisa Media and brought in a team of volunteers to create audio-recordings of popular books.

Began coding on Shia+ android version, in partnership with the app.



AHLUL-BAYT STUDENT ASSOCIATION NETWORK

ABSAN Network strives to provide professional growth and spiritual development opportunities to Shia youth across the globe under the guidance of scholars, educators, and industry professionals.

MILESTONES

Hosted 50+ Virtual Events.

Collaborated with 20+ Shi'a Organizations Across the Globe.

Completed 200+ Hours of Research on Muslims & Media Perceptions.

Supported 45+ ABSAN Chapters & Shi'a Student Groups on College Campus.

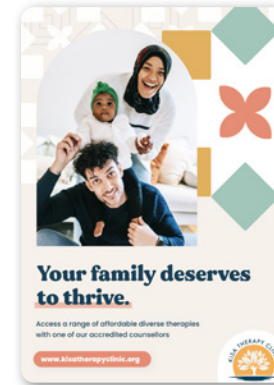
Donated 27+ Networking Packages to ABSAN.

Chapters & Shi'a Student Groups on College Campus.

Established 8+ New ABSAN Chapters on College Campuses.



Our mission is to serve the community with faith-based, professional, accessible, and affordable mental healthcare in partnership with scholars and therapists, that aligns with the teachings of Qur'an and Ahlulbayt.



Launched Kisa Therapy Clinic in California alongside with website, social media and online practice.

Started providing services before the launch.

AL-KISA MEDIA

Animation and Script Writing continue for future release:

- Does He Remember Me Read-along: [LINK](#)
- Day by Day - Hakima & Hadi Animated Short Video
- Islamic Nursery Rhymes
 - Allah is Creator
 - Allah is Raziq
- Little Pigeon's Arbain Adventure [URL](#)

Studio

- Fasting, Family & Faith Series for Ramadan 1444
- Reed of Tawheed new single: Behind the Clouds
- Kisa Kids Crafts



Audio Books

- Narrators have been selected from the community to start recording english books
 - The Second Fatima
 - Tell Me About Sins & Repentance

Graphic Design, Illustration & Layout

- Seasonal Project Booklets have been released for:
 - Spiritual Season
 - Shahr Ramadān
 - Muharram 1445 AD Project Booklet (anticipate)
- Islamic Curriculum for Grades 7-9 had a pilot release
- Graphic Design, Illustrations & Layout for several new publications via:
 - Kisa Kids
 - Kisa Publications





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