

JORDAN: WORKING TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS

Population: 6.5 million (plus up to 3 million refugees);
92% Sunni Muslim; 6% Christian; 2% Shia Muslim/Druze
Literacy: 98.5% men; 97.5% women

SAT-7 works with local partners, drawing on the expertise of other media companies, to produce exciting and innovative Christian television shows.

In Jordan, SAT-7 works with Dana Productions to broadcast two children's programmes on our dedicated children's channel, SAT-7 KIDS. *Colours* is an interactive show which teaches the basic truths of Christianity that pre-schoolers can understand, using a colourful mix of music, animation, dance and stories. *Book in a Playroom* is presented by two children, Yasmina and her brother Shojaa. In each episode, based in their playroom, they play with a doll who tells them Bible stories and answers their questions. An exciting development for 2017 is the launch of a new free mobile app to accompany *Book in a Playroom*.

Dana Productions also produces *Men's Talk* on SAT-7 ARABIC. In airing some topics that Middle Eastern men would not normally discuss openly, it offers unique support and allows men to apply biblical concepts to aspects of their everyday lives. Past topics have included work ethics, domestic abuse, pornography, death and grieving, and leadership. "Men of all ages and backgrounds tell us the show has really made a difference", says the producer. "We end always with a message of hope...by saying

'God is the solution, God is the provider, God is faithful.'"



Men's Talk chat show

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PRAY

Sat 24 - Sun 25 June
Pray for the role Jordan plays at the crossroads of the Middle East, particularly in peace negotiations.

Monday 26 June
Pray for the partners and media organisations with whom SAT-7 works in countries such as Jordan.

Tuesday 27 June
Give thanks for the creativity of the producers and their faithfulness in bringing the word of God alive to men, women and children.

Wednesday 28 June
Pray for the new *Book in a Playroom* app, that it would encourage children with biblical truths, as well as stimulate their creative and intellectual abilities.

Thursday 29 June
Pray for plans for a new season of *Men's Talk*, for wisdom for the producers in choosing topics which engage men and challenge traditional ways of thinking.

Friday 30 June
"Blessed are the peacemakers" – pray for Jordanian Christians as they faithfully serve their communities.

**MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE
ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST
AND NORTH AFRICA
THROUGH CHRISTIAN TV**



NEWS AND PRAYER

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LEBANON: THE CRY FOR UNITY AND TOLERANCE

Population: 6.2 million; 27% Sunni Muslim; 27% Shia Muslim;
40.5% Christian; 5.5% Druze
Literacy: 96% men 91.8% women



Father Ramzi Jreij

One of the latest programmes to come from SAT-7's Lebanon studio is the talk show, *Is it important to be Christian?*, a teaching (catechism) programme for adults which explains the creed and other core principles of Christianity. The show's host, Father Ramzi Jreij, says "Catechism is the base of the church but most adults have been missing out on a continuous spiritual education since they were children."

A key aim of *Is it important to be Christian?* is to promote tolerance in society and unity between Christian denominations. The programme explores key components from the Christian faith, asks how these apply on a daily basis and provides answers to uncertainties, questions and fears.

In a recent episode on believing in miracles, Father Ramzi talked to a mother whose child was close to death but was miraculously healed. Another mother shared about the death of her sick child despite successfully fundraising for his surgery. The episode discussed sorrow, sadness and joy, and how to deal with all these circumstances in a practical biblical way.

Broadcast from the beginning of March on SAT-7 ARABIC, the programme has received very positive feedback, particularly from our social media audience, with more than 31,000 views of episodes on YouTube in March alone.



PRAY

Thursday 1 June
Pray for SAT-7's staff in the Beirut studio, especially those working behind the scenes.

Friday 2 June
Pray for Christians in Lebanon to live out and share their faith.

Saturday 3 June
Pray that viewers will gain a true understanding of Christian beliefs through watching this programme.

Sunday 4 June
Pray for people across the Middle East to rediscover their Christian faith.

Monday 5 June
Thank God that this show is encouraging understanding among different Christian denominations and non-Christians.

Tuesday 6 June
Give thanks for the large number of viewers watching the programme through social media.

Wednesday 7 June
Pray for the show's producers and presenter – that all they say and do will reflect God's love and grace.

SYRIA: THE CRY OF REFUGEES FOR EDUCATION

Population: 17.2 million; 87% Muslim; 10% Christian; 3% Druze
Literacy: 91.7% men, 81% women



Nour's Diary

Since its launch in March 2015, SAT-7 KIDS' *My School* has been addressing the educational needs of displaced and disadvantaged children, such as Syrian refugees. These two-hour, daily teaching shows give children the enjoyment and fulfilment of learning, and the hope of a future.

Whilst continuing to focus on the key subjects of maths, English, science, Arabic and French, four unique new segments have been added to the third season of *My School*, which is currently airing on SAT-7 KIDS. These interactive elements address issues of trauma that young viewers may be facing.

My School will move to SAT-7's new educational channel, SAT-7 ACADEMY, upon its launch in September 2017. This will allow for more episodes to be broadcast, along with other supporting educational programming for all the family. *My School's* popularity amongst families from Syria and elsewhere in the MENA region is evident through the many comments SAT-7 receives from young viewers and their parents. One parent recently wrote, "I heard season three of *My School* is about to start, I honestly don't know how to thank you. I'm super excited for the French lessons. **You are a great channel, teaching our children academically and spiritually. All I can say is, God reward you abundantly.**"



Children in a refugee camp

PRAY

Thursday 8 June
Pray for a successful launch of SAT-7 ACADEMY in September.

Friday 9 June
Ask that *My School* would reach as many refugee and displaced children as possible.

Sat 10 - Sun 11 June
Pray that children watching *My School* would gain vital skills in core educational subjects.

Monday 12 June
Ask that children would feel supported in the many traumas they face living in the wake of war and conflict.

Tuesday 13 June
Pray for peace amongst the warring factions in Syria so that families may begin to return home and rebuild their lives.

Wednesday 14 June
Pray for funding for future series of *My School*, so that older age groups of children can also benefit from the lessons.

Thursday 15 June
Pray for plans to develop additional educational content on SAT-7 ACADEMY to support parents and teachers in their roles as caring and developing the next generation in Syria and across the MENA.

MOROCCO: THE CRY FOR WISDOM FROM A GENERATION UNDER PRESSURE

Population: 31 million; 99% Sunni Muslim; <1% Jewish; <1% Christian
Literacy: 82% men; 62% women



A new series of SAT-7 podcasts has a clear message that God accepts us, offers change and sets us free. *The Mask* targets Moroccan and North African youth with messages of hope and wisdom using a mixture of proverbs, comedy, rhymes and biblical values. Its presenter-producer, Hamid, says the short five-minute episodes aim to "change young people's view of themselves, and uncover deceptive views and ideas absorbed from culture and folk religion, in a humorous way".

Shared on SAT-7 ARABIC as well as on YouTube, the series has quickly built up a remarkable following with 365,000 likes on Facebook. Most popular has been an episode on "How to reject failure". Other topics have included facing fear, overcoming disability, addictions, honesty and cheating in exams, commerce, and the lack of guaranteed work or income.

The Mask's punchy, topic-specific messages have clearly struck a chord with young North Africans: "I felt that you were talking straight to me... We can change the world with a smile and some wise words," said one viewer. "Thank you for making me review many of my deeds and watch my words. Your message is meaningful and whoever meditates on it will experience progress in life," said another.



SAT-7
The Mask
presenter

PRAY

Friday 16 June
Pray for all young men and women currently looking for employment in Morocco.

Sat 17 - Sun 18 June
Ask for God's help as Hamid tackles the hopes and concerns of North African youth with biblical values, humour and compassion.

Monday 19 June
Pray for the audience of *The Mask* to continue to grow and reach more young people.

Tuesday 20 June
Give thanks for positive programme feedback: "It is the first time I have seen such an encouraging Moroccan message," one viewer said.

Wednesday 21 June
Seek God's wisdom as Hamid responds to the feedback of *The Mask* viewers.

Thursday 22 June
Pray that viewers will seek God's help and reject destructive lifestyles for the freedom He offers.

Friday 23 June
Pray for God's peace "that transcends all understanding" to guard the hearts and minds of North African Christians.