



My Name is:



My Lord, increase me in knowledge

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#### INTRODUCTION



This book narrates a true story about the life of a youngster who was to become the greatest human being that ever walked the earth.

His name? Muhammad ﷺ. Come, let us follow in the footsteps of his amazing journey through life.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born into the noblest of families, a direct descendent of Prophet Ibrahim ﷺ through his son Prophet Isma'il ﷺ.

His father passed away before he was born. Both his mother and grandfather also sadly passed away when he was still very young. We cannot imagine how he must have felt growing up as an orphan, without the people who loved him most dearly.

To make matters worse, many bad actions and

deeds were commonplace in the holy city of Makkah at that time. The most terrible of these being the worship of idols rather than worshipping Allah - the one true God and Creator of mankind.



It was during the worst of times that Allah chose one man to be the best of all mankind. Allah chose him as a perfect teacher and guide - a prophet and messenger. The best in the ranks of the best people.

His actions would become the Sunnah. His words would become Hadith. His message would last until the Day of Judgement. His love would endure forever. Through him, billions upon billions would enter Jannah.

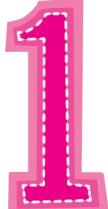


Is it any surprise that Allah called Prophet Muhammad ﷺ "a Mercy for Mankind"?

This book is a window into the life and times of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.







#### AAMINAH & ABDULLAH

Our story begins when a wonderful young lady called Aaminah was getting married.



You can imagine how excited she was.

She was getting married in Makkah to a young man called Abdullah. Abdullah's father, Abdul Muttalib, was the chief of Makkah.

It was such a happy day for Abdullah and Aaminah. The people of Makkah, the Makkans, celebrated and everyone was overjoyed.

> A short while later, Abdullah was told to join a trade caravan that was leaving Makkah soon.

This was a business journey from Makkah to Syria. People would take goods from Makkah to sell in Syria. Sometimes, they would travel

From the money they would make, they would buy more goods from the great markets of Syria.

They would bring these goods back with them to sell in Makkah.

People used to travel on camels. They would use the camels to carry their goods. Groups travelling like this were called caravans. It would take a caravan weeks to travel to Syria and back.



Aaminah missed Abdullah. She was very sad because they had only been married for a short while.



Abdul Muttalib was also very sad that Abdullah had to leave so quickly. Abdul Muttalib had many sons, but Abdullah was extra special to him.

On the way back from Syria, the trade caravan stopped at Yathrib.



Abdullah was not feeling well. In fact he was really ill. Abdullah's illness got worse. He died in Yathrib and was buried there. Aaminah was heart broken when she found out.

However, there was some happiness: Aaminah was expecting a baby.

Sadly, this baby would never meet his father.

A few months passed and a beautiful baby boy was born.



Everyone was overjoyed and they took the baby boy to his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib.



Abdul Muttalib was at the Ka'bah at the time. He was so happy and named his new grandson, Muhammad ﷺ. No one had named their child Muhammad before now. It was an unusual name.

Muhammad means '**the Praised One'**.

This had been an extraordinary year. It was known as 'The Year of the Elephant'.



Why was this year given such an unusual name?

This is another story to explore next time, insha Allah.

# Reflections

1. Aaminah must have been so happy and excited when she married Abdullah! Do you remember who Abdullah's father was and his role in Makkah?

2. Why did Abdullah have to leave Makkah so soon after marrying Aaminah?

3. Can you describe what a caravan is?

4. Aaminah and Abdul Muttalib were heart broken and sad, do you remember why?

5. What was the special gift Allah had blessed Aaminah with?

6. Do you remember who named our beloved Prophet Muhammad s?

Aaminah named her baby Ahmad (**The one who praises Allah**). Abdul Muttalib named him Muhammad ﷺ (**The praised one**).

Both of these qualities were found in Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Makkah was on the caravan trade route between Yemen and Syria. It became a very busy and wealthy city.

Many people also travelled to Makkah to perform the pilgrimage. They had been coming to make Hajj from the time of Ibrahim 32.

Prophet Ibrahim is had built the Ka'bah and dedicated this to worshipping Allah. However, over time, people had put 360 idols in and around the Ka'bah.



#### THE YEAR OF THE ELEPHANT

Abraha was a ruler in Yemen.



He would see all the people going to Makkah to visit the Ka'bah. He saw them make the Pilgrimage to this sacred place.

Abraha was jealous, he wanted people to come to San'aa (صنعاء) in Yemen instead.



Abraha decided to build a huge cathedral for people to visit. He wanted people to pray there instead. However, the people still went to Makkah. They still prayed at the Ka'bah.

No one came to his new cathedral. No one came to San'aa in Yemen.

Abraha was angry. He decided to go to Makkah and destroy the Ka'bah.



Abraha got his huge army together. There were many soldiers and even some e

many soldiers and even some elephants in his army. They all began marching towards Makkah.

When people saw the huge army they were scared. They were afraid of the number of soldiers. They were even more frightened of the elephants. No one had the courage to try to stop the army.





After a big long march, Abraha finally arrived near Makkah.

People were scared to stand up to Abraha and his army, so Abraha took what he wanted.



Abraha saw some camels which actually belonged to Abdul Muttalib. He told his men to take them.

Abdul Muttalib was the chief of Makkah. Allah gave Abdul Muttalib courage. He went to Abraha and asked him for his camels back.

Abraha said to Abdul Muttalib, "I have come to destroy the Ka'bah and you are in charge of it. Instead of worrying about the



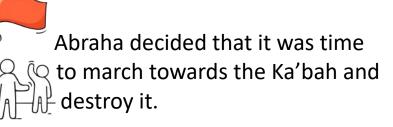
Ka'bah you are worried about your camels?"

Abdul Muttalib replied, "The camels belong to me so I have to look after them."

"The Ka'bah has its owner (Allah). He will look after it."

Abraha gave Abdul Muttalib his camels back.

The Makkans went to the mountains for safety. They could not fight such a big army. They could not defend the Ka'bah.





When the army got ready, Abraha's elephant, Mahmood, would not move towards the Ka'bah.

He would happily go in any other direction. As soon as they would turn him towards the Ka'bah, he would stop!

They hit Mahmood with metal poles, but Mahmood would not move forward.

They poked him with spikes, but Mahmood would not move forward.

Then suddenly, Allah sent a flock of birds towards the army.

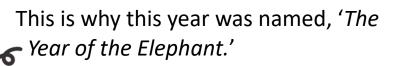
The birds had small stones in their beaks and claws.

The birds dropped the stones onto the army. Whoever the stones hit, would get hurt and die. The army was being destroyed.

The soldiers in the army tried to run away. The elephants tried to run away. Some soldiers tried to get back home to Yemen. But no one can hide from Allah's punishment.



Allah destroyed Abraha's army and Allah saved the Ka'bah.





## Reflections

- 1. Why did Abraha decide to build a big cathedral in San'aa?
- 2. Why did Abraha get angry and want to destroy the Ka'bah?
- 3. Abraha got a huge army together. What was his army made up of?
- 4. Abraha stole some camels; who did these camels belong to?
- 5. Why did Abdul Muttalib go to see Abraha, and what did he say?
- 6. What happened when Abraha's army went to destroy the Ka'bah?
- 7. How did Allah protect the Ka'bah and defeat the army?



to Him.

>> Yathrib was renamed Madinah after the Hijrah.

>> Madinah is approximately 210 miles north of Makkah.

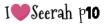
Abraha's army approached Makkah so the Makkans hid in the mountains. Abdul Muttalib went to the Ka'bah and made Dua to Allah, and Allah alone, to protect the Ka'bah.

Throughout Arabia this incident became famous. Allah protected the Ka'bah with birds to destroy an army that no one was able to face.

Allah reminds people about this incident in the Qur'an.

>> Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born on 12<sup>th</sup> Rabi Al-Awwal, 571 CE in Makkah. >> This year was known as the Year of the Elephant.

> >> San'aa was the capital city of Yemen in our Prophet's <sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub> time.
> >> San'aa is the largest city in Yemen.
> It is 500 miles south of Makkah.





### HALIMAH SA'DIYYAH

Let me introduce you to a very special lady. Her name is Halimah Sa'diyyah.

Halimah Sa'diyyah lived in the desert with her tribe. She was a bedouin.

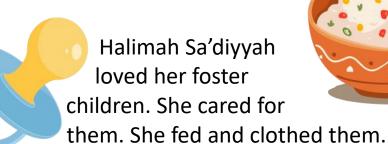


Halimah Sa'diyyah would go with her tribe to the big cities. They would look for babies to take back with them.



People would give their babies to the bedouins so that they could look after them. They would make the bedouins their baby's foster parents for about two years. The parents would be very generous to the foster parents.

In the desert, the children would grow up healthy and strong. They would also learn the purest form of Arabic from the bedouins.





After two years, the babies would be returned to their mums and dads.



Halimah Sa'diyyah was poor. She was hungry. She did not have any food to eat, nor milk to drink.

She had a donkey and an old she-camel. The donkey was very slow and the shecamel did not give milk.

Her tribe was travelling to Makkah to collect new born babies.

Halimah Sa'diyyah was far behind the rest of her tribe because of her slow donkey. She was the last person to arrive in Makkah.

All the babies had been taken by the other foster mums. The only baby left was Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.



The foster mums had not taken baby Muhammad **\*** because his dad was not alive.

Aaminah was not very rich, so the bedouins thought they wouldn't get much money for their hard work.



Halimah Sa'diyyah felt very sad and sorry for baby
Muhammad ﷺ. She was
very kind hearted. She decided to take him.

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When she collected the baby Muhammad ﷺ she was very happy. Immediately, she felt great love for him ﷺ.

Amazingly, her donkey started to go fast. She was faster than the rest of her tribe. The she-camel started giving lots of milk. Her family drank the milk and were happy.

Baby Muhammad ﷺ was very happy with Halimah Sa'diyyah. She was a really good foster mum.



Even when they got home, Allah gave them lots of blessings. Halimah's goats would go into the desert to graze. When they would come back, they would be full and would give lots of milk.

Halimah Sa'diyyah and her family lived happily with baby Muhammad **ﷺ**. She knew he **ﷺ** was a special

little boy.

Allah had given Halimah Sa'diyyah so many blessings C because of him. Two years passed and the children were returned to their parents. Halimah Sa'diyyah was sad. She loved

Muhammad ﷺ. She would miss him a lot.

Halimah Sa'diyyah took Muhammad ﷺ back to his mum,



Aaminah. Aaminah had missed her baby Muhammad ﷺ so much over these two years. He had grown up so much in such a short time!

Halimah asked Aaminah if she could take Prophet Muhammad ﷺ back for another short while. Aaminah refused at first, but eventually agreed.



Halimah Sa'diyyah brought the youngster Muhammad ﷺ back to her home. They continued living happily.



One day, Angel Jibra'il 🤐 came to Muhammad ﷺ. He took out Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ heart and purified it with Zamzam. He then put it back into Muhammad's ﷺ body.

Halimah's son saw this and was very scared. He ran to Halimah Sa'diyyah and told her what had happened.

> Halimah was also frightened and quickly took Muhammad ﷺ back to Aaminah.

She told Aaminah what had happened. Aaminah replied, "Muhammad **ﷺ is very special. Nothing bad will happen to him**."

Aaminah and Muhammad ﷺ lived happily in Makkah. The people loved Muhammad ﷺ and so did his grandfather - Abdul Muttalib.



There was so much love and happiness. However, a very sad thing happened to our lovely Muhammad ﷺ.

I think that's a story for next time, insha Allah.





- 1. Halimah was a Bedouin; what is a bedouin?
- 2. Why did people in Makkah give their babies to the bedouins?
- 3. Why was Halimah last amongst her tribe to reach Makkah?
- 4. The last baby left was Muhammad3. Why do you think that was ?
- 5. Can you remember some of the amazing things that happened to Halimah after taking Muhammad ﷺ?

6. After 2 years when Halimah had to return baby Muhammad ﷺ, how did Halimah feel?

7. Who came to see Muhammad **#** when he was a small child?



#### ZAMZAM WATER

Zamzam is special water. It is so special that it was used

to wash our Prophet's ﷺ heart.



If we drink Zamzam for a certain reason, Allah will make it happen.

The Bedouins spoke the purest Arabic. Many Scholars would spend time with the Bedouins to improve their Arabic!

As a baby, Muhammad stayed with his foster mother Halimah Sa'diyyah. She took good care of baby Muhammad and Allah took good care of her family.

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### SADNESS IN YATHRIB

This is a sad story, so you need to promise not to cry!

Muhammad **ﷺ** and Aaminah were really happy in Makkah.



Abdul Muttalib loved Muhammad ﷺ. Muhammad ﷺ reminded him of his son Abdullah. This made Abdul Muttalib more affectionate towards him.

When Muhammad ﷺ was six years old, Aaminah decided to visit Yathrib. Yathrib is also know as Madinah.

Yathrib was a very special place, because Aaminah used to live there.



In fact, her family still lived there.

If you remember, Yathrib was also the place where Abdullah died and where he was buried.

Aaminah travelled to Yathrib with Muhammad 🍇 and Umm Ayman.

Umm Ayman was a

servant who lived with Muhammad 4 and Aaminah.

As Allah had willed, Aaminah got sick on the way back to Makkah and she passed away. Muhammad ﷺ was heart broken. With tears in her eyes, Umm Ayman took Muhammad 🎉 back to Makkah with her.



This was another sad event after his father had passed away. He was an orphan with no parents.

Abdul Muttalib had great affection and love for his grandson Muhammad ﷺ. He decided that he would love and protect Muhammad ﷺ. He would care for him and look after him.



Muhammad ﷺ was fond of his grandfather. They spent a lot of time together. Abdul Muttalib knew Muhammad ﷺ was special.



Two happy years had passed and Muhammad ﷺ was eight years old. Abdul Muttalib passed away leaving Muhammad ﷺ alone and sad. He only had Umm Ayman, his caring friend with him. Abu Talib was Muhammad's ﷺ uncle. He decided that he would be his guardian and look after him.



Abu Talib was not a rich person, but he had a big



heart. He looked after Muhammad along with his other children. Muhammad ﷺ helped by looking after herds of goats on the outskirts of Makkah.

From a young age Muhammad ﷺ started working. He helped his family by working as a shepherd.

Soon after, Abu Talib was going on a trade journey and decided to take Muhammad ﷺ with him.



He didn't expect anyone to recognise Muhammad ﷺ. He didn't know that he would have to send Muhammad ﷺ back to Makkah.



I think this is a story for next time, in sha Allah.

Aaminah became ill on the journey to Makkah and was buried at Abwa.

>> Prophet Muhammad segent
his first two years with Halimah.
>> Aaminah, his mother, passed
away when he was six years old.

The name of Umm Ayman (the mother of Ayman) was Barakah.



Muttalib very much. His family would put out a couch for him under the shade of the Ka'bah. Out of respect for Abdul Muttalib, no one would dare to sit on it.

Abdul Muttalib would seat the Prophet ﷺ on the couch beside him. He would say that Muhammad ﷺ would have a special future!



How old was Prophet Muhammad

 When Aaminah took him to
 Yathrib?

2. Why was Yathrib special to Aaminah?

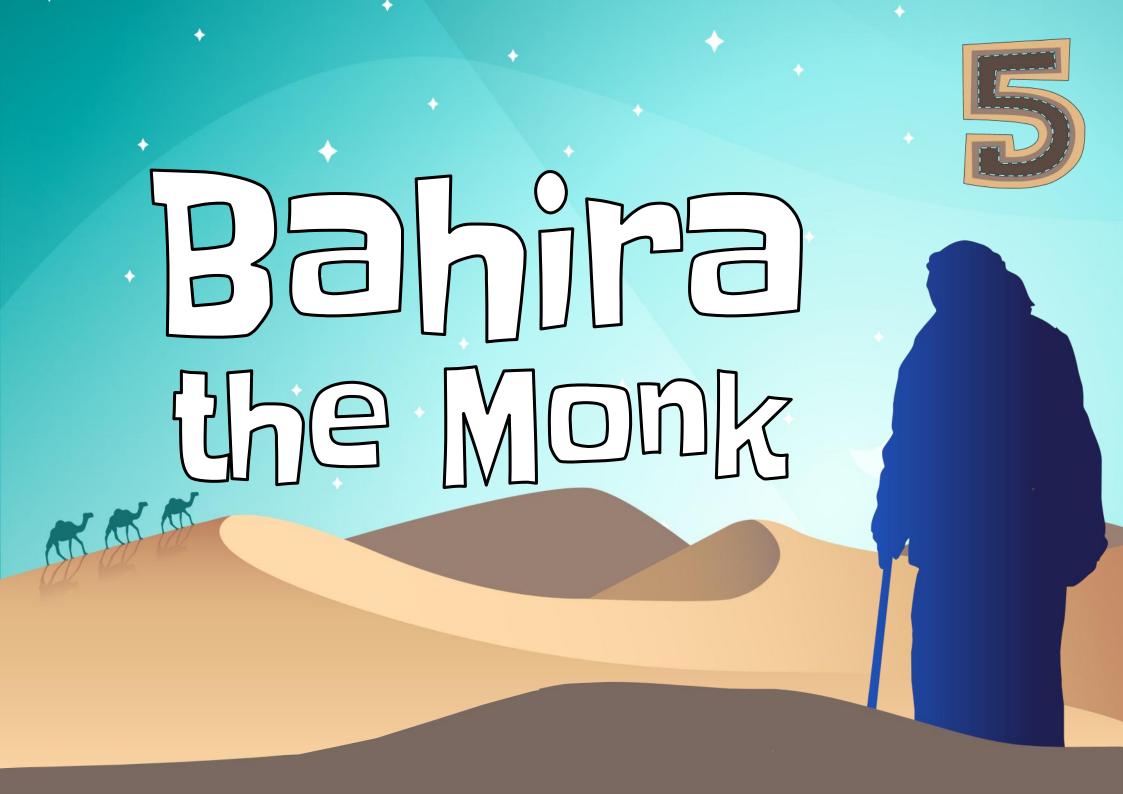
3. Who else went to Yathrib with Aaminah and Prophet Muhammad <u>\$\$</u>?

4. What happened on the way back from Yathrib?

5. Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was 8 years old when he lost another very special person. Who was it?

6. Who looked after Prophet Muhammad ﷺ after this?

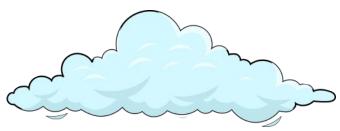
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#### **BAHIRA THE MONK**

Bahira looked out into the desert like he did every morning. He stayed in a monastery by himself, where he would worship Allah.

Bahira watched the caravans regularly, but today was different. He saw the most unusual thing. In the distance, the caravan was travelling on its way to the markets.



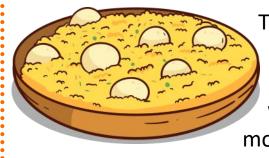
The caravan had a cloud above it sheltering it from the hot desert sun. Whenever the caravan stopped, the cloud stopped as well.



Bahira had read about a special person in his books. He read that this special person would pass by this very place. Perhaps this is why Bahira lived here.

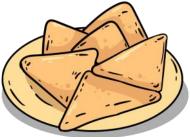
He quickly got some food together. He sent a message to the caravan, inviting them to come and visit him.

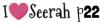




The caravan was Abu Talib's. They accepted this generous offer and went to Bahira's monastery.

As the people from the caravan sat down, Bahira looked at their faces. He couldn't see the person he was looking for.





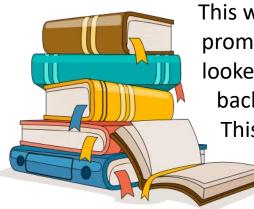
Bahira asked one of the people from the caravan if anyone was missing from the group. He was told that one of the youngsters was left outside to look after the camels.





Bahira asked them to bring the youngster inside as well, as the food was for everyone. The young Muhammad ﷺ came in to join them.

As soon as Bahira saw Muhammad's ﷺ face he was overjoyed.



This was the prophet that was promised in his scriptures. He looked at Muhammad's back and noticed a mark. This was the seal of prophethood. Bahira's books said that Muhammad ﷺ would be recognised by this oval mark on his back.

Bahira told Abu Talib that this young boy will be the leader of all men. He will be the final prophet of Allah.



Bahira was worried. He thought that if someone else recognises Muhammad ﷺ they might try to harm him.



Bahira told Abu Talib that Muhammad ﷺ was not safe here. He advised Abu Talib to take Muhammad ﷺ back to Makkah. Abu Talib took Bahira's advice. He sent Muhammad ﷺ back with some members of the caravan.

At least Muhammad ﷺ was safe in Makkah.

Muhammad continued to live with Abu Talib in Makkah and tend to the herds for Abu Talib.

The big question is, how did this young boy become the most important person to walk the face of this earth?



## Reflections

1. What was unusual about the caravan Bahira saw?

2. Where was the caravan travelling to and why?

3. How did Bahira know that a special person would pass by here?

4. What offer did Bahira make to the caravan?

5. Which special person was travelling with the caravan?

6. Why was Bahira overjoyed when he saw Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?

7. What advice did Bahira give to Abu Talib regarding Muhammad **%**?

>> Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was
 twelve years old when he went on
 the trade journey with his uncle
 Abu Talib.

Allah made the Prophet's trade journey as pleasant as possible for him.

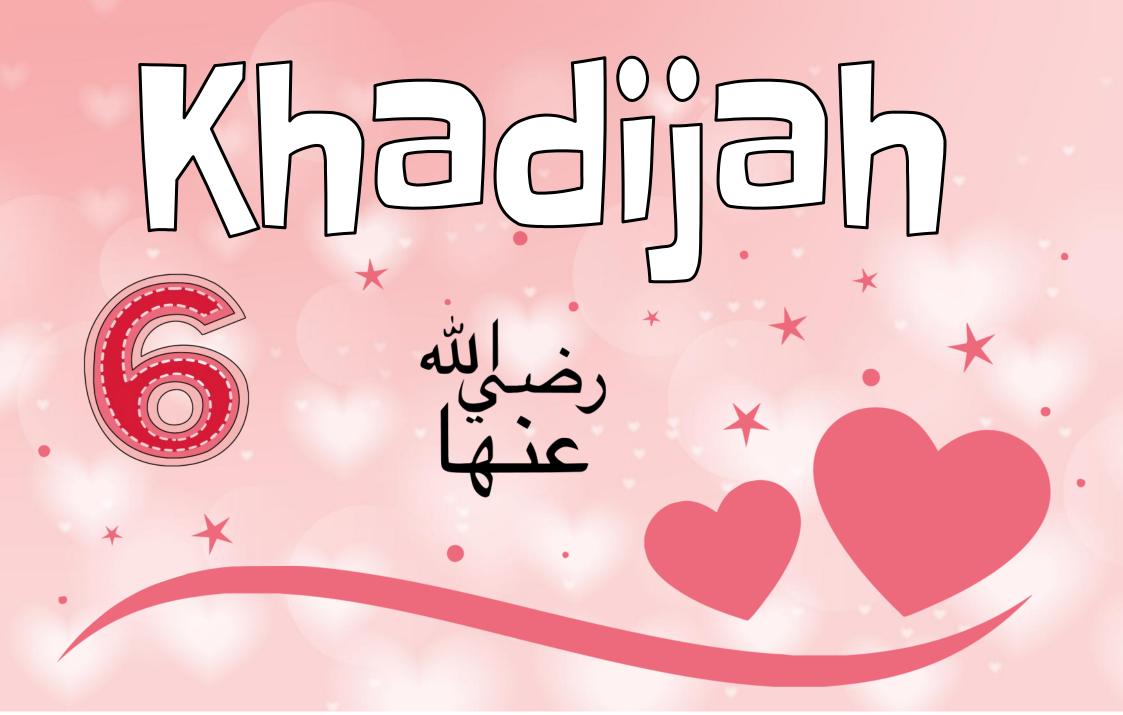
Whilst on the journey, Allah sent a cloud to shade the Prophet **ﷺ** from the heat of the sun.

>> Syria was an important trade centre. People would travel from all over the world to buy and sell there.
 >> It was on the ancient 'Silk Road'

Many hundreds of years before Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born, Allah had already informed people that He will send Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Allah had even given his description.

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#### KHADIJAH

Let me introduce you to another wonderful lady, her name was Khadijah 🚲.

Khadijah 🚲 was a 40 year old widow. Her husband had passed away a long time ago. Many people wanted to marry her. She had refused them all so far.



Khadijah 🚲 was a business woman, a merchant if you like. She was very good at business and very well respected. Like the other traders in Makkah, She would send her caravans to Syria and Yemen.



Khadijah 🚲 would not go with the caravans herself. She would hire someone to go for her. Khadijah 🚲 would then share the profits with this person.

Khadijah 🚲 was looking for someone to send on a trade journey. She had heard about an honest and truthful man called Muhammad ﷺ.



Prophet Muhammad **ﷺ** was 25 years old and was



already known for his good, honest character.

Khadijah 🚲 offered Prophet Muhammad ﷺ the job, and he accepted.

Maysarah was Khadija's servant. He was going to accompany Prophet Muhammad ﷺ throughout the journey.

The caravan set off on its long journey.



When the caravan reached Syria, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ went to the market and began to sell the goods he brought from Makkah.



He was very fair and sold lots of things in the market. With the money, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ bought more goods from the markets. These goods would later be sold in Makkah.

The caravan had returned to Makkah. Khadijah was pleased with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. She had made a lot more money with this caravan than before.



She was especially happy with Prophet Muhammad's **# good** manners and honesty.

Khadijah 🚲 asked Maysarah all about the trip. Maysarah said that he had never seen such a trustworthy and decent person.

Maysarah also mentioned that once he noticed two angels in the shimmer of light. The angels were shading Prophet Muhammad from the sun.

> After speaking to Maysarah, Nestor told Maysarah that he recognised Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

He said that Muhammad ﷺ was actually a prophet of Allah.



Khadijah 💩 was very happy with the trade, she also liked Prophet Muhammad's 💥 good manners and character.

Khadijah 💩 decided to send a message to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. She sent her friend Nufaysah to ask him if he would like to marry Khadijah 🞄.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was happy to marry Khadijah ﷺ. He discussed it with his uncle, Abu Talib. Abu Talib agreed with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.



Khadijah's 🚲 uncle and Abu Talib met. They spoke with each other and made all the arrangements.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Khadijah ﷺ got married. Allah blessed their marriage and they lived together happily. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Khadijah ﷺ had a baby boy called Qasim.

Qasim passed away when he was just a toddler. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also had four wonderful daughters.

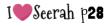




A few years later, the tribes in Makkah had a disagreement. They were ready to go to war over it. They were ready to take out their swords and fight. That was until Prophet Muhammad ﷺ walked in.



What was going on? That's a story for next time, insha Allah.





1. Can you describe Khadijah's 🚲 profession?

2. Why did Khadijah schoose
Prophet Muhammad stowerk for her?

3. What happened on Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ trip to Syria?

4. How did Khadijah 🞄 feel about the job Muhammad 🎇 did for her?

5. What did Khadijah 🚲 ask her friend Nufaysah to do?

6. How old was Khadijah & and Prophet Muhammad & when they got married? >> Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was 25 years old when he married Khadijah ﷺ >> She ﷺ was a widow who was 40 years old at the time.



#### Tell me about

- Khadijah 🞄
  - Bahira
- Maysarah
  - Nestor
- Nufaysah

Khadijah 🞄 admired the beautiful character and honesty of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

### Daughters

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was blessed with four daughters



Fatimah 🚲



Umm Kulthum 🚲



Ruqayyah 🞄



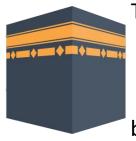
Zaynab 🚲.

Remember their names, we will meet them soon, insha Allah.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was given the Kunya (nick name or title) Abul Qasim. Abul Qasim means father of Al Qasim. People were titled after their oldest child.



### **REBUILDING THE KA'BAH**



The Ka'bah is an ancient building. It was first built by Adam (1), then rebuilt by Prophet Ibrahim (1) and his son, Prophet Isma'il (1). It was built thousands of years ago.

At the time of Prophet Muhammad <sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, the Ka'bah was already old and its walls had begun to crack and weaken. Flooding had also caused some damage over the centuries.

The tribes in Makkah gathered to discuss what should be done about the Ka'bah. They decided that they would rebuild the Ka'bah.



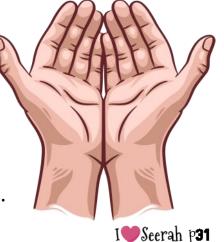
They collected funds for the huge task of rebuilding the Ka'bah.

The Ka'bah was the house of Allah. They wanted to use money that was earned in a good and pure way. They did not accept money earned through stealing, robbery, or any other wrong way.

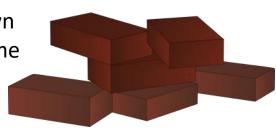
The time had now come to rebuild the Ka'bah and the first step was to demolish the walls.

The people slowly started dislodging the stone bricks. When the first stone was dismantled, there was a loud rumble, and the stone fell back in place.

The people got scared. They didn't know if they should continue to demolish the Ka'bah. Waleed stepped forward and made a du'a to Allah. He said that he didn't intend any harm to the Ka'bah.



He started to knock down one of the walls. This time there was no loud rumble.



The people were still scared. They didn't know if they should join in or not. They decided to wait to see if Waleed was alive the next morning. If he was alive, they would join in and help him.

The next morning Waleed continued to demolish the Ka'bah. Soon everyone joined in.

The people demolished the Ka'bah, and now it was time to rebuild it.



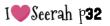
When rebuilding the Ka'bah, the people decided to make the door higher off the ground. This would protect the Ka'bah from flooding.

They decided to make the Ka'bah's walls taller and to put a roof on the Ka'bah. This way, any valuable items inside the Ka'bah would be protected.



They were forced to make the Ka'bah building slightly smaller because the funds were low. They built the Hateem to mark the original size of the Ka'bah.

All the different tribes had worked hard to rebuild the Ka'bah. They had built the walls, the door, and the roof. There was only one job left. The Black Stone (**Al-Hajar Al-Aswad**) had to be put back into its place.



Each tribe wanted the honour of putting the Black Stone into its place.



They argued and argued but could not agree on who should put it back into its place. They were ready to take their swords out and start fighting!

Finally, someone suggested that the next person to enter the Haram should decide who should put the Black Stone back in its place.



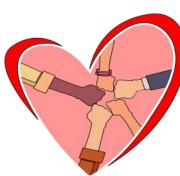
Just then Prophet Muhammad ﷺ walked in, and people began to cheer, "**Al-Ameen is here! The Trustworthy One is here!**" They all trusted Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and knew he would be fair. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ listened to everyone carefully and then told them to bring a cloth. They

put the cloth on the ground and put Al Hajr Al Aswad in the middle.

The people from all the tribes lifted the cloth



together. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ then put the stone in place with his own hands.



Everyone was delighted and thanked Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He ﷺ had saved so many lives by preventing any fighting.

In the mean time, things were troubling Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He started to spend some time away by himself in the cave of Hira on a mountain called Jabal Noor. Mount Noor was on the outskirts of Makkah. Strangely, sometimes Prophet Muhammad would walk by, and a voice would say "Assalamu alayka, Ya Rasool Allah." When he looked around, there was no one there!

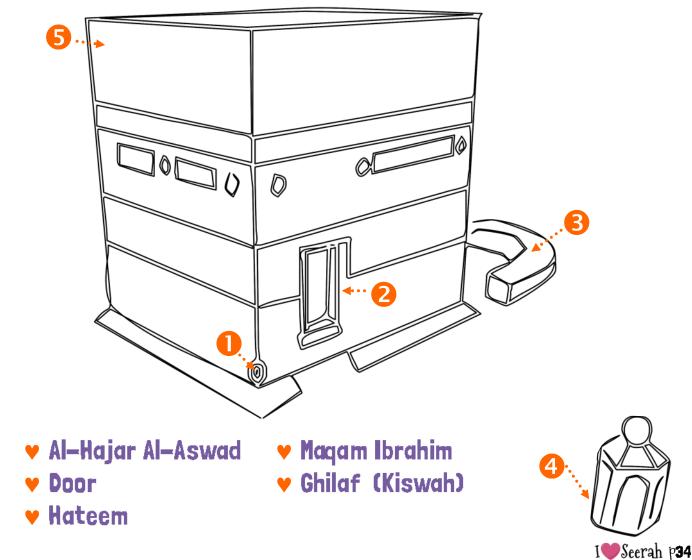


He would have vivid dreams which would come true!

What was going on? We will find out next time, insha Allah.

>> Prophet Ibrahim 🖗 and Prophet Isma'il 🕬 rebuilt the Ka'bah in Makkah many centuries before Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

## The Kabah What can you tell me about the Ka'bah?





1. Why did the tribes decide to rebuild the Ka'bah?

2. Where did they get the money from to rebuild the Ka'bah?

3. What happened when the first stone was removed?

4. What did Waleed do?

5. What changes did the people make to the Ka'bah?

6. Why were the tribes arguing and ready to fight?

7. How was the problem solved and fighting prevented?

Tell me about these words • Bedouin • ZamZam

- Marriage
  - Desert
  - Miracle
    - Slave

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had the best character. Even before he became a prophet, he had so many noble qualities and he never did a bad thing.

Everyone who met him, loved and respected him. >> Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was 35 years old when the Ka'bah was rebuilt. >> Originally, the Ka'bah was built at this place by Adam ﷺ.

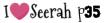
Jahiliyyah

Before Islam, this was a dark time in the history of mankind.

This was know as the Days of Ignorance (Jahiliyyah). People did many bad things which included:

- Worshipping Idols
- Drinking & Gambling
- Bloodshed & Fights
- Oppressing the Weak
- Treating others badly
- Robbery & Stealing
- Cruelty & Injustice
  - Killing newborns

When Islam came, it put an end to this ignorance and those same people became the best of people.





## THE FIRST VERSES

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would often spend a few nights in Cave Hira. From there he could see the Ka'bah in the distance. He would sit in the cave and think about life.



It was the month of Ramadhan. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ climbed Mount Noor and went

into Cave Hira. He sat there as he usually would, but this time it was different.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ did not go to school. He did not know how to read or write. In fact, in those days, very few people knew how to read or write.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ replied, "I can't read!" Angel Jibra'il ﷺ took hold of him ﷺ and squeezed him tight. It was so tight that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ thought he would pass out.



The angel again said, "Iqra!" and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ again replied, "I can't read!"

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was alone, when a person

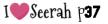
appeared in the cave! This person was actually Angel Jibra'il in the form of a man.



Angel Jibra'il 🕮 said to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, "Iqra!" This means 'Read!' in Arabic. The angel 🕮 squeezed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ again.

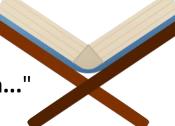
Then, for the third time, he said to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, "Iqra!" and again, for the third time, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ replied, "I can't read!"





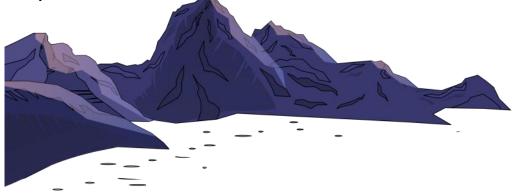
Angel Jibra'il 🕮 squeezed Prophet Muhammad 🐲 for a third time. He squeezed him so tight that Prophet Muhammad 💥 found it hard to breathe.

The angel then recited the first five verses revealed of the Holy Qur'an, "Iqra bismi rabbika..."



When Prophet Muhammad ﷺ heard these verses, he repeated them after Angel Jibra'il ﷺ. These beautiful words were in his heart forever.

When Angel Jibra'il 🖗 disappeared, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ran out of the cave. He started running down Mount Noor, and soon he was on his way home.



As Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was returning home, he heard a voice coming from above him. He looked up to see where the voice was coming from.

When Prophet Muhammad 3

looked up, he saw Jibra'il again. This time Angel Jibra'il was not in the form of a man, but in his natural form. He was huge and had 600 wings!

Angel Jibra'il 🕮 said, "O Muhammad 🐲! You are the messenger of Allah, and I am Jibra'il."

Prophet Muhammad # ran back home to Khadijah & and asked her to wrap him up. He was out of breath and shivering.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was worried and told Khadijah & about everything that happened.

Khadijah 🚲 reminded him that

he was a very good person. He was always helpful and very generous to people. She said that Allah would never let anything bad happen to him.

> Khadijah 🚲 took Prophet Muhammad 💥 to see her cousin, Waraqah ibn Nawfal. Waraqah was an old man who knew about the previous scriptures and books.

Waraqah carefully listened to what had happened with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Waraqah told Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that he had in fact seen the same angel that was sent to the other prophets. Waraqah said that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had been chosen as a prophet of Allah. He said that if he was younger, he would have joined Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and supported him.

Waraqah warned Prophet Muhammad **ﷺ** that the



people would chase him out of Makkah. He said that the people of every prophet gave their prophet a difficult time.

The Makkans loved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. They respected him and knew he was truthful and trustworthy.



Would these people change? Would they give Prophet Muhammad ﷺ a hard time? We will need to wait and see.



- 1. Why would Prophet Muhammad ﷺ visit Cave Hira?
- 2. What happened in the cave during Ramadhan?
- 3. What happened after Prophet Muhammad **ﷺ** left the cave?
- 4. Where did Muhammad ﷺ go from the cave and what did he see?
- 5. Who was the first person Muhammad ﷺ spoke to and what did they say?

6. What did Waraqah say to Muhammad ﷺ?





Angel Jibra'il was given the job of bringing revelation (Wahi) to the prophets.

Angel Jibra'il 🕮 continued to bring verses of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ until the whole Qur'an was revealed.

This took 23 years.

>> Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was 40 years old when he ﷺ became a prophet and Angel Jibra'il ﷺ brought him the first 5 verses.

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## THE EARLY MUSLIMS

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ told his family and friends about Islam. He said to them that Allah is One. He said to them that worshipping idols is wrong.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ explained to them that Allah had chosen him to be a prophet and messenger. Allah wanted him to guide mankind.

> ﴿ ٱشْهَدُ ٱنْ تَرَالَهُ اللَّهُ وَ ٱشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَ رَسُوْلُهُ ﴾ Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ close family and friends accepted Islam. They became Muslims.

The Angel Jibra'il 🕮 would visit Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He would sometimes bring verses from the Qur'an.

Once when Jibra'il 🦗 came to visit Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Jibra'il 🖗 struck a rock with his heel and water began to gush from the rock. Jibra'il



with this water. He then taught Prophet Muhammad ﷺ how to perform Salah.



Muslims would sometimes perform salah alone. Other times they would get together to perform salah in secret.

Abu Talib saw Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the Muslims praying. He became pleased with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He loved him very much, but sadly Abu Talib did not accept Islam. He did not want to leave the religion of his forefathers. Allah commanded His Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ, to start calling everyone to Islam. This was a big step. Until now, Prophet

Muhammad ﷺ had only told his close family and friends about Islam. Until now, the Muslims had kept their religion a secret.

At the Prophet's ﷺ time, when anyone had to warn

the Makkans about something, they would climb up Mount Safa. They would shout out to the Makkans to tell them about the danger.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ climbed up Mount Safa. He called out to the Makkans. The Makkans began to gather around to listen to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ asked, "If I told you that there is an army behind this mountain ready to attack you, would you believe me?"



The Makkans used to call Prophet Muhammad **# Al** -Saadiq (Truthful) and Al-Ameen (the trustworthy). They knew that Prophet Muhammad **#** would never lie so they all replied, "Yes! We would."

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ warned the Makkans about Allah's punishment. He told them to accept Islam and to save themselves. Everyone became quiet. There was silence.



Abu Lahab was another uncle of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Abu Lahab broke the silence by saying bad things to our Prophet ﷺ.



This made Allah angry, and Surah Lahab was revealed about Abu Lahab's punishment in the Hereafter.

#### **>>** Bilal Habshi 🚲

Hadrat Bilal الله was one person the message did reach. He was a slave and when he heard the message of Islam and about the oneness of Allah, he was amazed.

The message touched his heart and he immediately knew that this was the truth. His heart told him that Prophet Muhammad **\*\*** was the messenger of Allah.



Bilal's 🐗 master was a wicked man. He was very angry with him when he found out that Bilal 🐗 had accepted Islam. He would hurt him in the most horrible ways, hoping that Bilal الله would leave Islam.

Bilal 🐗 loved Islam and Allah. He would never leave the truth and he would never worship idols. Even at the hardest times, Bilal 🐗 would say, "Ahad, Ahad..." Allah is one.



It was hard for the Muslims to see Bilal is suffering so much. The generous Abu Bakr is purchased Bilal is and set him free.

Many other slaves and poor people suffered in the

same way. There were people in Makkah who did not want Islam to succeed. They worked very hard to hurt the Muslims and stop people entering Islam.

More next time, insha Allah.







1. Who were the first group of people our Prophet **ﷺ** preached to?

2. What kinds of things did the Angel teach Prophet Muhammad **%**?

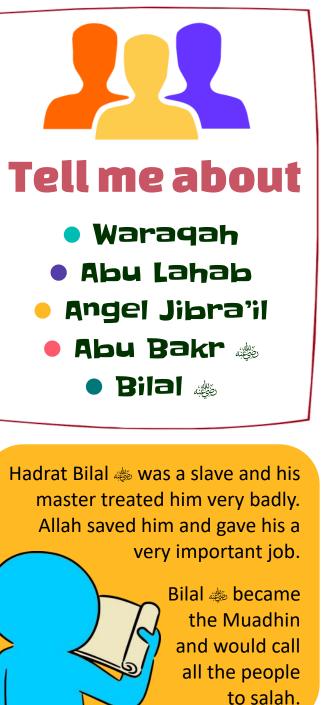
3. What did Abu Talib see and how did he feel?

4. Why did Prophet Muhammad ﷺ climb Mount Safa?

5. How did the people react to the message from Prophet Muhammad# on Mount Safa?

6. Who was Bilal 🐗 and why was he treated so badly?

7. How was Bilal 🐗 saved?



Ali 🐝 was the son of Abu Talib. He lived in the Prophet's 💥 household and already knew his 💥 character very well. Ali 🖑 was the first youngster to accept Islam.

immediately accepted and became a devoted Muslim.

Abu Bakr 🐗 was one of the first people to accept Islam.

Many people became Muslims when Abu Bakr told them about Islam.

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>>> For 3 years Prophet Muhammad

- # taught his family and friends.
- >> After this, he ﷺ was
- commanded to teach everyone.



## **BAD TREATMENT**



 The people of Makkah, the
 Makkans, were against Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his followers. They started to bully and hurt the Muslims.

GOOD >

< BAD

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ told the people to be good and only worship Allah. The Makkans wanted to worship Idols and continue their bad habits!



However, many people continued to see the beauty of Islam and accepted Islam. Many new Muslims would keep it a secret so that they did not suffer at the hands of the Makkans.

For some Muslims, things were so



difficult that they decided to leave Makkah.



The Prophet ﷺ advised them to make

Hijrah (migration) to Abyssinia, which had a just king called Najjashi (Negus). He would allow the Muslims to live peacefully and pray to Allah.

The Muslims left early in the morning for the Red Sea port to catch a ship to Abyssinia.

> When the Makkans found out, they sent people after them. However, the Muslims had already boarded a ship and were on their way to Abyssinia.

### >> Hamzah ibn Abdul Muttalib 🐗

Hadrat Hamzah 🐗 was an uncle of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ . The Makkans respected Hamzah . He was strong and very brave.



Hamzah الله was returning from a hunting trip. He always went to the Ka'bah after hunting, but today he was stopped by a woman.

She told him that his nephew, Prophet Muhammad <sup>\*\*</sup>, had come earlier to the Ka'bah and Abu Lahab had been very rough with him and extremely rude.

This really upset Hamzah . He went straight to Abu Lahab, who was sitting with his friends near the Ka' bah. Hamzah . used his bow and hit him across the head with all his might.



Abu Lahab's friends were horrified but knew better than to cross paths with Hamzah . Abu Lahab also did not say anything because he knew that he was wrong to treat Prophet Muhammad so badly. Hamzah 🐗 told them there and then that he was now a Muslim.

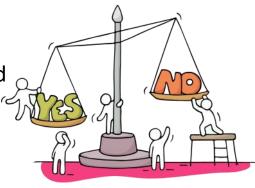
Hamzah الله became a great Muslim who dedicated his life to being a good person and following Islam fully in his life.



#### >> Umar ibn al-Khattab 🐗

Hadrat Umar 🐗 was a tough fellow. In fact, many people were scared of Umar 🐗. Not only was he strong and brave, but he had a fiery temper!

He was also very clever and could be one of the kindest and fairest people in Makkah.



One day, Umar 🚓 was angry. In fact, he was very angry! He didn't want things to change in Makkah.

He didn't care that people worshipped idols. After all, his tribe had been worshipping idols for many generations!

He took his sword and was marching down the street. People knew to keep out of his way. Someone was in big trouble.

> He was stopped by Nu'aym ibn Abdullah who asked Umar 🚲 where he was going. Umar 🚲 replied that he was going to put a stop to Islam.

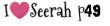
Nu'aym suggested that maybe he should sort his own family out first, because some of them had become Muslims.

Umar 💩 didn't know that his own sister had become a Muslim and that she now loved Islam more than anything else.

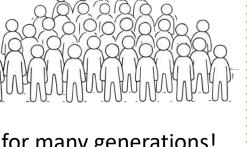
Umar 💩 marched to his sister Fatimah's house. As he approached, he heard some words being recited. It was Khabbab ibn al-Arat 🚲 who was teaching them some verses of the Qur'an.

As Umar 🚓 knocked on the door, Khabbab 🐗 found a place to hide, whilst Fatimah 🚲 hid the pages.

When Fatimah 🚲 let him in. Umar 🚲 began to hit her and her husband for becoming Muslims.







When Umar is saw the blood on his sister's face, he became ashamed of his actions. His anger went away.

Umar is then asked them what they were reading. His sister Fatimah is told him that she was reading the Qur'an. She said that he could not touch the pages until he had a bath and became clean.



Umar 🐝 had a bath, and when he read the verses, he was so touched by the words that he knew these words were from Allah.

He truly believed that Prophet

Muhammad 🐝 was indeed the true prophet of Allah. Umar 🕸 went to see Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and recited the Shahadah.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَّآالِهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ -وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَبَّدًا عَبُدُهُ وَ رَسُولُهُ

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had made du'a to Allah to strengthen Islam with Umar ﷺ or Abu Jahl.

Allah had guided Umar 🐗 to Islam and blessed him with imaan.

All the Muslims of Makkah were extremely happy at this news.

>> It was into the sixth year of prophethood that Umar 🚓 and Hamzah 🚓 both accepted Islam. They were both good Muslims.

## Reflections

1. Why did some Muslims leave Makkah and perform the first Hijrah?

2. What did Prophet Muhammadﷺ ask the Makkans to do?

3. How did some Muslims get away from the bad treatment?

4. What upset Hadrat Hamzah 🖑 and what did he do?

5. Why was Hadrat Umar 🖑 angry?

6. What made Hadrat Umar المعنى decide to become a Muslim?

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## THE HAJJ



Prophet Ibrahim 🕮 had built the Ka'bah for people to only worship Allah. Prophet Ibrahim Will had also invited the people to make the Hajj.

From his time, people had been coming to Makkah for Hajj. So, for many centuries, people had made this sacred journey to Makkah.

However, the Makkans had put 360 idols in and around the Ka'bah for people to worship. When people came for Hajj, they worshipped the idols as well as Allah.

Prophet Muhammad **\*** had warned the Makkans that this was wrong and that Allah will be angry with them.

It was almost Hajj time and many people would be coming to Makkah. The Makkans did not want people to find out about Islam. They had a meeting to



stop the people from learning about Islam.



People would come from far and wide to worship the idols. Through the Hajj, the Makkans were held in high respect and they also made lots of money.

The Makkans were worried that if people stopped worshipping idols, they would lose their wealth and status.

They thought about what they could say that would stop the people from listening to Prophet Muhammad **ﷺ**.



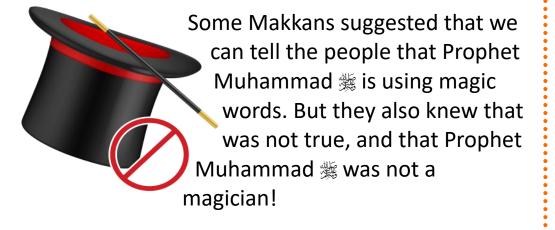
Some Makkans said that we should tell the people that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is telling lies. However, everyone knew that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was the most truthful person.



Deep down, many Makkans knew that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ really was a prophet of Allah.



They thought of as many lies as they could. They wanted to trick the people that came for Hajj!



Others suggested that they could tell the people that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is a poet and not a prophet. However, they knew that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had never made a poem in his life!



Finally, they decided that they would wait at the outskirts of Makkah and speak to the people as they came. They would warn them that Prophet Muhammad used magic words.

They would say that the words were dangerous, so don't listen to them.

They hoped that this would scare the people and they would keep away from Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.





When people came to Makkah, they heard all these lies about Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Many of them were scared to listen to him.

>> Tufayl ibn Amr 🚲

Hadrat Tufayl ibn Amr & heard all the stories on his way to Makkah. He was a poet and was scared to listen to Prophet Muhammad . He blocked his ears with bits of cloth so that he would not hear Prophet Muhammad .

When he saw Prophet Muhammad ﷺ praying, he heard a faint few words of the Qur'an. He liked what he heard and became very curious.



He decided that he would listen to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and would not be afraid.

He followed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and then asked him about Islam.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ told him about Islam and Tufayl ibn Amr ﷺ accepted Islam.



Many people learned about Islam in Makkah. A lot of them became Muslims during this Hajj.

The Makkans were not happy. They still couldn't understand why so many people were still accepting Islam.



What could they possibly do to stop this?



1. Why did so many people visit the Ka'bah?

2. Which prophets built the Ka'bah and why?

3 .What was different at the Ka'bah since the time of Prophet Ibrahim 3000?

4. Why were the people of Makkah worried and what did they do?

5. How did Tufayl ibn Amr 🚲 learn about Islam?



>> Abyssinia was in the place of what is now Ethiopia/Eritrea. To go to Abyssinia, people would travel across the Red Sea on ships.

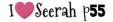


Tell me about

• Umar ibn al-Khattab •Hamzah Prophet Ibrahim • Tufayl ibn Amr

The Qur'an is the word of Allah. It is protected from change until the Day of Judgement.

Even today, these words of the Qur'an are changing the lives of people. It is making them into great people.





## MAKING DEALS

As you can imagine, the Makkans were not happy with the spread of Islam. They had tried so many different ways to stop people following Islam.

They had tried so many things

to stop people listening to our beloved Prophet 3%.

Now the Makkans became even more cruel towards the Muslims. These Muslims were often slaves, poor people or even family members.

However, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had some protection from their evil ways. His uncle, Abu Talib, was the head of the Banu Hashim tribe. Many Makkans didn't dare to hurt

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ because of this.

The Makkans decided to make a deal with Abu Talib and Prophet Muhammad **ﷺ**.



They offered to make Prophet Muhammad ﷺ their king. They would do anything for him and he would be a powerful ruler.

They offered to make Prophet Muhammad ﷺ the richest man in Arabia. They would gather all their wealth and give it to him!



They offered to marry any woman to him. He just needed to choose anyone from the whole of Arabia and they would arrange the marriage! Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was not interested in being their king or a powerful ruler. He wasn't interested in being rich or getting married. In fact, Muhammad ﷺ rejected all their offers.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was a prophet of Allah. His mission was to spread the truth and always stand up for the truth. He naturally refused all their offers.



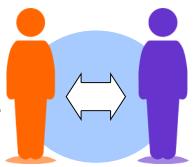
They even offered to worship Allah for one year and then worship the idols the next.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said No! How could he do such an evil thing as worshipping Idols? There is no compromise in tawheed.

The people approached Abu Talib and said they will give him another person to be his nephew instead

of Prophet Muhammad **ﷺ**.

They wanted to swap people around so that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would not have Abu Talib's protection.



Abu Talib was very angry and upset with this and he refused them with the strongest of words.

The Makkans, were not finished yet. They continued their bullying and cruel behaviour against the Muslims. They were making their most evil plan yet.



The tribes of Makkah got together and decided that they would boycott the Muslims. They would not let the Muslims do business, buy any food or have relationships with other people.

The Makkans all signed an agreement so that no one could back out. They then hung this agreement inside the Ka'bah.

What would happen? How would the Muslims survive? There are so many questions.



Unfortunately, we have run out of pages so let's continue it in the next book, insha Allah.

# Reflections

1. Why were the Makkans unable to harm the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?

2. Why did the Makkans come to see Abu Talib?

3. What offers did they make to Abu Talib?

4. What offer did they make to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ about worship?

5. What swap did the Makkans offer to Abu Talib?

6. What was the new evil plan the Makkans made?

## IMPORTANT

Allah revealed Surah al-Kafiroon when the Makkans wanted the Muslims to worship idols for one year.

In this surah, Allah shows us that we must **never** worship anybody or anything except Allah. We must stay away from other kinds of worship!



The Makkans tried to tempt Prophet Muhammad ﷺ by promising things from this world.

Allah had already promised our Prophet ﷺ a place in Jannah that is better than the whole world!

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## A Gift Of Love

A way of showing your love towards someone is by giving them gifts. We love our Prophet ﷺ. The best gift we can give the Prophet ﷺ is sending durud and salaam upon him.

When we send a single durud upon the Prophet <sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, Allah loves this so much that Allah sends 10 blessings upon us as well.

The Prophet ﷺ said that the person who sends the most durud will be the closest to him on the Day of Judgement.

## Seerah

On 12<sup>th</sup> Rabi Al–Awwal, 571CE a momentous event took place which changed the course of world history.

A child was born to Lady Aaminah in Makkah, not far from the sacred Ka'bah. This child would grow up to become the last and final Messenger. He would teach a wisdom and way of life – revelation from the Almighty Creator.

Spreading a message of peace, honesty and justice, just like his other illustrious predecessors – the Prophets and Messengers that came before him.



This is our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.



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