

The Life of Prophet
Muhammad

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My Lord, increase me in
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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 عليه السلام through his son Prophet Isma'il عليه السلام.

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”?

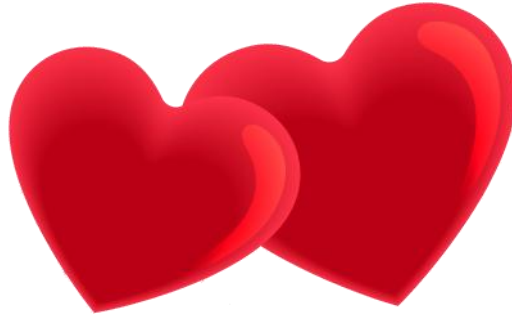
This book is a window into the life and times of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Aaminah
Abdullah

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AAMINAH & ABDULLAH

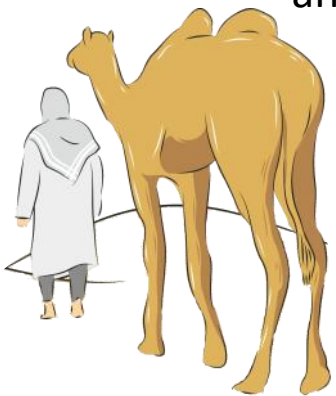
Our story begins when a wonderful young lady called Aaminah was getting married.



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 to Yemen instead.

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.



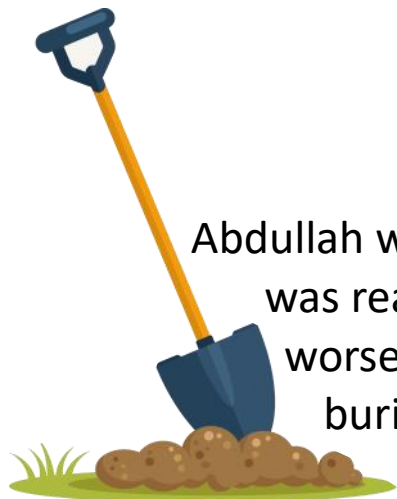
Aaminah missed Abdullah. She was very sad because they had only been married for a short while.



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.



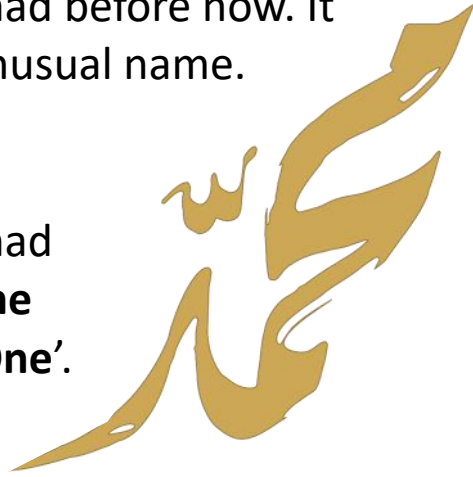
Everyone was overjoyed and they took the baby boy to his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib.



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. Aminah 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 Aminah?
3. Can you describe what a caravan is?
4. Aminah and Abdul Muttalib were heart broken and sad, do you remember why?
5. What was the special gift Allah had blessed Aminah with?
6. Do you remember who named our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?

Aminah 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.



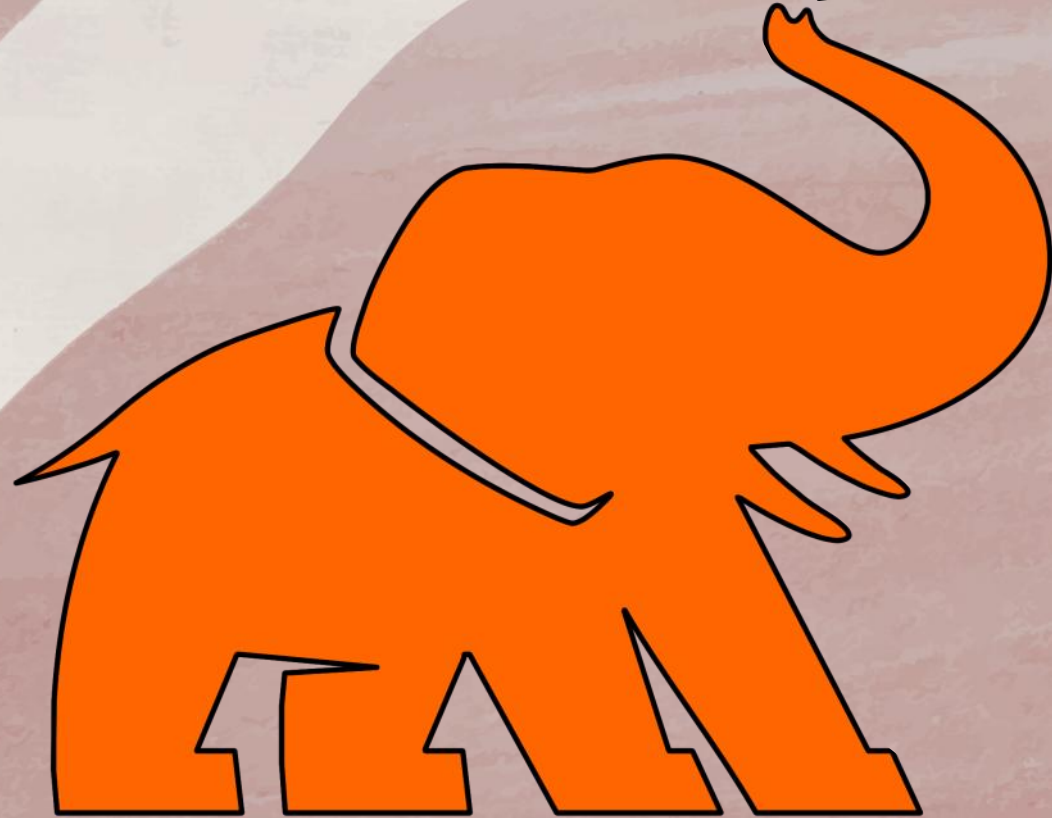
Makkah was on the caravan trade route between Yemen and Syria. It became a very busy and wealthy city.

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

Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام 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.

Year of the

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Elephants

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.

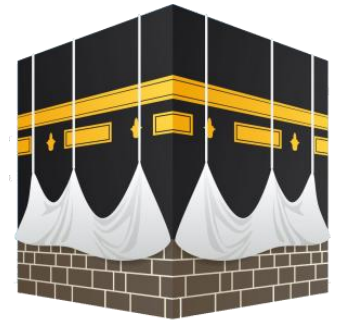


Abraha was jealous, he wanted people to come to San'aa (صنعاء) in Yemen instead.



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 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.

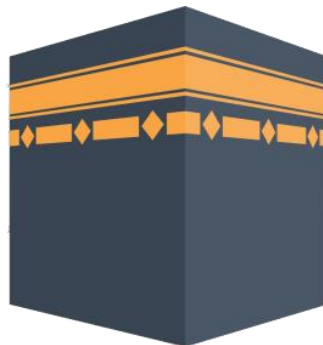
People were scared to stand up to Abraha and his army, so Abraha took what he wanted.



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.

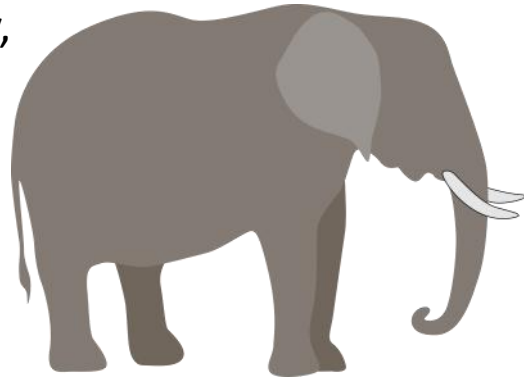


The Makkans went to the mountains for safety. They could not fight such a big army. They could not defend the Ka’bah.

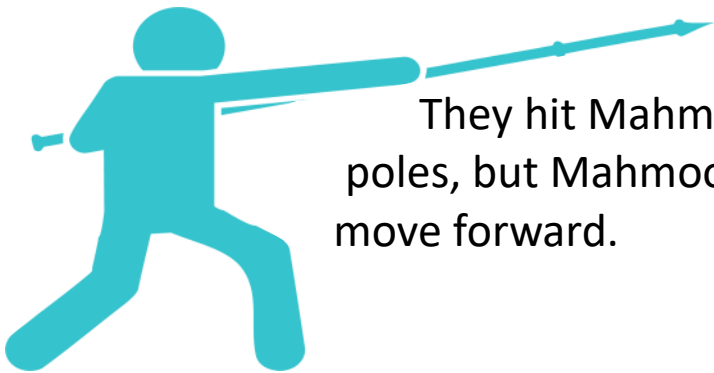


Abraha decided that it was time to march towards the Ka’bah and destroy it.

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!



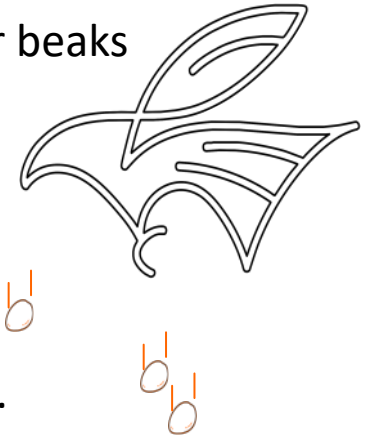
They hit Mahmood with metal poles, but Mahmood would not move forward.

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.



This is why this year was named, 'The Year of the Elephant.'

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?



Tell me about

- **Aaminah**
- **Abraha**
- **Abdul Muttalib**
- **Abdullah**
- **Mahmood**

Abraha challenged Allah, so Allah destroyed him.

We should respect Allah and all those things connected 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 12th 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 ﷺ time.
- » San'aa is the largest city in Yemen. It is 500 miles south of Makkah.

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Halimah
Sa'diyyah

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.



Halimah Sa'diyyah loved her foster children. She cared for them. She fed and clothed them.

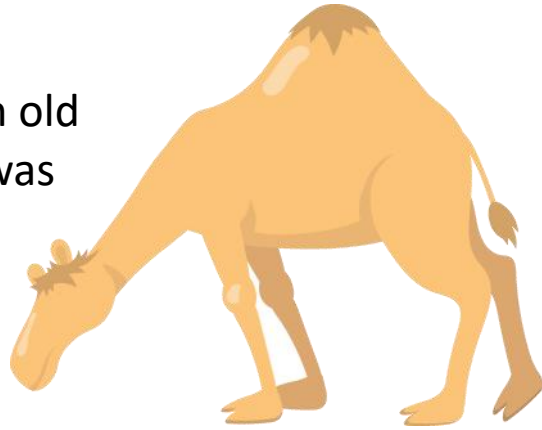


After two years, the babies would be returned to their mums and dads.



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 she-camel 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 ﷺ because his dad was not alive.

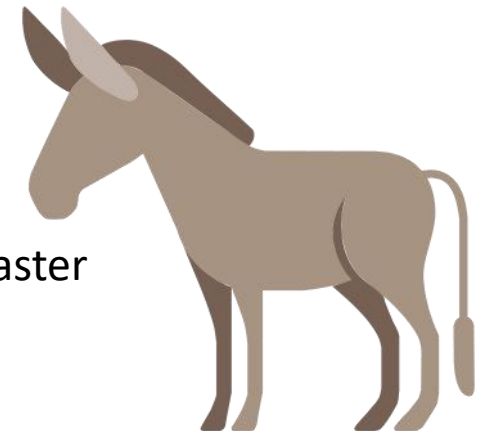
Aaminah was not very rich, so the bedouins thought they wouldn't get much money for their hard work.



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

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 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, Aminah. Aminah 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 Aminah if she could take Prophet Muhammad ﷺ back for another short while. Aminah 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 عليه السلام 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.

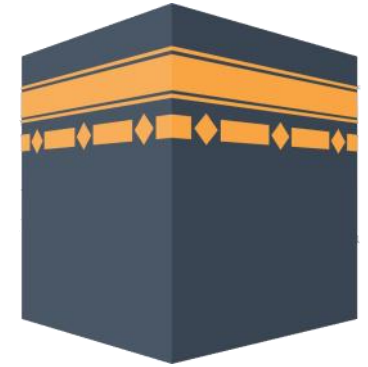
Halimah's son saw this and was very scared. He ran to Halimah Sa'diyyah and told her what had happened.



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

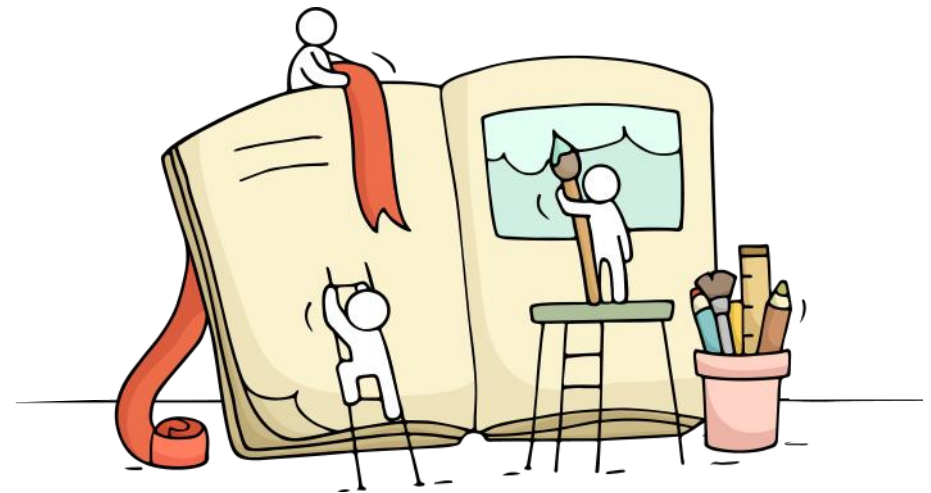
She told Aminah what had happened. Aminah replied, "**Muhammad ﷺ is very special. Nothing bad will happen to him.**"

Aminah 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.

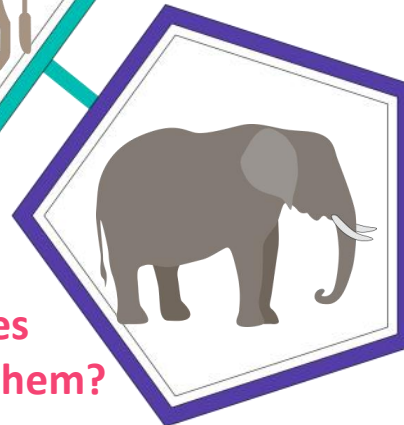
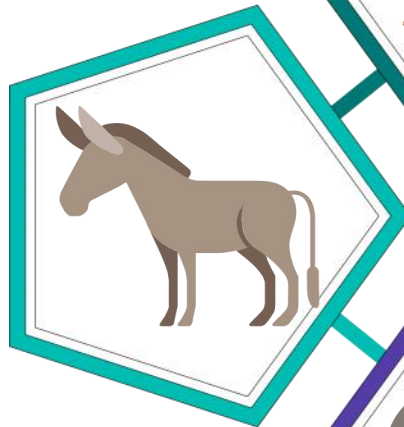
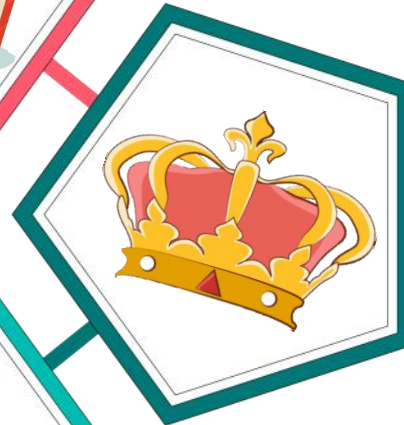
I think that's a story for next time, insha Allah.



Reflections

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 Muhammad ﷺ. 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 ﷺ when he was a small child?

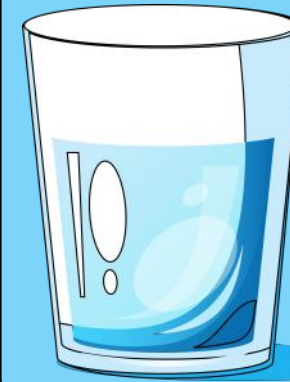
Have a look for these pictures



Can you remember the different stories connected to them?

ZAMZAM WATER

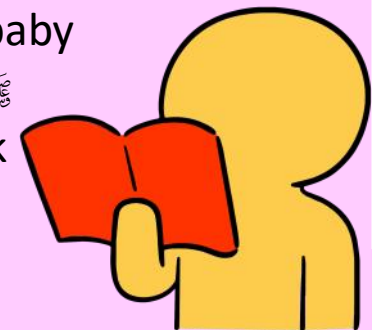
Zamzam is special water. It is so special that it was used to wash our Prophet's ﷺ heart.



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





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Sadness in
Yathri

SADNESS IN YATHRIB

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



Muhammad ﷺ and Aminah 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, Aminah decided to visit Yathrib. Yathrib is also known as Madinah.

Yathrib was a very special place, because Aminah 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.



Aminah travelled to Yathrib with Muhammad ﷺ and Umm Ayman.



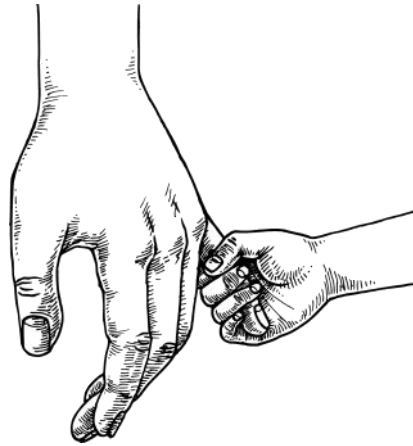
Umm Ayman was a servant who lived with Muhammad ﷺ and Aminah.

As Allah had willed, Aminah 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 ﷺ 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.

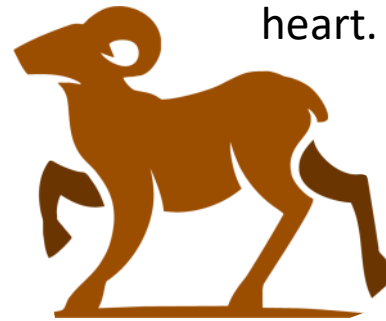


Two happy years had passed and Muhammad ﷺ was eight years old. Abdul Muttalib passed away leaving Muhammad ﷺ alone and sad. He only had Umm Ayman, his caring friend with him.

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 ﷺ 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 ﷺ spent 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.



Tell me about

- **Abu Talib**
- **Umm Ayman**
- **Halimah Sa'diyah**
- **Jibra'il** ﷺ

Everyone respected Abdul 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.

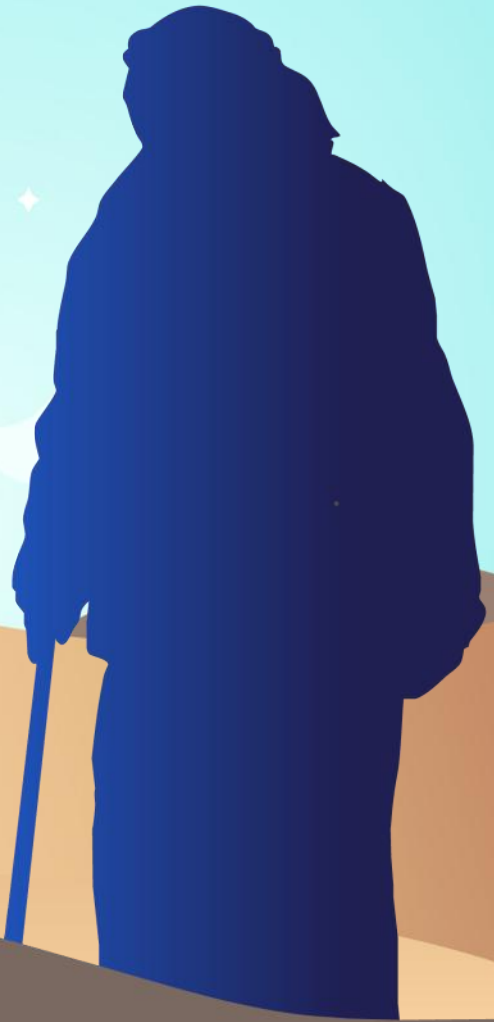
Abdul Muttalib would seat the Prophet ﷺ on the couch beside him. He would say that Muhammad ﷺ would have a special future!

Reflections

1. How old was Prophet Muhammad ﷺ when Aaminah took him to Yathrib?
2. Why was Yathrib special to Aaminah?
3. Who else went to Yathrib with Aaminah and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?
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?

Bahira the Monk

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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.



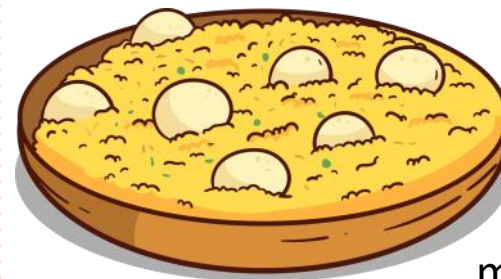
The caravan had a cloud above it sheltering it from the hot desert sun. Whenever the caravan stopped, the cloud stopped as well.



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.

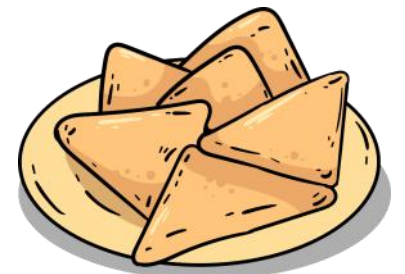


He quickly got some food together. He sent a message to the caravan, inviting them to come and visit him.

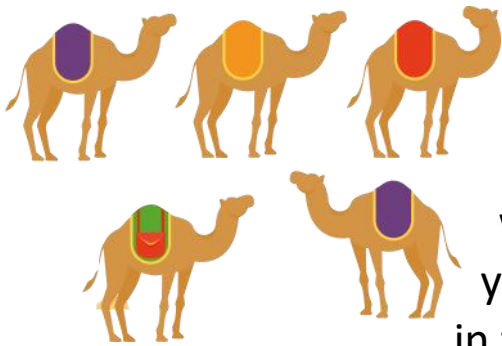


The caravan was Abu Talib's. They accepted this generous offer and went to Bahira's monastery.

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

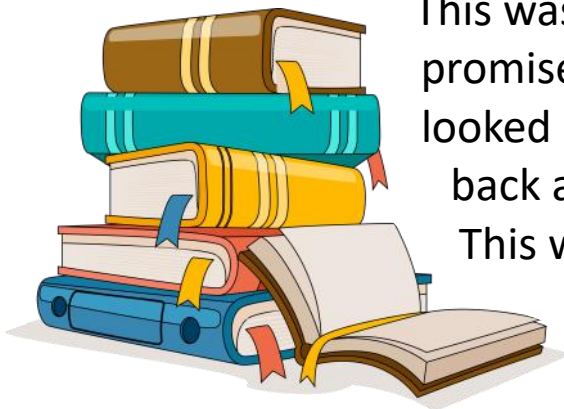


Bahira asked one of the people from the caravan if anyone was missing from the group. He was told that one of the youngsters was left outside to look after the camels.



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 ﷺ 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.

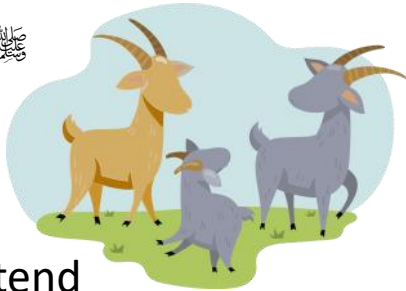


Bahira told Abu Talib that Muhammad ﷺ was not safe here. He advised Abu Talib to take Muhammad ﷺ back to Makkah.

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 ﷺ 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 ﷺ?

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



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

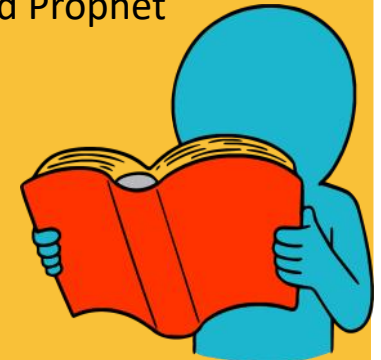
Whilst on the journey, Allah sent a cloud to shade the Prophet ﷺ from the heat of the sun.



>> 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.



Khadijah



رضي الله
عنها



KHADIJAH رضي الله عنها

Let me introduce you to another wonderful lady, her name was Khadijah رضي الله عنها.

Khadijah رضي الله عنها 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.

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Khadijah رضي الله عنها 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 رضي الله عنها would not go with the caravans herself. She would hire someone to go for her.

Khadijah رضي الله عنها would then share the profits with this person.

Khadijah رضي الله عنها was looking for someone to send on a trade journey. She had heard about an honest and truthful man called Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.



Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was 25 years old and was already known for his good, honest character.

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Khadijah رضي الله عنها offered Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم the job, and he accepted.

Maysarah was Khadijah's servant. He was going to accompany Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم 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.

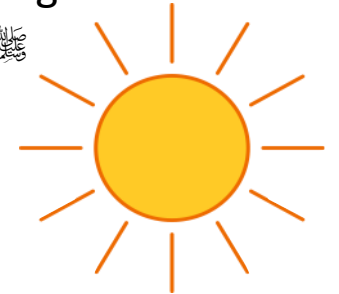


She was especially happy with Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ good manners and honesty.



Khadijah ﷺ 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 ﷺ from the sun.



Maysarah told her about a strange monk called Nestor who lived on the way to Syria.



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

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

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



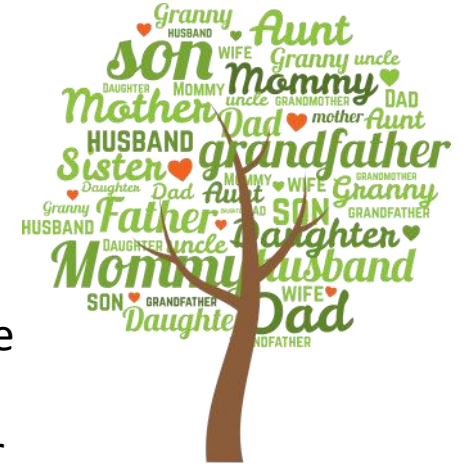
Khadijah's ﷺ uncle and Abu Talib met. They spoke with each other and made all the arrangements.



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.

Reflections

1. Can you describe Khadijah's profession?
2. Why did Khadijah choose Prophet Muhammad to work for her?
3. What happened on Prophet Muhammad's 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 was 25 years old when he married Khadijah >> She 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.

Daughters

Prophet Muhammad was blessed with four daughters



Fatimah



Umm Kulthum



Ruqayyah



Zaynab

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

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

An illustration of the Kaaba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, surrounded by minarets and a wall. The Kaaba is a large black cube with gold bands. The minarets are tall, thin towers with domes. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and a light blue ground. A large, stylized number '7' is positioned to the left of the Kaaba. The text 'Rebuilding' is written in a large, white, outlined font at the top, and 'the Ka'bah' is written in a similar font at the bottom.

Rebuilding

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the Ka'bah

REBUILDING THE KA'BAH



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

At the time of Prophet Muhammad عليه السلام, 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.



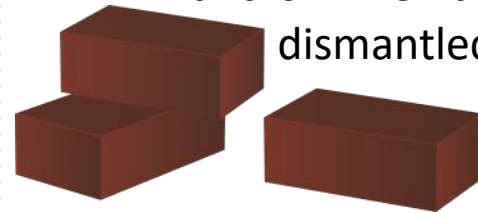
They collected funds for the huge task of rebuilding the Ka'bah.



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.

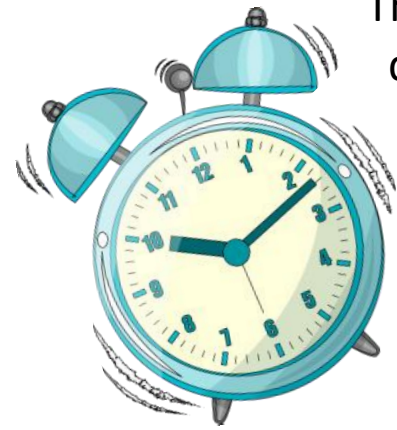
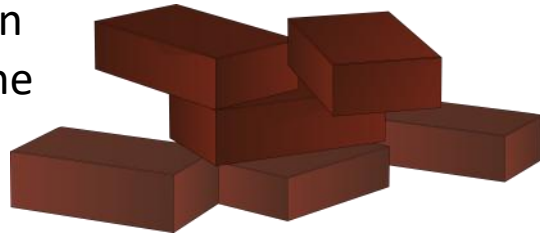
The people slowly started dislodging the stone bricks. When the first stone was dismantled, there was a loud rumble, and the stone fell back in place.



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.



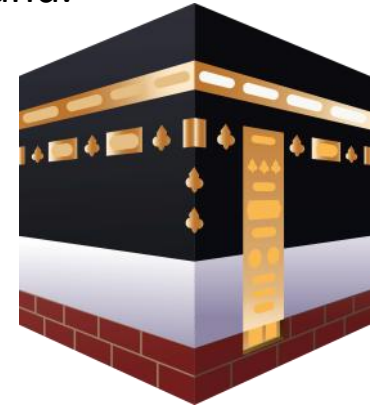
The people were still scared. They didn't know if they should join in or not. They decided to wait to see if Waleed was alive the next morning. If he was alive, they would join in and help him.

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

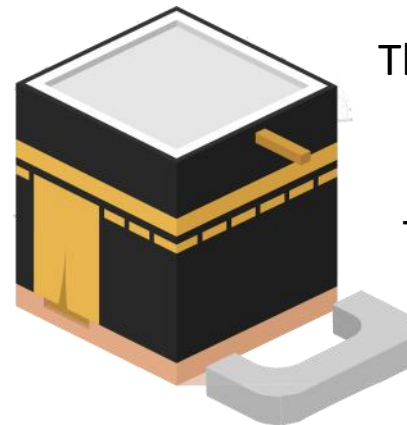
The people demolished the Ka'bah, and now it was time to rebuild it.



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.

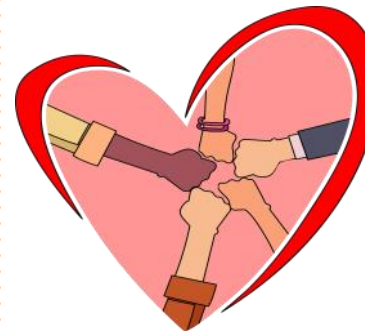


Just then Prophet Muhammad ﷺ walked in, and people began to cheer, "**Al-Ameen is here! The Trustworthy One is here!**" They all trusted Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and knew he would be fair.

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 ﷺ 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!

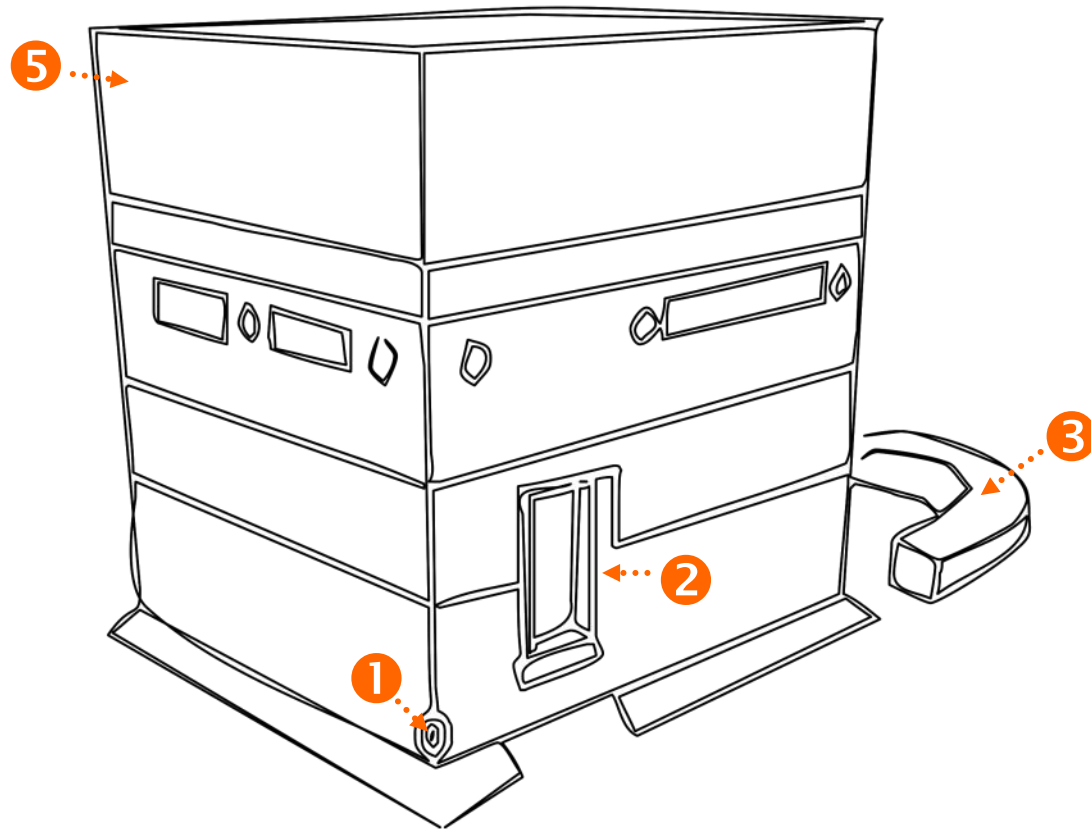
What was going on? We will find out next time, insha Allah.

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



The Ka'bah

What can you tell me about the Ka'bah?



- ♥ Al-Hajar Al-Aswad
- ♥ Door
- ♥ Hateem

- ♥ Maqam Ibrahim
- ♥ Ghilaf (Kiswah)



Reflections

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?

WORDS

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 known 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

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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 was alone, when a person appeared in the cave! This person was actually Angel Jibra'il عليه السلام in the form of a man.



Angel Jibra'il عليه السلام said to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, "Iqra!" This means 'Read!' in Arabic.

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 عليه السلام 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!"

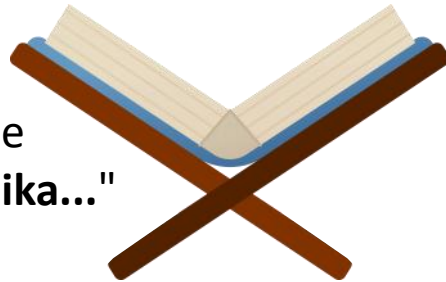
The angel عليه السلام squeezed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ again.

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!"



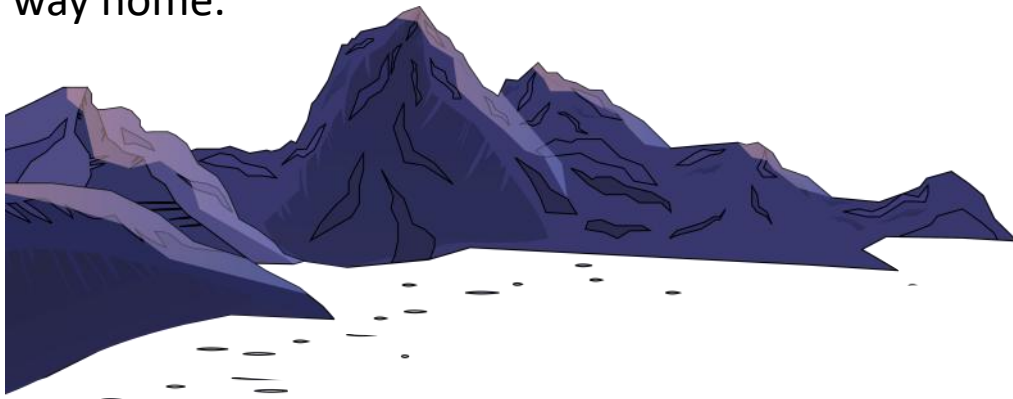
Angel Jibra'il عليه السلام squeezed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ for a third time. He squeezed him so tight that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ found it hard to breathe.

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 عليه السلام. These beautiful words were in his heart forever.

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

Angel Jibra'il عليه السلام said, "**O Muhammad ﷺ! You are the messenger of Allah, and I am Jibra'il.**"

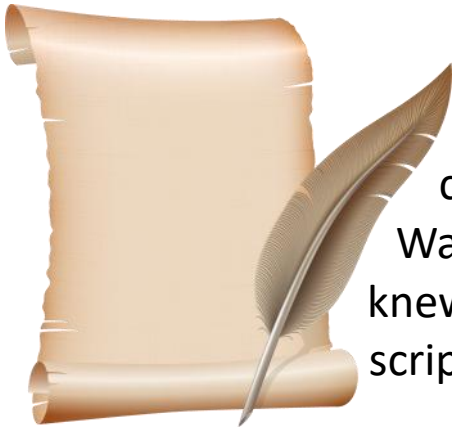
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ran back home to Khadijah رضي الله عنها and asked her to wrap him up. He was out of breath and shivering.



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 ﷺ to see her cousin, Waraqah ibn Nawfal. Waraqah was an old man who knew about the previous scriptures and books.

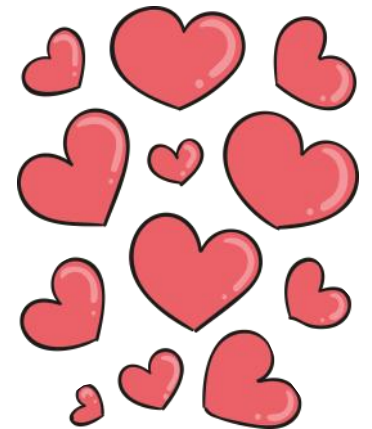
Waraqah carefully listened to what had happened with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Waraqah told Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that he had in fact seen the same angel that was sent to the other prophets.

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.

Reflections

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?

Have a look at these pictures



Can you remember the different stories connected to them?

Places

- Syria
- Yemen
- Yathrib
- Makkah
- Abwa

What do you remember about these places?

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

Angel Jibra'il ﷺ 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.





The Early Muslims

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.

﴿أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ط
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ﴾



Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ close family and friends accepted Islam. They became Muslims.

The Angel Jibra'il ﷺ would visit Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He would sometimes bring verses

from the Qur'an.

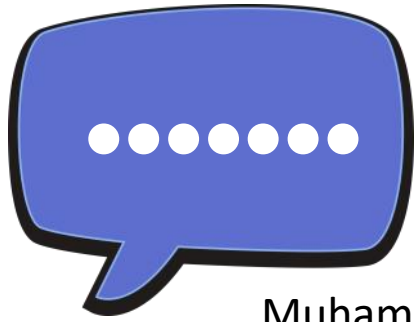
Once when Jibra'il ﷺ came to visit Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Jibra'il ﷺ struck a rock with his heel and water began to gush from the rock. Jibra'il ﷺ taught Prophet Muhammad ﷺ how to do wudhu with this water. He then taught Prophet Muhammad ﷺ how to perform Salah.



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 ﷺ **Al-Saadiq** (Truthful) and **Al-Ameen** (the trustworthy). They knew that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ 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 رضي الله عنه

Hadrat Bilal رضي الله عنه 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 صلى الله عليه وسلم was the messenger of Allah.



Bilal's رضي الله عنه master was a wicked man. He was very angry with him when he found out that Bilal رضي الله عنه had accepted Islam.

He would hurt him in the most horrible ways, hoping that Bilal رضي الله عنه would leave Islam.

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



It was hard for the Muslims to see Bilal رضي الله عنه suffering so much. The generous Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه purchased Bilal رضي الله عنه 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.



Reflections

1. Who were the first group of people our Prophet ﷺ preached to?
2. What kinds of things did the Angel teach Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?
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 ﷺ on Mount Safa?
6. Who was Bilal ؓ and why was he treated so badly?
7. How was Bilal ؓ saved?



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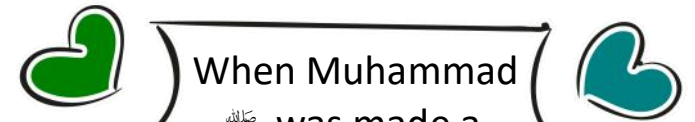
- Waraqah
- Abu Lahab
- Angel Jibra'il
- Abu Bakr ؓ
- Bilal ؓ

Hadrat Bilal ؓ was a slave and his master treated him very badly. Allah saved him and gave him a very important job.



Bilal ؓ became the Muadhin and would call all the people to salah.

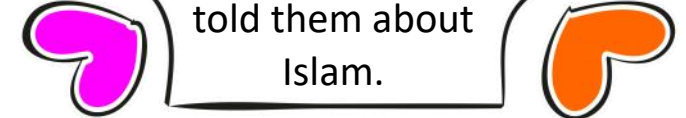
Ali ؓ was the son of Abu Talib. He lived in the Prophet's ﷺ household and already knew his ﷺ character very well. Ali ؓ was the first youngster to accept Islam.



When Muhammad ﷺ was made a prophet, he told his good friend Abu Bakr ؓ. Abu Bakr ؓ 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.



- » For 3 years Prophet Muhammad ﷺ taught his family and friends.
- » After this, he ﷺ was commanded to teach everyone.



New

10

Muslims



BAD TREATMENT



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

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 ﷺ

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



Hamzah رضي الله عنه 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 صلى الله عليه وسلم, had come earlier to the Ka'bah and Abu Lahab had been very rough with him and extremely rude.

This really upset Hamzah رضي الله عنه. He went straight to Abu Lahab, who was sitting with his friends near the Ka'bah. Hamzah رضي الله عنه 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 رضي الله عنه. Abu Lahab also did not say anything because he knew that he was wrong to treat Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم so badly.

Hamzah رضي الله عنه told them there and then that he was now a Muslim.

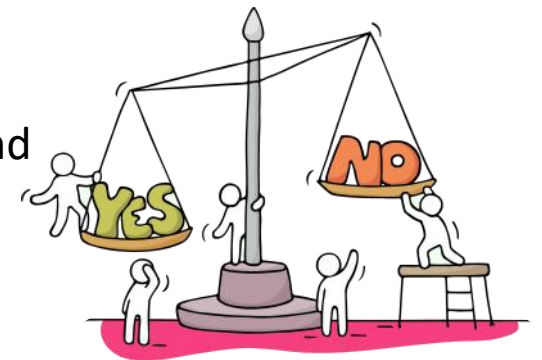
Hamzah رضي الله عنه became a great Muslim who dedicated his life to being a good person and following Islam fully in his life.



» Umar ibn al-Khattab رضي الله عنه

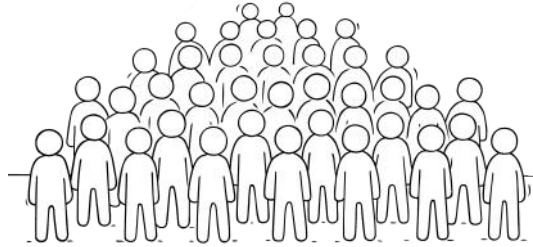
Hadrat Umar رضي الله عنه was a tough fellow. In fact, many people were scared of Umar رضي الله عنه. Not only was he strong and brave, but he had a fiery temper!

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



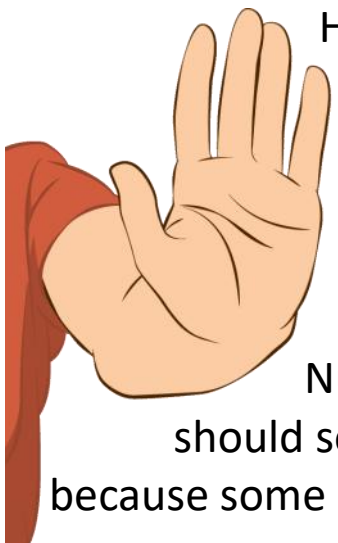
One day, Umar رضي الله عنه was angry. In fact, he was very angry! He didn't want things to change in Makkah.

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



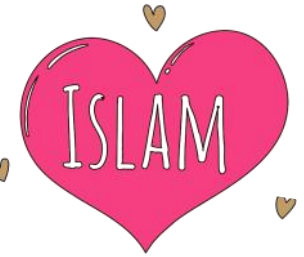
He took his sword and was marching down the street. People knew to keep out of his way. Someone was in big trouble.

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

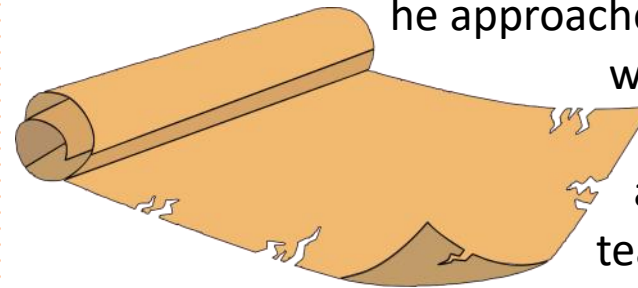


Nu'aym suggested that maybe he should sort his own family out first, because some of them had become Muslims.

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



Umar رضي الله عنه marched to his sister Fatimah's house. As he approached, he heard some words being recited.



It was Khabbab ibn al-Arat رضي الله عنه who was teaching them some verses of the Qur'an.

As Umar رضي الله عنه knocked on the door, Khabbab رضي الله عنه found a place to hide, whilst Fatimah رضي الله عنها hid the pages.

When Fatimah رضي الله عنها let him in, Umar رضي الله عنه began to hit her and her husband for becoming Muslims.



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

Umar رضي الله عنه then asked them what they were reading. His sister Fatimah رضي الله عنها 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 رضي الله عنه 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 ﷺ was indeed the true prophet of Allah.

Umar رضي الله عنه went to see Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and recited the Shahadah.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

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

Allah had guided Umar رضي الله عنه 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 رضي الله عنه and Hamzah رضي الله عنه 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 Muhammad ﷺ ask the Makkans to do?
3. How did some Muslims get away from the bad treatment?
4. What upset Hadrat Hamzah رضي الله عنه and what did he do?
5. Why was Hadrat Umar رضي الله عنه angry?
6. What made Hadrat Umar رضي الله عنه decide to become a Muslim?



The Hajj

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THE HAJJ



Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام had built the Ka'bah for people to only worship Allah. Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام 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 صلى الله عليه وسلم 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 صلى الله عليه وسلم.

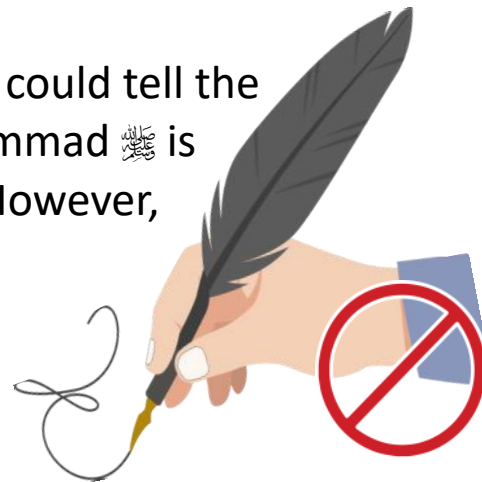


Some Makkans said that we should tell the people that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is telling lies. However, everyone knew that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was the most truthful person.



Some Makkans suggested that we can tell the people that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is using magic words. But they also knew that was not true, and that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was not a magician!

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!



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!



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 ﷺ 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 رضي الله عنه

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

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 رضي الله عنه 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?

Reflections

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 عليه السلام?
4. Why were the people of Makkah worried and what did they do?
5. How did Tufayl ibn Amr رضي الله عنه learn about Islam?

Have a look for these pictures



Can you remember the different stories connected to them?



>> 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

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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.



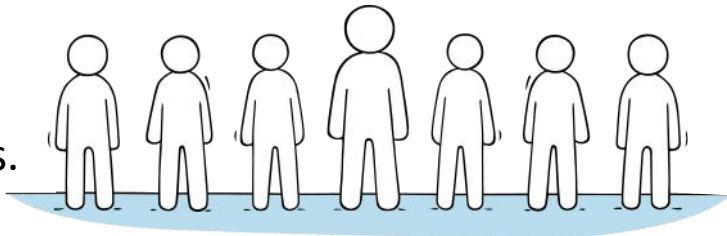
They had tried so many things to stop people listening to our beloved Prophet ﷺ.



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.



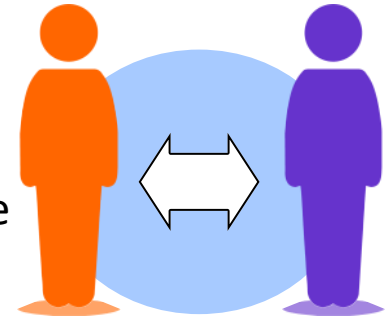
They even offered to worship Allah for one year and then worship the idols the next.

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

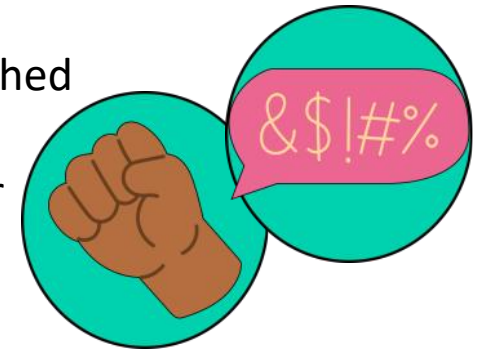
of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

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.

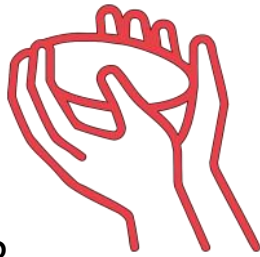


The tribes of Makkah got together and decided that they would boycott the Muslims.

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.

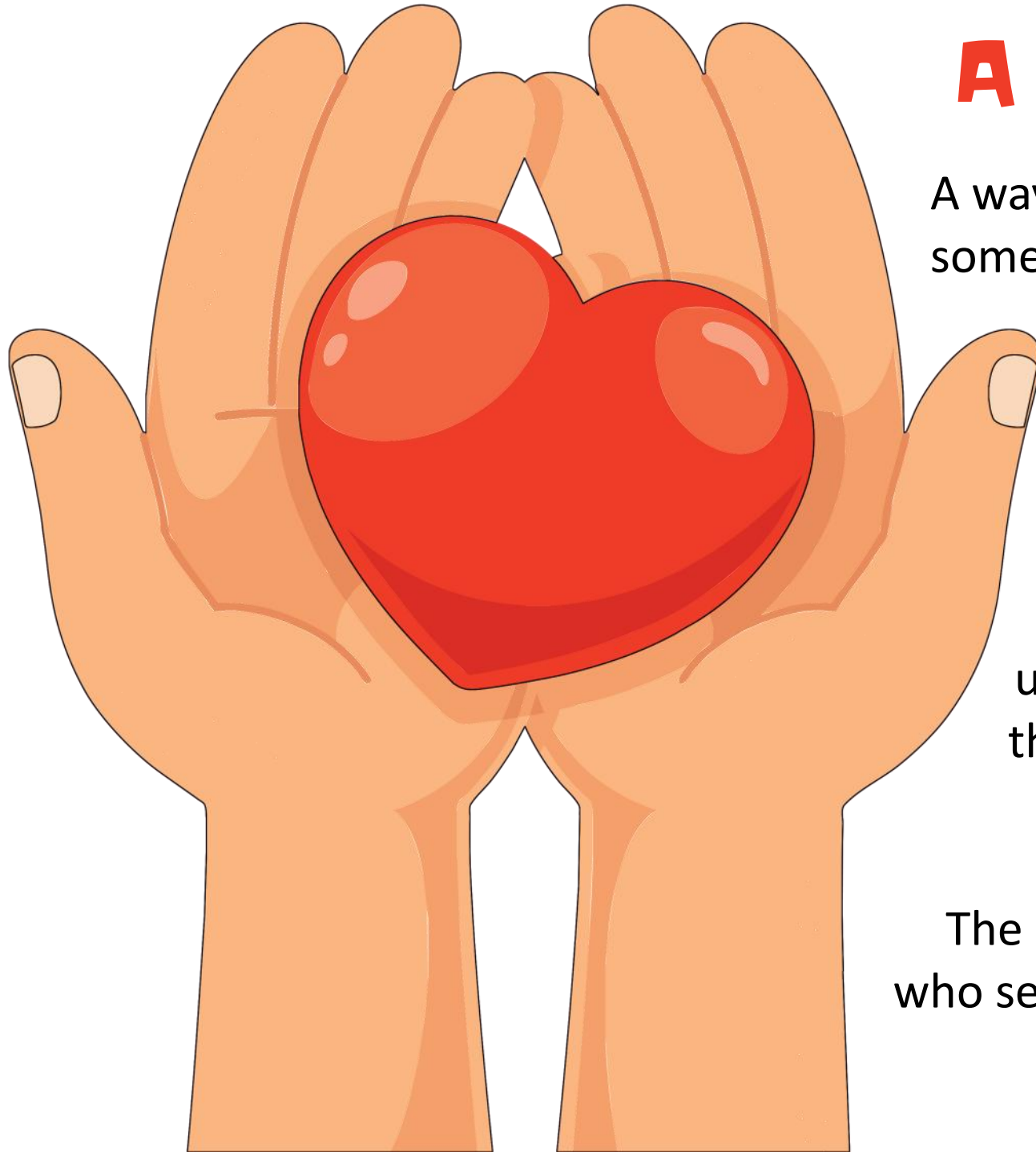
In this surah, Allah shows us that we must **never** worship anybody or anything except Allah. We must stay away from other kinds of worship!

Don't Forget

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!





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 ﷺ, 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.

I ♥ Seerah

On 12th Rabi Al-Awwal, 571CE a momentous event took place which changed the course of world history.

A child was born to Lady Aminah 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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