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Stories Of Our Beloved Prophet(sa)

Editor's Note:

The notation (sa) is an abbreviation of the prayer *sallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam* (peace and blessings of God be upon him), which we say for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). Though the prayer has not been written in full it should nevertheless be understood as being repeated in full in each case.

Similarly, the notation (as) is an abbreviation of the prayer *'alaihi-salam* (peace be upon him) and is used at the mention of the Promised Messiah (as) and all other prophets of God.

The notation (ra) is an abbreviation of the prayer *radiyallahu 'anhu/'anha/'anhum* (may Allah be pleased with him/her/them) and is used for the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa) and the Promised Messiah (as).

The notation (aba) is an abbreviation of the prayer *ayyadahullahu ta'ala bi-nasrihil-'aziz* (may Allah be his Helper) and is used at the mention of the current Khalifa (aba).

Dear Reader, As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum!

I am pleased to introduce this issue in which our children have written about their love for the Beloved of God, the best of mankind, our Holy Prophet, Muhammad Mustafa (sa).

We are blessed as Ahmadi Muslims to have been shown and taught the true worth of this noble Prophet (sa) by the Promised Messiah (as), who loved him and followed him impeccably. He said:

“It is my personal experience that to obey the Holy Prophet (sa) with a sincere heart and to love him ultimately makes a person beloved of God.”

It is heartening to see these stories draw our children toward the Beloved Holy Prophet (sa) and instill a lasting love for him from such a young age.

Was-Salam
Saliha Malik
Chief Editor, Al-Hilal



Holy Qur'an

﴿١٠٨﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have sent thee not but as a mercy
for all peoples.

(Ch. 21, V. 108)

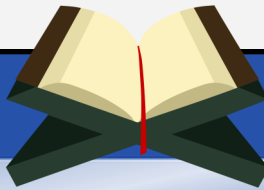
لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن

كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ

وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٢٢﴾

Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah
an excellent model, for him who fears Allah and
the Last Day and who remembers Allah much.

(Ch. 33: V. 22)



Hadith

عَنْ أَنَسٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
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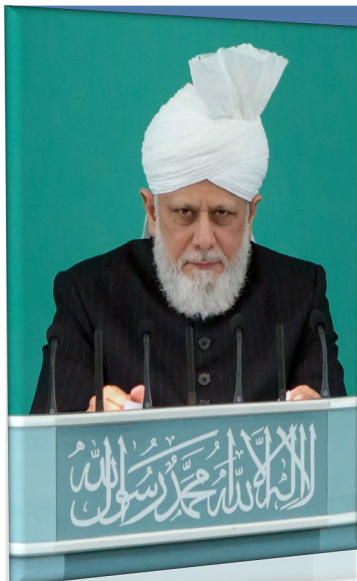
السنن الكبير للبيهقي باب ما يؤمر به في ليلة
الجمعة ويومها

**“Increase your supplications for me on the
day and night of Friday. Whoever blesses me
once, Allah will bless him ten times”**

(al-Sunan al-Kubrā lil-Baihaqī 5994).

Obedience to the Holy Prophet (sa)

– October 20, 2017



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifat-ul-Masih V (aba) explained the station of obedience to the Holy Prophet saying, “Allah the Exalted has stated that, you cannot establish a true relationship with Me by merely reciting *la ilaha illallah* (There is no God but Allah). Rather, if you wish to attain My love, then follow My beloved Prophet and adopt his character and you will reach the station, which is termed as the station of Allah’s nearness. Otherwise, your slogans are hollow. Thus, Allah the Exalted states in the Holy Qur’an:

“Say, ‘If you love Allah, follow me: then will Allah love you and forgive you your faults. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.’” (Ch. 3, V. 32)

The Promised Messiah (as) explains this verse saying, “I say truly and I do so based on my experience that none can truly act virtuously, attain the pleasure of Allah the Exalted, nor derive benefit from these rewards, blessings, profound wisdoms, truths and visions, which are acquired at the highest stage of the purification of the soul... until he subjugates himself in following the Holy Prophet (sa).”

The Promised Messiah (as) continues by saying: “Your claim to have love for Allah the Almighty will only be proven

authentic and complete if you follow the Holy Prophet (sa)... Divine splendor and blessings cannot descend on anyone unless a person is completely absorbed in the obedience of the Holy Prophet (sa). A person who loses himself in the love of the Holy Prophet (sa) and endures every type of sacrifice, receives the radiance of faith that liberates him from everything other than God and delivers him from sins and becomes a source of salvation... This is mentioned in a hadith, where the Holy Prophet (sa) has said, **‘I am the one to raise up the dead and they will be revived through me.’**” Thus, the spiritually dead are revived by the Holy Prophet (sa) and his followers become the beloved of Allah Almighty. Hence, those who are truly obedient raise the standards of their acts of worship. Every one of us should reflect on this and we must improve in this regard otherwise our claims of devotion and obedience will be hollow.

The Promised Messiah (as) says: “Man cannot develop complete love for Allah Almighty without using the morals and attributes of the Holy Prophet (sa) as his guide. Thus, Allah Almighty says:

“Say, ‘If you love Allah, follow me: then will Allah love you.’” (Ch. 3, V. 32)

It is evident from this verse that unless one completely follows the Holy Prophet (sa), he cannot attain the grace and blessings of Allah the Almighty, and neither is he granted the insight and wisdom which can vanquish his life of sin and the fiery nature of his inner desires.”

Having accepted the Promised Messiah (as), may Allah the Almighty enable us to appreciate him and also enable us to become completely devoted to the Holy Prophet (sa). May He enable every single one of us to follow the example of the Holy Prophet (sa) according to our abilities and capacities, *Amin.*”



THE *Beloved One*

Aliya Azeem / Age 9 / Orlando

Man was lost and without direction
So Allah sent him to show His perfection

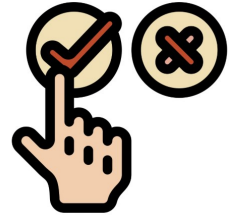
He came with a message of peace and love
He came and told us to follow the One above

A mercy for all mankind
Such a pure heart as one could not easily find

He taught us all about what is good
He taught us all to do as he would

His name was Muhammad (sa), the one and only
He came for all, the rich, the poor, and the lonely

May Allah the Almighty bless his name
May we all come together to achieve his aim



Anas ibn Malik (ra) said:

*"The Messenger of Allah (sa) is
the most beautiful,
the most generous
and the most brave."*

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Raina Sahi/ Age 12/ Chicago



The Holy Prophet (sa) was a perfect man, an excellent leader and exemplar for mankind. Even his name, “Muhammad” literally means the praised one. He was known as Truthful and Honest, living a pure life of simplicity even before his claim to prophethood.

The Holy Prophet (sa) gave teachings on all aspects of life, including family life. For example, he is reported to have said, “The best among men is the one who is best in his treatment to his wife” (Bukhari).

It is a historical fact that when the Meccans offered to give him anything he wanted if he stopped preaching about One God, his reply was: “I will not renounce my message from God even if they put the sun on my right hand and the moon on my left” (Bukhari).

His life was dedicated to the sole purpose of reuniting mankind to its Creator. The Holy Prophet (sa) was the Seal of all Prophets and earned the highest status in nearness to Allah.



Muhammad's (sa) Childhood

Sabeeka Syeda /Age 12 /Fort Worth



Today, I'm going to share two stories from the childhood of the Holy Prophet that show how pure hearted, kind, and patient he was, even at just five years old.

The Prophet's Patience in Abu Talib's Home:

Abu Talib, the uncle of the Holy Prophet (sa), had eleven children. Life in Arabia at that time was difficult, and many families struggled to afford enough food. Whenever meals were prepared, the children would rush to eat, trying to fill their stomachs before the food ran out. But the Holy Prophet (sa), even as a young child, never joined the rush. He would sit quietly, waiting for everyone else to eat first. Sometimes, there was nothing left for him. Yet he never complained.

Abu Talib had a deep love for Muhammad (sa), touched by his gentle nature and patience, he saw something special in him - his calmness, his kindness, and his willingness to sacrifice without saying a word.

He treated him with extra care, often scolding his own children but never raising his voice at him. He saw him not as a burden, but as a gift and a responsibility. He would say that Muhammad (sa) brought peace to his home, even in times of hardship. This love and respect continued throughout the Prophet's life, and it all began with the quiet patience he showed as a child.



The Cleansing of the Prophet's Heart:

One day, the Holy Prophet (sa) was playing outside with some children. Angel Gabriel came to him and laid the Holy Prophet on the ground. He made an incision into his chest. Then he took the heart out of his chest and extracted something from its core and threw it away. At the same time Gabriel said, 'This was the filth of weakness which has now been separated from you.' After this Gabriel cleansed the heart of the Holy Prophet (sa) with pure water and placed it back in his chest and once again it was joined together. When the children saw Gabriel laying the Holy Prophet on the ground and making an incision into his chest, they were greatly frightened and ran to the wet nurse of the Holy Prophet and said, 'Someone has murdered Muhammad (sa).' When these people reached the Holy Prophet (sa) the Angel had vanished, and the Prophet was standing alone in a state of fear (*Narrated by Anas bin Malik, Sahih Muslim*).

Halima, the Prophet's foster mother, rushed to the scene in a panic and saw Muhammad (sa) standing, unharmed but visibly shaken. His eyes were wide with fear, and his voice trembled as he told her what had happened.

This miraculous event was the cleansing of the Prophet's (sa) heart, removing any trace of impurity so that he could grow up with a heart full of light, wisdom, and purity. It was one of many signs that the Prophet was chosen by Allah for a special mission. Even as a child, he was being prepared for the role he would one day fulfill: guiding humanity with love, patience, and truth.

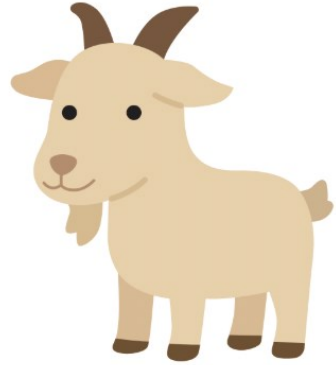
These are just two of the many beautiful stories from the childhood of the Holy Prophet (sa). As you keep reading, you'll discover even more stories that show his character, his kindness, and the way he touched the hearts of everyone around him.

Note: This Hadith recounts a vision or a spiritual experience which was extended to other children as well, verified by the fact that there were no tangible elements (Editor).

O LITTLE BRAVE ONE!

Haaniya Khan/ Age: 18/ Los Angeles

“O Little Brave One!” is my favorite story about our beloved master Holy Prophet (sa). It is about the time when the Holy Prophet (sa) as a child was living with Hazrat Halimah (ra). He would go out to graze goats with some other children of the village. He would leave in the morning and come back with the goats in the evening.



One day the children were grazing goats as usual in the woods when, suddenly, bandits attacked the flock. The children were frightened by their terrifying faces and flashing swords and ran towards the village, very afraid. Only the young Muhammad (sa) wasn't afraid and stood firm.



They gathered all the goats and were getting ready to leave when suddenly, the young Muhammad (sa) stepped forward, even though he was just a boy at the time, and addressing the bandits, saying, “The villagers have sent these goats with us to the woods; if you want to take these with you, then first go to the villagers and ask them for permission, then you can take them.”



The bandits began laughing at the innocent words of the little child and without responding to him

began to leave with the goats. When he noticed that the bandits had not paid any attention and were leaving with the goats, he promptly proceeded and stood in the way of the goats. The bandits were surprised at this act of courage by the young child and said, “Move aside and let us take the goats away!”



“No, never! Kill me and then take the goats with you. As long as I am alive the goats will not leave this place,” said Muhammad (sa).

The bandits looked at each other in amazement. Their chief stepped forward, stroked the child lovingly and asked, “Whose child are you?” He replied, **“Abdul-Muttalib’s.”** There was not one person in Arabia who was unfamiliar with the name of ‘Abdul-Muttalib. Immediately the bandit said, “Surely, the child of the Chief of Quraish should be as brave (as you). Little brave one! I value your courage, and I am letting the goats go free only because of you. The brilliance of your forehead is foretelling the greatness you shall achieve, not only among the Banu Hashim, but also among the whole of Arabia. What is your name?” **“Muhammad.”**

“Muhammad, Muhammad. What a unique and beautiful name,” said the bandit, relishing the sound of the name. Then the bandits left saying, **“O Little Brave One! Peace!”**



Ref: Early Life of Prophet Mohammad (sa) by Sheikh Mohammad Ismail Panipati, from Modern Islamic Children’s Stories. These modern stories are used as teaching tools but are fictional since there is no reference to them in authentic Hadith/biographies (Editor).

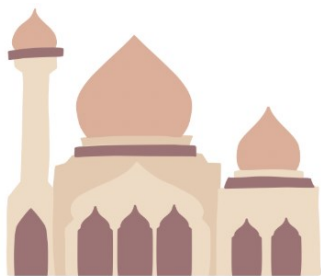


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A long Prostration

Hazeem Ahmad/ Age 12/ Virginia South



It is narrated by Shaddad that on one occasion, while carrying either Al-Hasan (ra) or Al-Husain (ra), the Holy Prophet (sa) went out to the people to lead them in one of the two evening prayers. Upon entering the mosque, Allah’s Messenger (sa) went to the front, past the first row of worshippers, and placed the child he was carrying on the ground. In the course of that prayer, the Holy Prophet (sa) performed an exceptionally long prostration. His head remained on the ground for so long that one of the worshippers, Shaddad’s father, raised his head to see what was happening. He saw that Allah’s Messenger (sa) was still performing prostration and that his grandson was sitting down on his back.

Seeing that nothing was wrong, Shaddad’s father lowered his head and resumed his prostration. When Allah’s Messenger (sa) completed his prayer, the people said, “O Messenger (sa) of Allah! Verily, during your Prayer, you performed an exceptionally long prostration – so long that we began to think that something was wrong or that revelation was descending upon you.”



In response, the Holy Prophet (sa) explained: “That didn’t occur. However, my son [meaning his grandson] was on my back, and I preferred not to disturb him until he had enough.” (“The Holy Prophet’s Compassion towards Children” Al-Hakam, July 5, 2024)

This incident captured my attention because it clearly

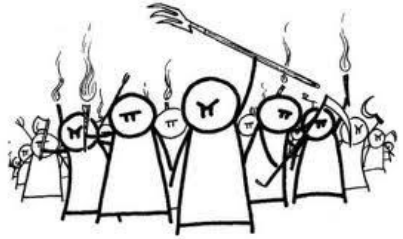


illustrates the Holy Prophet's (sa) affection towards children. Safety, education, and entertainment of children were a high priority in the mind of the Prophet (sa). He would go so far as to not raise from his prostration for the child's enjoyment.

HIS HEART WAS
Filled with mercy **FOR MANKIND**

Tameem Butt/ Age 13/ Fort Worth

After many years of preaching in Mecca and facing constant persecution the Prophet Muhamad (sa) traveled to Taif hoping to seek support, shelter and to spread the message of Islam, but instead of being welcomed he was met with hostility. The people there, young & old, mocked him and threw stones at him. Blood ran down his legs & feet as he ran away from the people. Afterwards the Angel Gabriel came to him and offered to crush the city of Taif with mountains if the prophet wished, but



Prophet Muhamad (sa) declined, showing how he forgave them.



His heart was filled with mercy for mankind. He hoped that one day they will understand not to associate partners with Allah and that Islam is the true religion.

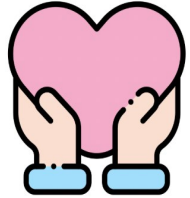
The Holy Prophet (s.a.w)

A Timeless Model

Zara Laiq / Age 16 / Virginia North

“Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah an excellent model, for him who fears Allah and the Last Day and who remembers Allah much.” [The Holy Qur’an, Ch. 33: V. 22]

The exemplary character of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) is encapsulated by the above verse. Every aspect of his life serves as a model for how Muslims should engage with strangers, friends, family, neighbors, and the wider society. Through his unwavering compassion, respect, and efforts to cultivate harmony and cohesion, he laid the foundation for a just community.



In one of his sermons Hazrat Usman (ra) stated, “In the name of Allah, as long as the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was with us, in travels as well as while residing at a place, he would enquire about the health of the ill people, participated in the funeral prayers, joined us in the holy wars and used to help us and console us in small things and the big ones.” (Musnad Ahmad)

The daily conduct of the Holy Prophet (sa) serves as a timeless model for how we should manage our social relationships. By hearing about the sincerity of his actions, we are reminded that we too must show heartfelt care for our community.

Advising on how a believer should treat others, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) stated, “A believer has seven duties: to follow the funeral procession, to visit the sick, to accept invitations, to help the oppressed, to fulfill the oaths, to return the greeting and to reply to the sneezer” (Bukhari).

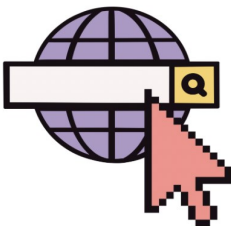


These instructions affirm the weight of every small gesture. Treating members of our community with respect and kindness is not merely a social courtesy, but rather a deliberate act we should perform to strengthen our community bonds to please Allah. The Holy Prophet (sa) explains that giving importance to our neighbors is a spiritual obligation mandated to us by Islam.

Further emphasizing this point, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) states that a person who socializes and bears inconveniences and hurtful behavior patiently is better than a person who does not socialize and does not show patience and steadfastness in the face of hurtful treatment. This emphasizes that we should not retreat from community engagement due to conflict or discomfort. Instead, we should respond with forgiveness to preserve our community ties.



The perfect example of the Holy Prophet (sa) reminds us of the need to fulfill our duties to others to create a united community. In today’s age where many of us are immersed in the digital world more than our immediate surroundings, it is important that we remind ourselves to intentionally engage with our friends and neighbors. Only by fulfilling this spiritual obligation will we be able to live in a morally grounded and compassionate society.



Word SEARCH

Lailah Rahman/ Age 17/ Los Angeles

Stories of our Beloved Prophet(sa)

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CAVE HIRRA
ALLAH
PROPHET
MASJID
MESSENGER



Follow the Leader,

FOLLOW THE HOLY PROPHET (SA)

Maaz Ahmed/ Age 7 (helped by father)/ Chicago

Helping Family

Being a kid can be a really busy job. We have to go to school, do our homework, and of course we can't forget the really important things like playing with our toys! The Holy Prophet (sa) was even busier than we can ever imagine. He had to teach everyone about Islam. But no matter how busy he was, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) would always help his family around the house.



He would do all sorts of chores. If his clothes had a hole in them, he would fix it himself. And did you know, thousands of years ago, there weren't sinks to drink water from? You had to take a bucket and draw water out of a well in the ground. The Holy Prophet (sa) would fix the bucket himself so that his family could have water.



FUN FACT: The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the best people are the ones who treat their family the best.

What are the ways that you help your family?



Maaz: One way to help the family is by cleaning up. I helped my family clean the whole house almost for the whole day. I helped them in the morning and when I was done it was already night! I cleaned my clothes up, I sorted stuff, and I helped put the garbage out. I also helped with the garden. I climbed a ladder to take cucumbers off from the plants and then we yanked all the plants out of the ground for the fall.

Being Kind to Neighbors

Don't you just love it when your mom cooks your favorite food? It smells amazing and you can't wait to finally eat it! You know what would make the food taste even better? Sharing it! The Holy Prophet (sa) said that when you cook food, make a little extra so that you can share it with your neighbors. Being kind to your neighbors is really important. How important? The Angel Gabriel (as) visited the Holy Prophet (sa) and told him over and over again that it is really important to be kind to your neighbors. And guess what? You can even be a really good neighbor to Allah! So, what's the secret? The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the best neighbor to Allah is the person who treats their neighbors the best.



FUN FACT: A neighbor doesn't have to be someone who lives next door. Even the people living 40 houses away from you can be your neighbors!

What are things you do to be kind to your neighbors?

Maaz: You can help your neighbors if they're building something. I have a neighbor, and his name is Willis, and I take food to his apartment for him. He lives in the apartment below us so that means he's my neighbor.



Giving Charity – Sadaqah

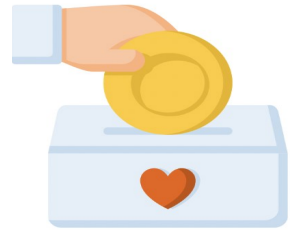
Charity means to help people who need help. That could mean donating money, clothes or even toys. We also call it *Sadaqah*. We're so lucky that we have everything we could ever want. We have food, clothes, toys, and our favorite games! Some of us might even get some pocket money from our parents. Did you



know that sometimes, the Holy Prophet (sa) barely had any food at home to eat? But that didn't stop the Holy Prophet (sa) from giving whatever he could as charity. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that even if he had a whole mountain of gold, he would give it all away to the people who need it the most, so he could please Allah. The Holy Prophet (sa) knew that being rich doesn't mean you have a lot of money, but true wealth is the wealth

of the heart. That's why we should give whatever we can in charity, because here's a cool secret: Allah told the Holy Prophet (sa) that the more you give in charity, the more Allah will give to you!

FUN FACT: The Holy Prophet (sa) said that even smiling is charity.



What are the ways that you give charity (Sadaqah)?

Maaz: One of the ways that I give Sadaqah is by putting money in the Sadaqah jar. Our Sadaqah jar is overflowing so we have to find a different cup to put our money in because when we put money in our Sadaqah jar it just falls out. When you give to people who don't have enough, it pleases Allah. One time, I gave some things to people who didn't have much and they had three kids, and they almost had nothing, not even food. When I get a new toy, I donate my other toys. I also help making donation bags.



O little Brave One!

Sarmad Ahmad / Age 13 / Virginia South

We as Muslims believe that Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was “a perfect human being”, as he has the best moral qualities and spirituality. There are many different stories on his amazing qualities, but I chose this story which highlights his extreme bravery.

Once when the Holy Prophet (sa) was younger, he was trusted by his tribe to guard the goats that were grazing near the woods, they were very valuable back then. One day, while he was doing this, some bandits came to take the goats. They saw the little boy and quickly ran past him and rounded up all the goats and were about to leave. But the Holy Prophet (sa) stood in their way, preventing them from leaving easily. “What are you doing?” the bandit said. “Get out of my way so I can leave!”



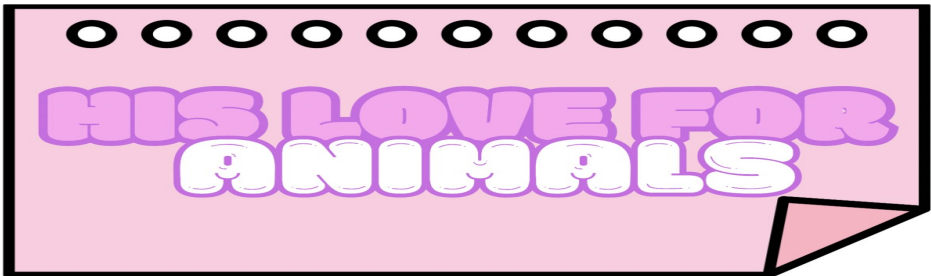
“Never!” said the Holy Prophet (sa). “You can kill me, but as long as I’m alive, those goats are not leaving here.” Seeing the courage in this little child they stopped and asked, “Who’s child are you?” He responded, “Abdul-Muttalib’s.” At the time, everyone in Arabia knew who he was. The bandit’s chief responded, “Surely, the child of the Chief of Quraish should be as brave as you. Little brave one! I value your bravery and only for this reason am I letting these goats go. The brilliance of your forehead is foretelling the greatness you will achieve, not only among your tribe, but among the entirety of Arabia.” He then asked, “What is your name?” He responded saying,

“**Muhammad.**” The chief said “**Muhammad, Muhammad. What a unique and beautiful name!**” These bandits who had originally come to take the goats left saying, “**O little brave one! Peace!**”



This story shows how brave the Holy Prophet (sa) was. Even when he was a small weak child in front of a group of men who were much stronger and had more power than he had. He wanted to make sure that he fulfilled his promise that he had made with the tribe of guarding the goats.

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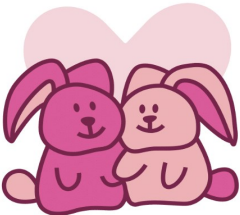


Menaal Mirza/ Age 9/ Virginia North

My favorite story about the Holy Prophet (sa) is about his kind treatment of a cat. A cat was peacefully sleeping on the Holy Prophet’s (sa) sleeve while he was sitting down in the morning. When it was time to offer prayer, the Holy Prophet (sa) did not want to disturb the sleeping cat, so instead of moving it, he picked up a small knife and cut off the sleeve of his robe. The cat continued to sleep, and the Holy Prophet (sa) was able to offer his salat on time. This story is about not hurting animals and treating them with kindness, because they are also Allah’s creatures.



I chose this story because like the Holy Prophet (sa), I also love animals. I have two pet bunnies at home, whom I care for very much. Having pets has taught me to respect animals and understand that they also have feelings and emotions. This story has taught me that everything in the world deserves to be treated with the same kindness, regardless of how small they are.



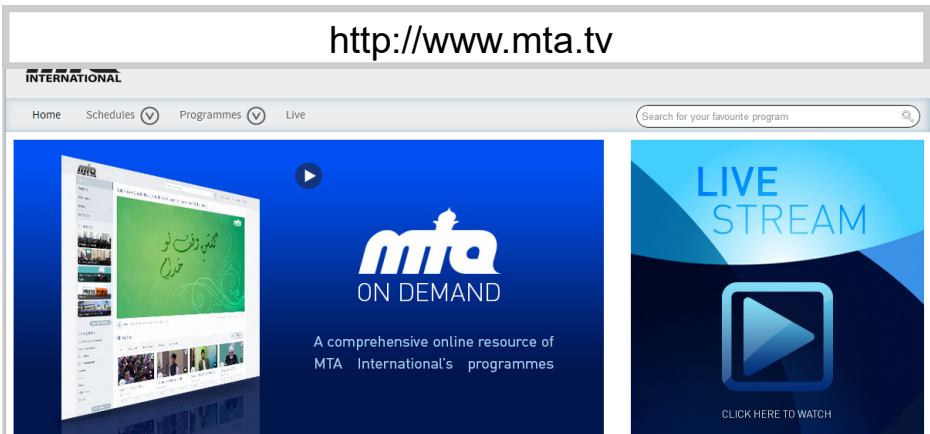
Completing the HOLY QUR'AN

**Kabeer Ahmad Safi/ Age 5/ Austin
(helped by Misbah Afzal, mother)**

This year I completed my first recitation of the Holy Qur'an, *Al-Hamdu Lillah*, and it was a big and exciting accomplishment. I enjoy hearing the story of how the Holy Prophet (sa) first received verses of the Holy Qur'an in Cave Hira. Knowing that I was able to read all the words Allah revealed to our beloved Prophet (sa) is amazing, *Al-Hamdu Lillah*. I am excited to read the Holy Qur'an with the translation now, so that I can understand Allah's words and learn more about the stories of our Prophets through the Holy Qur'an, *In Sha' Allah*.



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HIS LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Yasir Masood Ahmad/ Age 11/ Atlanta, Georgia

What I love about our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) is the way he loved not only his own children, but all children.



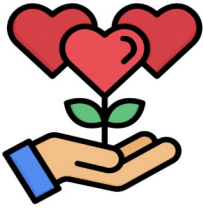
I have seen my friends' parents not paying attention to my friends when they are explaining something. But my own parents do listen when I talk because they follow how the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) treated children. He encouraged patience, kindness, understanding as well as

giving respect. He played with children, and he was not harsh towards them. The Holy Prophet (sa) preached the importance of treating all children equally, regardless of gender or other factors. He warned against favoritism, which can negatively impact a child's self-esteem and development.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) emphasized the importance of nurturing children with a strong moral foundation. This includes teaching them good manners, honesty, self-control, and the importance of prayer and remembering God.

THE HOLY PROPHET(SA)'S KINDNESS TO ORPHAN CHILDREN

Darmana Butt/ Age 8/ Portland



The life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) is a shining example of mercy, compassion, and kindness toward all of humanity, especially the weak and vulnerable. Among those he cared for most tenderly were orphan children. Having lost his own parents at an early age, the Holy Prophet (sa) experienced firsthand the pain and loneliness of being an orphan. This personal experience deepened his empathy and drove his lifelong commitment to protecting and uplifting orphans.

From the very beginning of his prophethood, the Prophet Muhammad (sa) emphasized the importance of caring for orphans. In the Qur'an, Allah repeatedly commands believers to honor and protect orphans, warning against neglecting their rights. The Holy Prophet (sa) himself said: **“I and the one who looks after an orphan will be like this in Paradise,”** and he held up his index and middle fingers together to show their closeness” (*Sahih Bukhari*).



This beautiful saying highlights not only his kindness but also the high spiritual reward for those who follow his example. The Holy Prophet's (sa) kindness was not limited to words; he

demonstrated it through his actions. He encouraged feeding and clothing of orphans, protecting their wealth, and treating them as one's own family. He also warned people against mistreating orphans or consuming their property unjustly, calling it a grave sin. His life was a living embodiment of the mercy he preached. The Holy Prophet (sa) was the best example of kindness to children in many ways. May Allah enable us to follow in his footsteps. *Amin.*

The Holy Prophet's Kindness to Children

Abram Ahmed/ Age 8/ York/Harrisburg

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was very kind to children. The Messenger of Allah (sa) said, **“The young should greet the elderly.”** Anas ibn Malik reported, **“When Allah's Messenger (sa) happened to pass by young boys he would greet them”** (Bukhari and Muslim).

So, though the children tried to greet him first, the Holy Prophet (sa) would always be first in saying the greeting of peace. This shows the Holy Prophet Muhammad's (sa) kindness and compassion towards children, setting an example for all Muslims to greet everyone, including children, with respect and warmth.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ

When leading prayers as the *Imam*, the Prophet (sa) would shorten his prayer if he heard a baby crying, as he did not want to worry the baby's mother. It was his practice to give rides on his camel to children when he returned from journeys. The Holy Prophet (sa) loved his grandsons a lot. He would give rides to his grandsons, and he would allow them to climb on his back while he offered prayers.

THE HOLY PROPHET'S (SA) LOVE FOR DAUGHTERS

Aizah Moosaraza/ Age 8/ York/Harrisburg

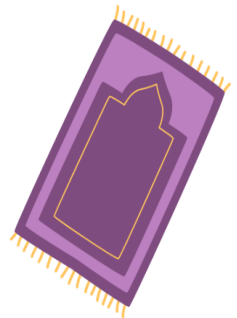
In a society where daughters were often looked down upon, the Holy Prophet (sa) reminded everyone that daughters are a blessing from Allah. He honored them and cared for them,

One touching example is his love for his little granddaughter, Hazrat Umamah (ra), daughter of Hazrat Zainab (ra). She was very dear to him. Even during the sacred moments of prayer, he would carry her on his shoulders. When he bowed down, he gently placed her on the floor, and when he stood again, he lovingly lifted her up. This showed his immense love for his granddaughter as he always made time for her.

His affection was also clear in his relationship with his beloved daughter Hazrat Fatimah (ra). Whenever she entered his presence, the Holy Prophet (sa) would rise to greet her, kiss her forehead, and seat her in his own place. Likewise, when he visited her, she would stand to welcome him and show him the same love and respect. This beautiful exchange showed the deep bond between father and daughter and the honor he gave to his daughters.

The Holy Prophet (sa) also promised a great reward for those who care for daughters with love and patience. He said. **“Whoever raises two girls until they reach maturity and get married, he and I will be like these two on the Day of Resurrection.’ The Prophet (sa) then held two of his fingers together to show closeness”** (Muslim and Tirmidhi).

Through these examples, the Holy Prophet (sa) taught that loving and honoring daughters is part of his sunnah [example]. He showed us that raising daughters with care brings the pleasure of Allah and a great reward. In his eyes, daughters were a source of joy, love, and blessings.



The Holy Prophet (sa) on Punishing Children

Tzeb Sultaan /Age 11/ Portland

Today I will speak about what the Holy Prophet (sa) has told us about punishing children. The Holy Prophet (sa) says, **“I forbid anyone to hit a child on the face.”** The reason the Holy Prophet (sa) said this is because the face is a delicate part of our body, and hitting the face can cause serious harm. Therefore, we should never hit children on the face. This shows how considerate and worried he was for the wellbeing of children.

Punishing children can lead to shirk. Firstly, the parent confuses their own bruised egos with correction of the child. Secondly, hitting the child can lead to shirk because the parent believes he or she will be the reason the child will change. Instead, the parents should see themselves as a servant of Allah and use the Holy Qur’an, teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa), and God’s advice to lead the child to the right path.

In conclusion, we should all take this advice so that we can learn to control our anger and give children their due rights, *Amin*.



The Holy Prophet's (SA) Love For Children

Kinza Malik / Age 12 / Virginia North

Our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was always loving and kind towards children. In the Holy Qur'an it says:

“Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the delight of our eyes and make us a model of the righteous.” [Ch. 25, V. 75]

The Holy Prophet (sa) loved children, whether they were his own or not. When he was a child himself, he did not have his own parents to take care of him, as they had sadly passed away at an early age.

One incident that occurred involving a man named Hazrat Anas ibn Malik (ra). Once Hazrat Anas ibn Malik (ra) passed a little group of children. He instantly warmly hugged and greeted the children. Further on, he explained his sudden kind behavior, by saying **“This is what Prophet Muhammad (sa) would do.”** The Holy Prophet (sa) would pick up the children, greet them, and give blessings of peace to them. He would even sometimes kiss them on their cheek. This story with Hazrat Anas ibn Malik (ra) shows how the Holy Prophet (sa) would always be loving to children.

Another incident happened with Hazrat Zaid ibn Haritha al-Kalbi's (ra) son, a very close companion of the Holy Prophet (sa). Hazrat Usama ibn Zaid (ra) narrates that the Holy Prophet (sa) would take him and place him on one of his legs, and he would seat Hazrat Hasan ibn Ali (ra) on the other. Then he would bring his two legs together and say, **“O Allah, have mercy on them, for indeed, I have mercy on them”** (*Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 6003*). Another time he said, **“O Allah, I indeed love them, so love them as well”** (*Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 3747*).



As you can see by the incidents given, our beloved Holy Prophet (sa) was a very loving and affectionate man towards children, he would always warmly greet them, express his love for them and pray for them.

It is also reported that a civilian said to the Holy Prophet (sa) “O Messenger of Allah, we have never shown affection to our children like you have shown.” The Prophet (sa) replied, “**He who does not show mercy (towards his children), no mercy will be shown to him**” (*Sahih Muslim, Hadith 2318a*).

OUR HOLY PROPHET'S (sa) LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Haniya Hasan/ Age 9/ Austin

Once, while the Holy Prophet (sa) was leading the prayer, his little grandson climbed onto his back when he went into prostration. He stayed in that position longer than usual until his grandson finished playing and he only stood up when the little boy climbed down. This shows how patient and gentle the Holy Prophet (sa) was with children.

We should also try to follow his example by being patient and loving with children.



OUR HOLY PROPHET'S (SA) LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Iraj Sahi/ Age 8 /Chicago

The Holy Prophet (sa) was known to be very kind to children. He would greet them and pick them up when he saw them. Being an orphan most of his life, he paid attention to caring for orphans like him. He was known to pray for them and they loved him in return, as they would run up to him and flock around him when they saw him.



Once the Holy Prophet (sa) picked up his grandchildren and kissed them. Someone else who saw that said, **“O messenger of Allah, we have never shown affection to our children like you have shown.”** The Holy Prophet (sa) responded that it was unlucky that the man lacked such love and mercy in his heart” (Bukhari).

Holy Prophet's (sa) Love for Children

Raayaa Laiqa Syed/ Age 8/ Chicago

In the Holy Qur'an and Ahadith we learn about different aspects of the life of the Holy Prophet (sa). I would like to share my thoughts about his love for children. Throughout his life he always had a special place in his heart for children. He always asked his companions to be kind and polite. Amr bin Shu'aib reported from his grandfather that the Messenger of Allah (sa) said, **“Anyone**



who does not show mercy to our children nor acknowledge the rights of our elders is not one of us” (Tirmidhi).

Further he said if you bring something home, give it to the youngest first and if there is a girl, start with her. Once he was going for Eid with his grandsons Hazrat Hasan (ra) and Hazrat Husain (ra) and he saw a child who was crying; he was an orphan. The Holy Prophet (sa) took him and bought him new clothes and sweets and gave him lots of love.



FAIRNESS

Hassan Ahmed/ Age 10/ Austin

There are many fine qualities of our Holy Prophet (sa), including his ability to solve problems with fairness. When the Ka‘bah was being rebuilt, people were arguing about who should place the Black Stone in its proper place. Each tribe wanted the honor, and so the argument grew serious. The Prophet Muhammad (sa) suggested the stone be placed on a cloth and each tribe leader hold a corner of the cloth. Together, they lifted it to the Ka‘bah and the Prophet (sa) then placed it in its position with his own hands. Everyone was happy because it was fair, and no one was left out.

We learn from this incident that we can solve problems peacefully, which is greatly needed in today’s time.

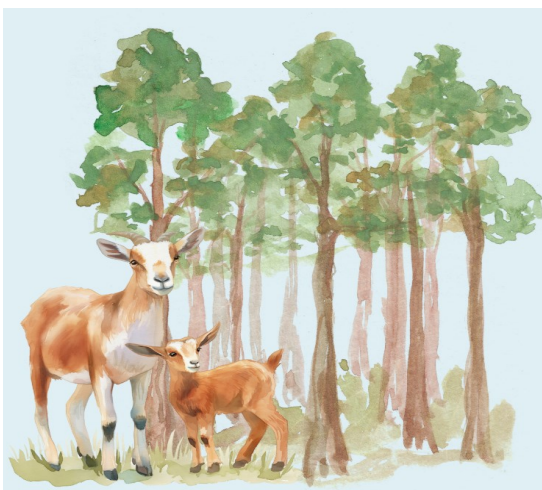


Muhammad (sa) the Brave One!

Fareeha Iqbal/ Age 13/ Virginia North

I have read many stories about the Holy Prophet (sa), but there is one that really stands out to me as unique, inspiring, and humbling. When the Holy Prophet (sa) was only around the age of five, he would go with some other children from his village to graze the goats. One day when they were out, they were suddenly attacked by bandits. All the children ran away frightened except Muhammad (sa). The bandits ignored him and started gathering the goats. As they were about to leave with the goats, Muhammad (sa) stepped in front of them and said, “The villagers have sent these goats with us to the woods. If you want to take them then first ask the villagers for permission, then you can take them.”

The bandits laughed and told him to move aside, but he quickly shouted “No, never! Kill me first and then take the goats with you. As long as I’m alive the goats will never leave this place.” The bandits looked at each other in such amazement of his bravery and decided to leave the goats. They left saying, “O little brave one! Peace!”



After reading this story, it made me realize that everything mattered so deeply to the Holy Prophet (sa). He was even willing to sacrifice his life at such a young age. Surely, he was the bravest child of Allah.

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The Truthful & The Trustworthy

Rameen Tahir/ Age 11/ Fort Worth

Even before Allah made Muhammad (sa) a prophet, people in Mecca trusted him more than anyone. He never lied, he never cheated, and he was so honest that the people of Mecca gave him two special names: **Al-Ameen** [The Trustworthy] and **As-Sadiq** [The Truthful].

Whenever someone had anything valuable like gold, money, or jewelry and they were scared it might get stolen they would give it to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). Even people who didn't believe in Islam still trusted him with their valuables.



Now here's the best part! When things got dangerous in Mecca and Allah told the Holy Muhammad (sa) to leave the city and go to Medina (this was called Hijrah), he didn't just leave in secret and run. He stayed behind just a little longer to return everyone's belongings. Even the people who hated him. Even the people who hurt him. He didn't keep a single coin for himself. He gave the job to his cousin Hazrat Ali (ra). Hazrat Ali (ra) stayed for a few days and made sure everything was returned. Only then did he leave to join the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) in Medina. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was known as **Al-Ameen** [The Trustworthy] and **As-Sadiq** [The Truthful] because he always spoke the truth and kept his word, no matter what.

THE WISDOM OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SA)

Manal Ahmad / Age 12 / Virginia North

The Ka'bah is the first house built to worship the One True God. According to the Holy Qur'an it was rebuilt by the Prophet Abraham (as) and his son Prophet Ishmael (as). As the years passed it became the center of Mecca, where people came to pray and make big decisions. After a while, when the Ka'bah needed repairs, the tribes of Mecca argued about who should place the famous black stone in its proper place.

The argument became so serious that it almost turned into a battle. To solve the problem, it was agreed that the next person to enter the Ka'bah would decide. By



chance it was the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). He listened to both sides of the argument before suggesting a solution. The Holy Prophet (sa) took off his cloak, placed the Black Stone on it, and then invited the leaders of all the tribes to lift the cloak and carry it to its place, where he lifted it and put it in its position. This solution satisfied everybody as each leader had been given the honor of lifting the sacred stone. This showed the Holy Prophet's (sa) great wisdom and leadership even before he became a prophet.

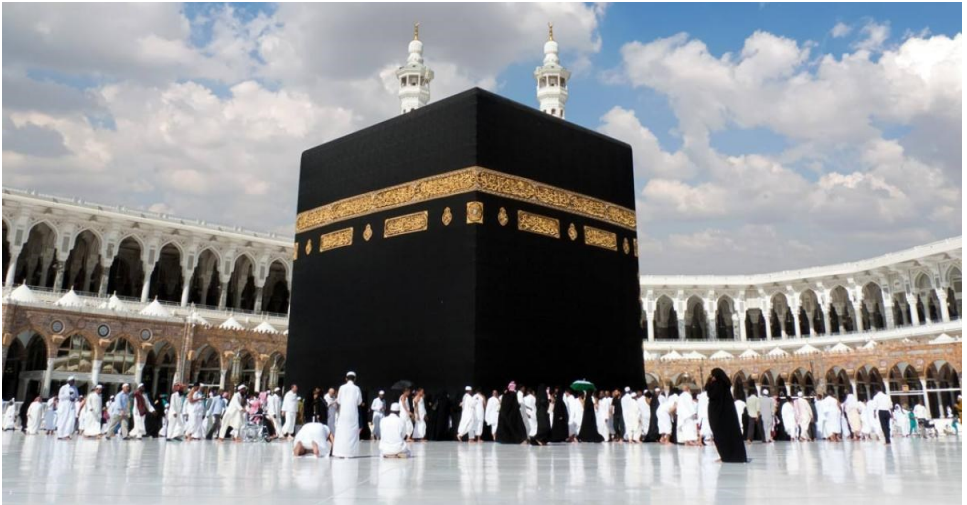
THE BLACK STONE

Amna Ahmad/ Age 10/ Virginia North

My favorite story of the beloved Holy Prophet (sa) is the story of the placement of the Black Stone because it shows the true wisdom of the Holy Prophet (sa).

The Holy Prophet (sa) was about 35 years old when the Quraish decided it would be a good time to rebuild the Ka'bah. Finally, it came time to place the Black Stone - a moment everyone had been waiting for. Each of the four leading families wanted to be the one to place the Black Stone in its position. When all of them began to fight over this honor, the Holy Prophet (sa) came up with a wonderful idea.

The Holy Prophet (sa) placed the Black Stone on his cloak, and instructed the leading member of each family to each hold a corner of the cloak to carry the Black Stone. The Quraish were pleased with the solution and agreed. However, there was only one person who deserved the honor of actually placing the Black Stone in the Ka'bah. That was the Holy Prophet (sa).



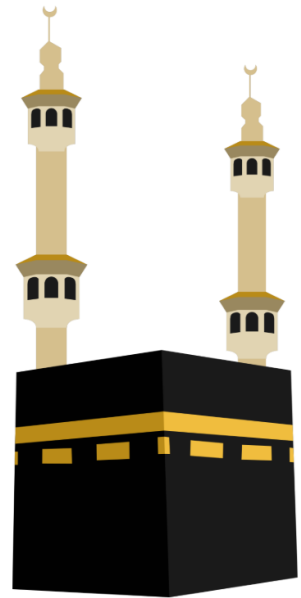
SADIQ AND AMIN

Zara Talha/ helped by mother/ Age 8/ GA-SC

Today, I will tell you one of my favorite stories about the Holy Prophet (sa). Once, there was a flood in Mecca that damaged the walls of the Ka‘bah so much they were about to collapse. One of the chiefs of Mecca, Walid bin Mughairah, decided to demolish the walls of the Ka‘bah. During the reconstruction of the Ka‘bah there was great conflict. The problem was that each one of the tribal chiefs wanted to place the Black Stone in its position, so they started quarreling. After four days of conflict one of the chiefs suggested that the first person to enter the Ka‘bah the next morning would decide how to resolve the argument.

By the Grace and Blessings of Allah Almighty, our beloved Holy Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (sa) was the first person to enter the Ka‘bah the next morning. All the people shouted, “He is **Sadiq** [truthful], he is **Amin** [honest], we accept his decision.” So, the Holy Prophet (sa) took off his cloak and spread it on the ground. He put the Black Stone on his cloak and told all the chiefs to hold a corner of the cloak. Then, he guided them to raise it to the correct height. After that was done, the Holy Prophet (sa) placed the *Hajar Aswad* in its position with his own blessed hands.

This is how the conflict was solved. He was indeed **Sadiq** and **Amin**. Even before prophethood, his life was a perfect example of honesty and the best morals. Even his worst enemies admitted to that. We should always try to follow his example. May Allah enable us all to do so, *Amin*.



Marriage To Khadija

Fatima Suhail/ Age 11/ Virginia North

This is a story of how Prophet Muhammad (sa) married Hazrat Khadijah (ra). Hazrat Khadijah (ra) was wealthy, and her husband had passed away, which made her a widow. The people in the town called her, “**at-Tahirah**”, which means the pure.

Khadijah (ra) needed a trustworthy person to lead her trade caravan to Syria, so she asked Abu Talib to ask his nephew Muhammad (sa), who was well known for his honesty, to lead her caravan. Abu Talib and Muhammad (sa) agreed. Women, men, and children who were from poor families were sold to the wealthier people in Arabia back then. Khadijah (ra) was one of the wealthy people who had slaves. One of the slaves she owned traveled with the caravan and Muhammad (sa).



The expedition was a great success, and when they came back Maisarah the slave spoke about how honest and generous Muhammad (sa) was. Khadijah (ra) was so pleased to hear of Muhammad’s (sa) character and personality that she sent a marriage proposal through Abu Talib. Muhammad (sa) had heard of her great morals and decided to marry her, not minding the fact that she was a widow and Muhammad (sa) was 25 while she was 40 years old.

After the marriage Khadijah (ra) decided to give Muhammad (sa) all her property. In response Muhammad (sa) told her he would donate it to the poor. Muhammad (sa) was a loving person and Hazrat Khadijah (ra) trusted him with all her heart. Hazrat Khadijah (ra), being the pious woman she was, gave him all her property and he donated it all.

The Holy Prophet's (sa) Patience

Tanzeela Ahmed/ Age 13/ Virginia North

The Holy Prophet Muhammad's (sa) life had many remarkable and life changing incidents, which eventually helped in leading people to follow the path of Islam. One specific story holds great significance for me, as it has been told to me ever since I was young.

In the holy city of Mecca, during the early days of Islam, the Prophet Muhammad (sa) faced great opposition from some of his people. They rejected his call to worship One God, mocked at his message, and treated him with cruelty. Yet, he never responded with anger or revenge.

Among his opponents was a woman who lived along a path that the Holy Prophet (sa) often walked. As he passed her house, she would throw garbage in his way or even on him to show her dislike for his message. However, the Holy Prophet (sa) never shouted at her, insulted her, nor retaliated. Instead, he continued walking calmly, ignoring the harm, and keeping his dignity.

One day, as the Holy Prophet (sa) walked by, he noticed something unusual: there was no garbage thrown at him. Concerned, he asked the neighbors about the woman. They told him she had fallen ill and could not leave her bed. Without hesitation, the Prophet (sa) went to her home to visit her. When he entered, he greeted her with peace and expressed his concern for her health.



The woman was shocked. She had spent so much time trying to harm him, yet here he was, standing in her home, checking on her well-being. His kindness moved her heart. She realized that he was not motivated by revenge or pride, but by compassion and a sincere wish for people to become guided. According to narrations, this moment softened her heart, and she eventually accepted Islam.



This story reflects the Holy Prophet's (sa) extraordinary patience and mercy. He did not let hostility change his character. Instead, he responded to hatred with kindness. His example teaches that moral strength is shown in treating others with compassion, not in returning harm but in rising above it; even to those who wrong us.

A Story Of Patience & Kindness

Mahdiyya Olatinwo / Age 9 / Portland

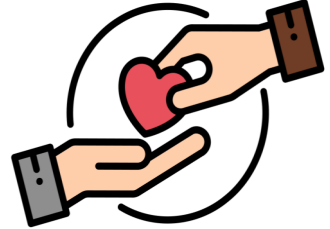
There was a time when the Prophet Muhammad (sa) would be going to offer prayers, and an old woman would throw garbage on him from her window. The Holy Prophet (sa) never got frustrated nor did he shout at her. One day the elderly woman wasn't at her window.

The Prophet Muhammad (sa) was worried and asked about her, and he was told that she was sick. He then visited her and helped her with her chores. This act of selfless kindness moved the woman's heart. After seeing this kindness, the old lady realized that she had been wrong and regretted her own actions and went on to accept Islam.

Muhammad's (sa) Love for Allah

Aleen Zahid/ Age 10/ Harrisburg.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) loved Allah greatly. At night, he would offer long prayers, and he would also weep in his prayers for all mankind. He especially prayed for all the Muslims.



The Prophet (sa) was very obedient to Allah. He would do things for the sake of Allah on a daily basis. Once, someone asked the Holy Prophet (sa) why he prayed so much even though God had already granted him Paradise? The Holy Prophet (sa) said, **“Should I not be a grateful servant of Allah?”** (Bukhari and Muslim)

He was also very kind to the poor and he gave a lot of charity to help them. He guided his followers to consider their wealth as a trust from Allah and to remember the poor and the needy in charity.



Muhammed Olatinwo / Age 8 / Portland

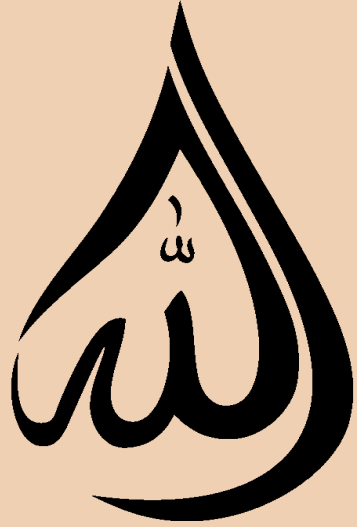
The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was the Seal of Prophets. He dedicated his life to spreading the message of Islam with the Holy Qur'an, which was revealed to him by God through the angel Gabriel. Muslims see the Prophet Muhammad (sa) as the perfect example for a believer, and they try to follow his teachings and actions in their daily lives. **He loved God completely.**



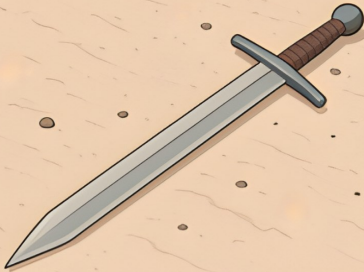
WHO CAN SAVE YOU NOW?

Manal Ahmad / Age 12 / Virginia North

One day, during a very long journey, the Holy Prophet (sa) and his companions sat down to rest in the shade of trees. The Holy Prophet's (sa) companions spread themselves out among the trees. The Holy Prophet (sa) hung his sword from a branch then laid down to rest. An enemy that had been following the Holy Prophet (sa) thought that this would be the perfect time to attack because all the companions were spread out and were resting. The enemy grabbed the Holy Prophet's (sa) sword and was about to strike when the Holy Prophet's (sa) woke up. The man looked at the Holy Prophet (sa) saying, **'Who can save you now?'**



The Holy Prophet (sa) calmly replied, 'Allah.' The enemy was so shocked that the sword fell from his hands and clattered to the ground. The Holy Prophet (sa) grabbed the sword and this time he asked the enemy, **'Who can save you now?'** The enemy fearfully replied, **'No one.'** The Holy Prophet (sa) asked the man, **'Why didn't you say 'Allah'?'** He let the man go. The man went back to his friends and told them about this incident. He and his friends later became devoted Muslims.



The Night of Escape

Asher Nayel Malik/ Age 10/ Maryland

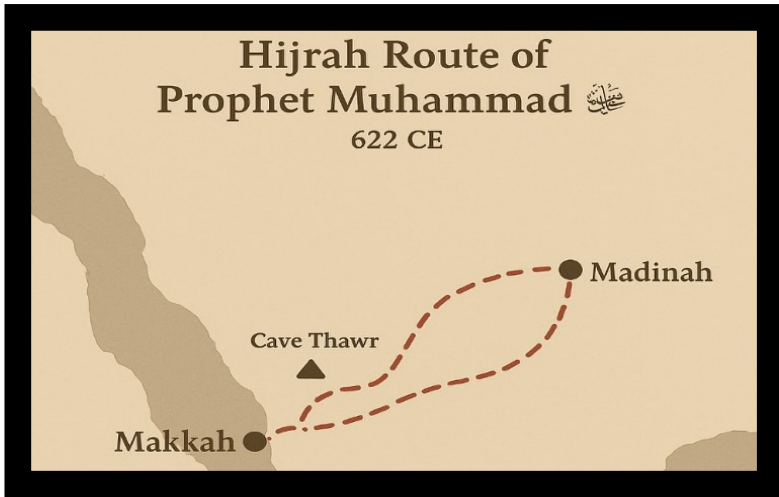
There are so many remarkable incidents from the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) that it's difficult to choose just one. However, one of my favorite stories is about the Prophet's (sa) migration between the two holy cities, Mecca and Medina.

The Prophet (sa) fled Mecca at night with his close companion, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), facing unimaginable obstacles on their journey. The Meccans were determined to capture and kill the Prophet (sa), but by the will of Allah, they were miraculously blinded and passed right by him without recognizing who he was.

The Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) took shelter in the Cave Thaur, a few miles outside Mecca. The Meccans searched tirelessly and came very close to the cave. However, Allah caused a spider to spin a web across the entrance, making it appear untouched. Seeing the web, the enemies assumed no one could be inside, or the web would have been broken.



Inside the cave, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was fearful of being discovered, but the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) reassured him, saying, **“Fear not, Allah is with us. We are not two in the cave - the third is God”** (Bukhari).



As they eventually left the cave and made their way to Medina, the Prophet (sa) looked back at Mecca with sorrow. He loved the city where he was born and raised, and it pained him to leave because of the actions of its people.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), in his Friday sermon on July 11, 2025, mentioned how the Ansar of Medina once worried that the Prophet (sa) might forget them. The Prophet (sa) reassured them, saying, **“His life and death is with you.”** The people of Medina had accepted him when he was forced to leave his beloved Mecca.



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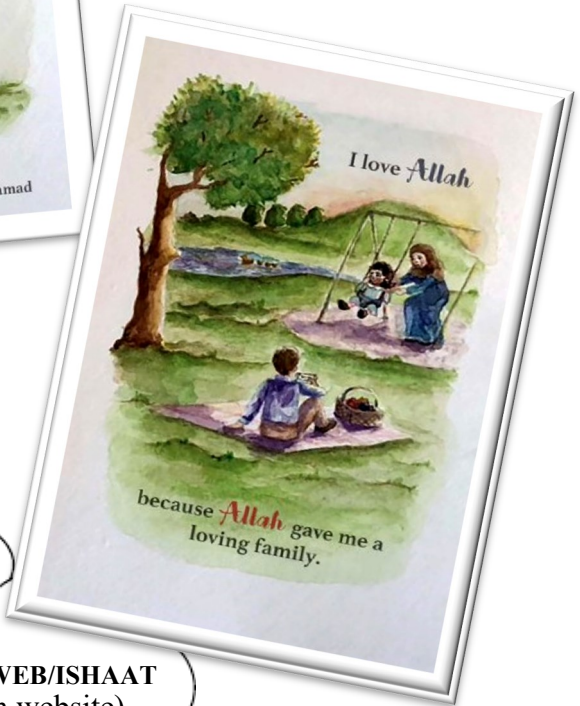
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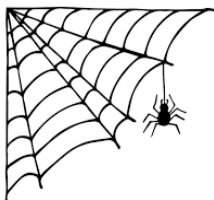




Cave Thaur

Sabeeh Ahmad Khan/ (helped by mother)/Age 7/Chicago

My favorite story about the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) is when Muhammad (sa) had to migrate to Medina with Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). The believers were being persecuted in Mecca and rather than abandoning their faith, the Muslim men and women left their homes in Mecca and went to Medina based on instructions the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) had received from God. When it came time for the Holy Prophet (sa) to also migrate, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) joined him on the journey.



During their journey, the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) hid in the cave Thaur. When it became known that Muhammad (sa) had escaped, a reward was announced to anyone who would bring him back to Mecca.

Trackers followed the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to the cave, but they did not check inside because a spider had spun its web at the mouth of the cave which made them think that no one could have gone inside the cave. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) was not worried because he knew that they were not alone in the cave. Allah was with them.

From this story, I learned that Allah is more important than worldly comforts. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) and the other Muslims sacrificed their homes and friends they were leaving behind. I also learned that I should always pray and let Allah guide me in everything I do. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) did not use his own instincts, rather he waited until Allah told him to leave. Muhammad (sa) never did anything without Allah's permission. The spider spinning a web shows me that everything is in Allah's control and power. Most importantly, this story reminds me to stay steadfast and patient when facing problems.

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MERCY AND FORGIVENESS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SA)

Amir Bilal/ Age 12/ Fort Worth



The story about the Holy Prophet (sa) that inspires me the most starts from him openly preaching in Mecca about the truth and the Oneness of God. He made constant attempts at bringing people closer to God Almighty, but the chiefs and the disbelievers simply dismissed his teachings. A group of people called the Quraish used to persecute and torture followers of the Holy Prophet (sa), but when the Holy Prophet (sa) came into power he forgave them all showing his mercy and forgiveness. The Quraish finally understood the truth from the Holy Prophet (sa). The Holy Prophet (sa) once said, **“Be merciful to others, and you will receive mercy. Forgive others, and Allah will forgive you”** (Bukhari).

We can implement these things in our daily life by reading about the countless examples of mercy and forgiveness of the Holy Prophet (sa). One other example that I would like to share from my life is that when your friend loses something that you trusted them with, it can be tough for you to forgive them. If we forgive them by following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sa) I am sure that Allah will bless us. May Allah enable us all to follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa).



Even when things are hard, Allah has a plan

Azlan M. Ahmed/ Age 8/ Fort Worth

My favorite story about the Holy Prophet (sa) is about the **Battle of Badr**. The Meccans were hostile towards the Muslims; they lied to their people and planned an attack. The reason I love this story is because it teaches us very important lessons. One of the lessons we can learn from it is how the Holy Prophet (sa) and his men were ready to sacrifice their lives for Allah. They prayed before the battle and put their trust in Allah. They didn't know if they were going to win the battle. The Holy Prophet (sa) only had 313 men, but the Quraish army had over 1,000. The Muslims had few weapons, while the Quraish were well equipped.



Even though your enemies may be greater in numbers than you and have more weapons, you should still put your trust in Allah. If Allah is with you, you will succeed no matter what, because Allah is the best of planners. If you are going through hard times, we can follow the ways of the Holy Prophet (sa) and put our trust in Allah, just like he did. The Muslims put their trust in Allah, and even though they were outnumbered, Allah helped them win the battle because they were loyal and united.



My mom told me a story about a woman who was stuck in traffic for hours and became very upset. But when she finally got through the traffic, she saw that an 18-wheeler had crashed into a family car, and everyone in the car had died. She said that when she saw that, she prayed to God,



thanking Him that she had been in the traffic and not in the accident. What we learn from this is that, just like the Holy Prophet (sa), we should always put our trust in Allah and stay positive. Even if the situation looks bad, it might actually be good for us. Allah is the one who plans everything, and we shouldn't worry. Instead, we should pray.



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The Battle of UHUD

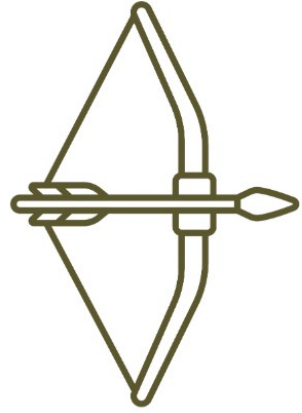
Haniya Nudrat / Age 16 / Virginia North



In February, my family and I went to perform Umrah. While we were there, we went to Medina and Mount Uhud. It was such a surreal experience, and I enjoyed it thoroughly while also appreciating its beauty. However, it made me question why the archers left their position on the mountain during the Battle of Uhud?

The **Battle of Uhud** is one of the most essential battles in early Islamic history, especially due to the valuable lessons that were learned. The battle itself took place on Saturday, March 31, 624 CE, in the valley of Uhud near Medina. Initially, the Muslims had the upper hand due to the Holy Prophet Muhammad's (sa) leadership and Mount Uhud's strategic advantages. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) stationed fifty archers on the mountain to help ensure the safety of the Muslim army fighting below. He ordered those archers to stay there regardless of any scenario and never to leave their positions until after the battle was over.

However, during the battle, the Muslim army gained the upper hand. Seeing this, some of the archers assumed that the Muslim army had won the battle and left their positions to join in the victory. The Meccan army took advantage of the situation and went to the mountain, overcame the remaining archers and started attacking the Muslims again. As a result, many of the Muslims were taken by surprise, fled the battlefield and left the Holy Prophet (sa) and his companions there alone. This resulted in a significant loss and even the Holy Prophet (sa) was badly injured.



The moral of this story is obedience to leadership, perseverance, humility and accountability. Had the archers stayed in their positions, the Muslim army would have won the battle.



However, due to their disobedience and their eagerness for the spoils of war, they left their positions, resulting in the defeat of the Battle of Uhud. However, despite the defeat, the Muslims did not lose faith. They continued to achieve their goals and learn from their mistakes. In any

situation, one should approach victory and defeat with humility and accountability. In victory, one should stay humble, and in defeat, one should accept accountability, learn from the mistakes and strive to improve. Therefore, due to the life lessons learned from this story, the Battle of Uhud became my favorite story of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa).

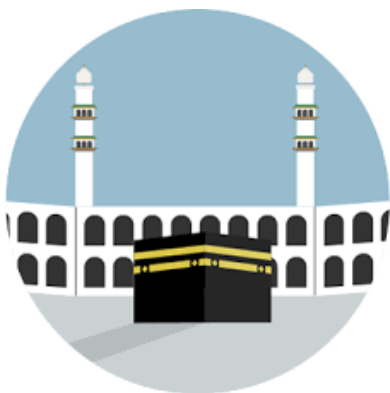
TRUE FORGIVENESS

Asifa Malik / Age 14 / Austin

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah the Almighty states:

“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah has full knowledge of all things.” [Ch. 33, V. 41]

This verse beautifully shows us how our Holy Prophet (sa) was the Messenger of Allah and as he was the Seal of the Prophets, meaning he was the last and highest in status of all the prophets, he was to give the final message of a religion from Allah the Almighty.



My favorite story from the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (sa) is when he Conquest of Mecca happened. The Holy Prophet (sa) and his companions had to face severe persecution for thirteen years in Mecca, but they were still steadfast in their faith and did not give up. After they moved to Medina, the Meccans still wanted to fight battles and wars with them. In the end, when the Holy Prophet (sa) returned to Mecca with his companions, he did not fight his cruel oppressors; instead, the Holy Prophet (sa) forgave them all with patience. The Meccans accepted Islam and finally saw the truth in the Holy Prophet's (sa) teachings.

This story is a perfect example that shows perseverance and patience of the Holy Prophet (sa) even after he faced years of torture.

THIS WEEK with HUZOOR



Jalsa Salana UK Special - August 1, 2025

A young Tifl asked a question about seeing the Holy Prophet in dreams.

Huzoor's (aba) Response:



Once this question was asked of the Promised Messiah (as), that how can we see the Prophet Mohammad (sa)? The answer of the Promised Messiah was, it is not written in the Holy Qur'an that you should see the Holy Prophet (sa) in your dreams.

The only thing is whatever the teachings of Islam are and whatever he has said and whatever is in the Holy Qur'an, you practice those injunctions and commandments. This is the main thing.



So, your target should be that you try to be a good Muslim and follow the teachings of Islam. Don't worry about whether you have seen the Holy Prophet (sa) or how he looked.

A MERCY FOR ALL MANKIND

Sajeela Ahmad/ Age 14/ Virginia South

At the Conquest of Mecca, the Holy Prophet (sa) forgave all the enemies of Islam saying, **“There is no blame on you all this day.”** However, this also meant the Holy Prophet (sa) had to face many people who had committed personal injustices against him, one of them being Habbar bin Aswad. When Hazrat Zainab (ra), the Holy



Prophet (sa)'s pregnant daughter, was migrating to Medina, Habbar violently attacked her camel. Hazrat Zainab (ra) fell off her camel, which resulted in her miscarriage, poor health, and eventual death. Habbar was on the list of those who should be executed for their acts. Hopeful due to hearing the stories of the Holy Prophet's (sa) mercy and

forgiveness, he pleaded the Holy Prophet (sa) for forgiveness. The Holy Prophet (sa), witnessing this display of guilt, was silent for a moment, before he stated that he forgives Habbar, and simply said **“Verily, Islam wipes away all previous sins.”**

Ikrimah, son of Abu Jahl, like his father, was also among those hostile against Islam. So when the Muslims came during the Conquest of Mecca, he fled towards Yemen to escape his punishment. However, his wife, Umm Hakim, had already accepted Islam, and asked the Holy Prophet (sa) to forgive her husband. The Holy Prophet (sa) instantly granted Ikrimah protection, and after Umm Hakim hastily informed Ikrimah this news, he was convinced by her faith and the merciful act of the Holy Prophet (sa) to return. When Ikrimah arrived back in Mecca, he asked the Holy Prophet (sa) if he had really given protection to him without forcing him to become a Muslim. The Holy Prophet (sa) replied in the affirmative, and in this emotional moment, Ikrimah declared the Shahada while

also being ashamed of his previous actions. He asked the Holy Prophet (as) to pray for his forgiveness, to which the Holy Prophet (a) exclaimed, **“O Allah! Forgive every instance of hostility that Ikrimah displayed towards me, and every ill word or deed he committed.”** Then, the Holy Prophet (sa) put his cloak on Ikrimah and welcomed him as a believer and a migrant in the cause of Allah.



Ikrimah’s conversion at the sight of the Holy Prophet’s (sa) mercy and forgiveness were not limited to the initial moments of shock and transformation. After volunteering to fight in the Syrian campaigns, Ikrimah was fighting in a battle during the time of Hazrat Umar (ra), and when the battle had ended, he was found to be among the severely wounded. When he was offered water, instead of defaulting to the arrogance of his earlier life, he proved that he was truly transformed; declining to drink water while there were other Muslims who had accepted Islam before him who, therefore, deserved it first. This continued and he eventually passed away. Not only is this a testament to Ikrimah’s own truthful conversion, but it is a sign of the deep effect that the Holy Prophet had on his heart, even years after the event occurred. Ikrimah followed the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa) until his last breath, showing complete humility while not a trace of his former person could be seen.

In conclusion, we can see that in times of happiness and sorrow, the Holy Prophet (sa) never forgot his righteousness and always set the perfect example; never arrogant, nor weak or scared. He was always acting with mercy and forgiveness. He had full trust in Allah, and Allah loved him and sent him to all mankind as a great mercy. Let us pray that Allah enables us to love Him and love the Holy Prophet (sa) and act on his teachings, *Amin*.



“O Allah, I ask You for Your Love, the love of those who love You, and deeds which will cause me to attain Your Love. O Allah! Make Your Love dearer to me than myself, my family, and cold refreshing water.”

A Strength that Changes Hearts

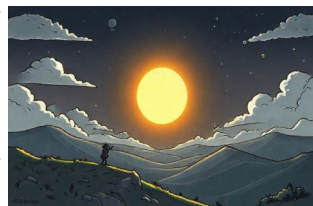
Mema Averi / Age 11 /

One of the most inspiring qualities of the Holy Prophet (sa) was his kindness. He treated everyone, family, friends, strangers, and even enemies with compassion and respect. His gentle words, caring actions, and willingness to help others showed that kindness is a strength that can change hearts and bring people closer together.

A story of the Holy Prophet's (sa) kindness that deeply inspires me is that when he conquered Mecca, he pardoned all its inhabitants, even though they had persecuted him and his followers for years. Hind bint Utbah, who had played a role in the death and mutilation of the Holy Prophet's (sa) uncle, was among those who sought forgiveness. The Prophet (sa) welcomed her, prompting her to declare that her enmity towards Islam had transformed into love. The Holy Prophet (sa) showed that kindness is not just a good deed, but a way of life that can touch hearts and bring people together.

Another inspiring quality of the Holy Prophet (sa) is his honesty. Even before he received the message of Islam, people in Mecca knew him as 'Al-Amin,' which means 'the trustworthy.' His truthful words and actions earned the respect of everyone around him, and his honesty became a guiding example for how Muslims should live.

An example of this is when the Holy Prophet's (sa) infant son, Ibrahim, died it coincided with a solar eclipse. People said the eclipse was a sign given for the child. The Holy Prophet (sa) immediately corrected them, stating that eclipses are merely signs of Allah's power and not tied to anyone's life or death. This statement, particularly during a time of personal grief, powerfully demonstrates his honesty and commitment to truth above all else.



A MOST MAGNIFICENT REVENGE

Shehla Ahmad/ Adult submission/ Virginia South

Hazrat Khalifat-ul-Masih V (aba) in one of his recent Friday Sermon, while explaining details of the conquest of Mecca shared a very faith inspiring incident about Hazrat Bilal (ra) which illuminated the Holy Prophet's (sa) deep empathy and wisdom.

The Holy Prophet (sa) saw there was only one person who could be hurt by his announcement of forgiveness for all and that was Hazrat Bilal (ra), who was not related to the Meccans. He did not belong to their tribes and had no personal connection with them which would make him desire that they be forgiven. On the other hand, the pain and suffering he had to bear at the hands of the Meccans was extraordinary and maybe none other had gone through anything similar. So, Prophet Muhammad (sa) decided to take his revenge in such a way that was appropriate and suitable in view of the honor of prophethood and to make sure Hazrat Bilal's (ra) emotions were also respected.

Prophet Muhammad (sa) appointed Hazrat Bilal (ra) to raise the flag of Bilal and told him to announce that whoever comes under the protection of this flag will not be harmed. Thus, those chiefs of Mecca who used to dance on Hazrat Bilal's (ra) chest with shoes, who used to drag him, who used to make him lie on the hot sands, were told that if they want to save their lives and the lives of their wives and children, then come under the flag of Bilal. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (ra) wrote in one of his books (Anwar ul Ulum) that ever since the world was created, and since a man has been able to avenge his blood from another man and has gained power, no man has ever taken such a great revenge.

At that time Bilal's (ra) heart and soul must have been pouring out on Prophet Muhammad (sa). Bilal must have felt the perfect revenge that was taken when every person whose shoe stamped on





his chest now had his head bowed in front of him.

This revenge was more magnificent than the revenge of Prophet Yusuf (as) because Yusuf (as) forgave his brothers for the sake of his father, and Prophet Muhammad (sa), the Messenger of Allah forgave his uncles and brothers by requiring them to seek protection by coming under the flag of Bilal, whom they mistreated so badly considering him a worthless slave. What is the revenge of Yusuf (as) or anyone else for that matter, compared to that?

THE MOST FORGIVING

Hana Suhail/ Age 13/ Virginia North

This story always inspires me to be a forgiving person. One night the Holy Prophet (sa) was returning to the mosque when he saw a lady standing outside her house holding something. The Prophet (sa) approached her and asked if she needed help. She said, **“I have brought some roasted meat for you. I am sure you will be kind enough to accept it.”**

The Holy Prophet (sa) thanked her, and they went in. The Holy Prophet (sa) tasted the meat and suspected that it was poisoned. He stopped the others from eating it, but a companion named Bashir (ra) had already eaten it and became ill and died. The Holy Prophet (sa) asked the lady why she had poisoned the meat. She said, **“My people were at war with you and my relatives were killed in the battle. I decided to poison you, believing that if you were an imposter, you would die and we would be safe, but if you were a true Prophet, God would save you.”** The Prophet (sa) forgave her even though she had earned the penalty of death.



So Kind and Helpful!

Zoya Ahmed/ Age 12/ Chicago

The Prophet Muhammad (sa) was known for his great mercy and kindness to all people. He treated everyone with kindness and compassion, whether they were friends, strangers, or those who hurt or mocked at him. His life is a strong example of how to care and show kindness to everyone.

One story that caught my eye was **“The Old Woman and Prophet Muhammad (sa).”** In this story, the Prophet Muhammad (sa) came across an old woman with a heavy sack on her back starting to make a journey. Without thinking twice, he went over and helped her with the bag. He said, **“Where are you going and why?”** The old woman replied that she was leaving this town because of a man named Muhammad (sa). She explained that this man upset her so much because she did not believe in One God. She was mad that Muhammad (sa) was dividing everyone because of that claim.



The Prophet (sa) did not say anything but instead he continued walking with her to her destination. As they walked, the old woman continued mocking Muhammad (sa), but still he did not say anything. As they reached the end of the journey, the old woman thanked him for his kindness, saying it was rare to see this type of generosity and kindness. To thank him the woman said she would give him advice. She said to never follow Muhammad (sa), or he would never find true peace but would only find trouble.

The Prophet (sa) did not respond or interrupt her; instead, he walked away to leave, as his business there was done. However,

the old lady finally asked what his name was. The Prophet Muhammad (sa) revealed who he was. The old lady was amazed! She realized that someone so kind, true, and helpful could never be wrong. She said, **“I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except One God, and Muhammad (sa) is His Messenger.”**

How the Prophet Muhammad (sa) showed such kindness in this story serves as a great lesson.

I myself have helped a few fellow students in school even if I didn't know them at the time. Once, I was paired in school with someone I didn't think so highly of, but I was still kind to her and later found out she was a very kind person also .

Holy Prophet's (sa) Kindness

Aiza Mahmood/ Age 13/ Virginia South

During the early days of Islam, a woman used to throw trash at the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) whenever he walked by her house. He never got angry or fought back. Instead, he stayed patient and calm. One day, he noticed she didn't throw anything. Concerned, he found out she was sick and went to visit her. His kindness surprised her. She realized he was a good and caring person, and eventually, she accepted Islam.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said, “The strong one is not the one who overcomes people by his strength, but the strong is the one who controls himself while in anger” (Sahih al-Bukhari).



This story shows the Holy Prophet's (sa) kindness, even towards those that treated him badly. It teaches us to be patient and compassionate, no matter how others act. This story is important to me because, it helps me know about the Holy Prophet's kindness even when others were rude to him.

The Choice of the Arabian Princess

Inaaya Sana Nizami/ Age 10/ Harrisburg

I would like to share the story of Holy Prophet Muhammad's (sa) marriage to an Arabian Princess of the tribe Banu Mustaliq, Barraah bint Harith. She was known for her grace, knowledge and beauty. Barraah had a dream in which the glowing moon of Medina was placed in her lap. This meant marriage to the Holy Prophet (sa). She was named Jawairiyah by the Holy Prophet (sa) upon her accepting Islam.

Barraah, a widow, was a prisoner of war and she came to know of the prophet's kind and understanding nature. She was brave and asked him for a loan or money for her freedom. Muhammad (sa) was guided by Allah to marry her, and she accepted his proposal.

This gave her freedom, and she got the title of *Ummul Mu'mineen* [Mother of the Believers]. With this marriage, the companions of Muhammad (sa) freed the slaves out of respect for him. In return, the tribe was moved by this kindness and accepted Islam.

As Barraah's father had fled during the war, he came to know later that his daughter had been taken as a prisoner of war. He took some money and camels for her release but later thought about his well-being and hid his prized camels behind a hill before heading to the Holy Prophet (sa). When he went to the Holy Prophet (sa), he asked Harith, **“What about those camels that you have hidden behind the hills?”** Upon hearing this and seeing





the personality of Muhammad (sa), Harith understood that he was a man of God as no one else knew about his actions and only God could have told him. So he too, accepted Islam.

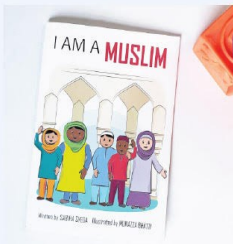
Leaving the easy life as a princess was no small task.

While Hazrat Jawairiyah (ra) lived a very glamorous life as a princess, she gracefully accepted the simple lifestyle as a wife of Muhammad (sa), all for the love of God and the Holy Prophet (sa). After finding out that the Holy Prophet (sa) loved those who prayed and fasted, Hazrat Jawairiyah (ra) did just that. Hazrat Jawairiyah (ra) remained close to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) and also narrated seventeen ahadith.

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The Importance of Praying to Allah



Mehreen Raja/ Age 13/ Virginia North

The best way of achieving nearness to Allah is through prayer. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

“And when My servants ask thee about Me, say, ‘I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me.’”

[Ch. 2, V. 187]

This verse shows that Allah always listens to us if we pray with sincerity and humility. The Holy Prophet (sa) spent a large portion of his time praying to Allah to remain closest to Him. Here are some examples of how Allah accepted the prayers of his beloved servant, the Holy Prophet (sa):

Once in Medina, there was famine due to lack of rain. As the Holy Prophet (sa) was delivering the Friday Sermon, somebody called out from the audience saying, **“O Messenger of Allah, cattle are dying from want of food and water. People are starving to death. Pray to God that He, through his Mercy, sends us rain.”**

Upon hearing the desperation in the man’s voice, the Holy Prophet (sa) brought his hands to his face and began to pray to Allah for rain. Almost immediately, the skies that had been completely clear a few seconds ago were filled with heavy black clouds, bringing lots of rain.

As people were walking back home, they became soaked. The heavy rain continued to fall for a week and people were starting to get worried. They decided to approach the Holy Prophet (sa) again and said to him, **“Messenger of Allah! The rain is creating havoc. Houses are being destroyed! Pray to God that it may stop.”** The



Holy Prophet (sa) smiled and raised his hands to pray again. Soon after, the clouds vanished, and Medina was bright and sunny again!

Another story that shows how the Holy Prophet's (sa) prayers were accepted by Allah is about Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra). Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) was a very loyal companion of the Holy Prophet (sa), but his mother was a disbeliever. He tried very hard to convince his mother to accept Islam, but she would not listen to him. One day while Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) was talking to his mother, she spoke badly about the Holy Prophet (sa). Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) was very upset about this and went to visit the Holy Prophet (sa) and told him what had happened. He then begged the Holy Prophet (sa) to pray for Allah to grant his mother guidance. The Holy Prophet (sa) began to pray for her.

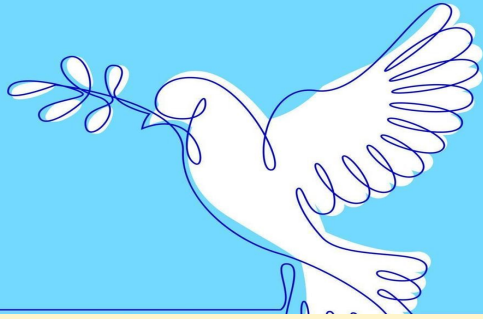


When Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) returned home, he found that the door of his house was shut. His mother called out to him to wait for a little while. She finished her bath and opened the door for Abu Hurairah (ra), saying, **“There is none worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad (sa) is His Messenger.”**

These are such beautiful stories about how Allah always accepts the prayers of his sincere servants who regularly remember Him and pray to Him in every situation. May we also be those that always have Allah by our side through prayer and remembrance, *Amin!*

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Message of Peace



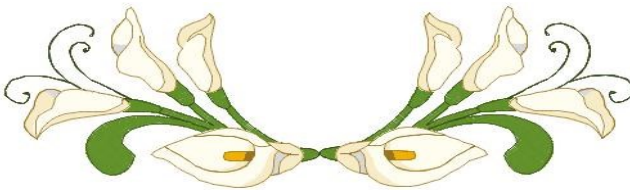
Maheen Mirza/ Age 13/ Virginia North

My favorite story about the Holy Prophet (sa) is short and simple yet holds a strong message that everyone must remember.

In the final year of his life, the Holy Prophet (sa) made his farewell pilgrimage, or Hajj. Over 100,000 people were present! On that day, he gave the Farewell Sermon, which was his final message for all Muslims.

He stood on Mount Arafat and said, **“O people, all mankind is from Adam and Eve. An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a white have superiority over a black. Treat women kindly. Do not oppress one another. You will return to your Lord and be asked about your deeds.”** He ended by asking: **“Have I delivered the message?”** The crowd replied, **“Yes.”** The Holy Prophet (sa) then said, **“O Allah, be my witness.”**

The message told in this story is about equality, justice, and faith for everyone. This story tells us about the simplest ways to create peace in the world. There would be much less persecution and discrimination in the world today if everyone learned and remembered the words spoken by the Holy Prophet (sa) in this sermon.



The Mosque

Hirra Khan/ Age: 13/ Los Angeles



The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) said: **“Of all the buildings the most beautiful and attractive in Allah’s sight is a Mosque (Ibn Majah).**



Islamic Months

Word Scramble

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Rmhamura _____

Farsa _____

Biar la walawa _____

Bair la atihn _____

Dajmua la awlwa _____

Adjaum la hirkaah _____

Baraj _____


Nabhsa _____

Arnmaad _____

Wwasalh _____

Duh la qhdaa _____

Udh la jhjhai _____

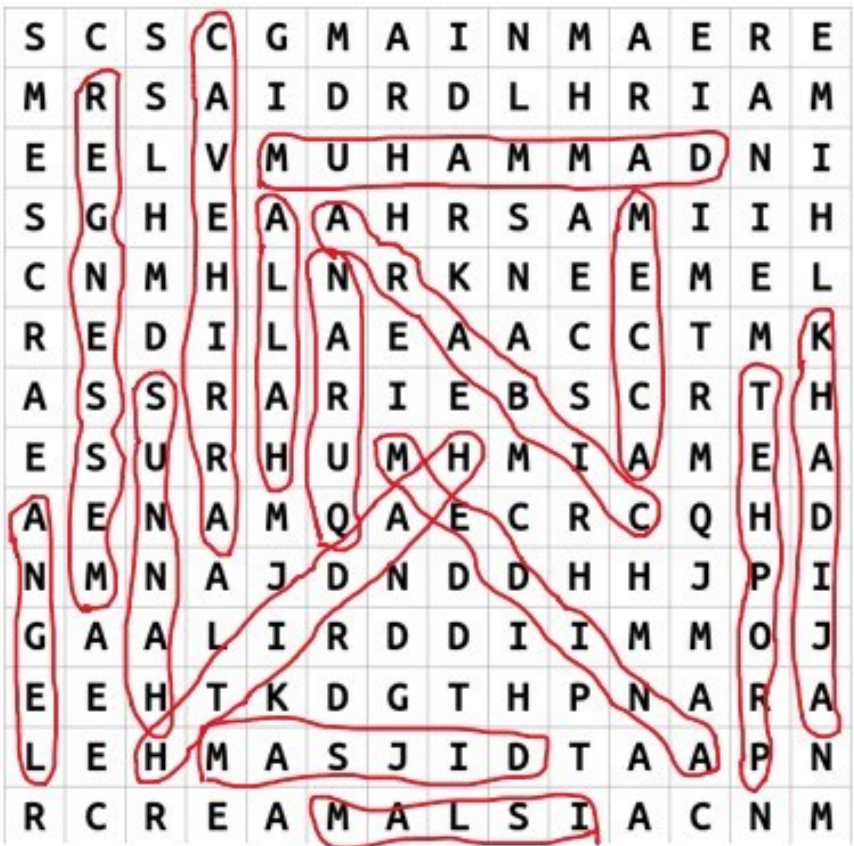
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- Answer Key:**
- Rmhamura = Muharram
 - Farsa = Safar
 - Biar la walawa = Rabi al Awwal
 - Bair la atihn = Rabi al Thani
 - Baraj = Rajab
 - Nabhsa = Shaban
 - Arnmaad = Ramadan
 - Wwasalh = Shawwal





Answer Key

Stories of our Beloved Prophet(sa)



Glossary

Abū Dāwūd ابو داود : A collection of Aḥadīth. The author of this collection.

Adhan: The call to prayer

Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ : All praise belongs to Allah.

Al-Hilāl الهلال : The new moon.

Āmīn [Āmeen, Aameen] آمين : So be it. Amen. Ceremony to commemorate the completion of the first reading of the Holy Qur'an.

As-Salāmu 'Alaikum اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ May peace be upon you. (The formation assalam-o or assalam-u is incorrect as there is no waw و after mīm م, hence the abbreviation AoA or A.O.A. or A-o-A is also incorrect.)

Bukhari: A collection of Ahadith. The author of this collection.

Chanda: چنده Monetary contribution, donation. (The ha at the end is to indicate a fath on dal, and is not pronounced, so should not be explicitly written in the transliteration of the word.)

Ḥaḍrat حضرت [Hadhrat, Ḥaḍrat, Hazrat]: His Holiness

Aḥmad, Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor (1950-...) حضرت مرزا مسرور احمد, may Allah be his Helper: Fifth successor (2003-...) to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

Ḥuḍūr [Ḥudhūr, Ḥuzūr, Huzoor] حضور : His Honor, His Holiness, Your Honor, Your Holiness. In Urdu, it is spelled Ḥaḍūr [Ḥaḍoor, Ḥadhūr, Ḥadhoor, Ḥazūr, Ḥazoor].

Iftār افطار : breaking the Islamic formal fast at sunset

Iftārī افطاری : eating to break Islamic formal fast.

Ijtema: gathering

Jalsa Salana: Annual Convention

Jama`at: Community

Muezzin: caller to Prayer

Muslim: Believer, one who submits to Allah

Nāsirāt ناصرات : helpers (feminine). A member of Majlis Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya, association of young Ahmadi girls.

Sadaqah صدقه : alms



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(May Allah be pleased with her)

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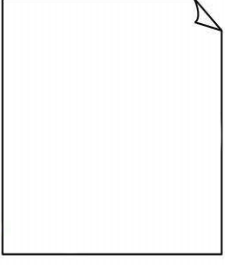
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