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Assalamu alaikum wa rehmatullahi wa barakaatuhu,

The days of childhood, summer vacation, cousins and fun!!! Oh, the mere mention of these words so fills me with nostalgia.

Not so long ago, before the invasion of the world wide web, the only way to communicate and connect with distant relatives and friends was through very rare phone calls or letters. Those too were usually used for just-enough words that would cover the essential topics of communication only. The thing called “casual chit-chat” was not possible except for the occasions when we would actually meet someone in person.

So we, the children, would dearly and anxiously wait for the summer vacations; the fantastic time of the year when we got to meet our favourite cousins and relatives who lived far away. It was such a luxury to actually be able to converse with them without immediate fear of disconnection, to share stories that were piled up throughout the year, and to skin our hearts and knees bonding and playing together in the long summer afternoons. Such fun!

But of course, that time passed too. And then came the dreadful time of parting! I remember a lump forming in my throat as the departure day would draw nearer. It had to end. I hated it. But it had to. So we would part amidst tears and sobs and promises to meet again.

Ah, sweet childhood!!

You know, although I hated to have to discon-

nect from my dear friends and cousins; I hated to be so out of touch with them for so long, but now when the world has taken this totally new and connected form, I actually miss that disconnection. Please don't get me wrong for I am not trying to sound ungrateful for the blessing of technology whenever used positively. It is just that the continuous connection has acutely disconnected our hearts!

It is virtually unimaginable now how utterly valuable those few days of summer vacation were just because they were long awaited and missed all year round. It is a precious feeling our youth is almost unaware of. Even the friends and family far far away are right there on our screens with just one tap of the finger. We constantly know who is doing what and what is going on in everyone's lives. There are no stories piling up, there are no extreme excitements and joys when we meet in person, and there are no long warm and sad hugs when we part. Worse still, all this connectivity is making us take each other for granted.

Someone once said, “We meet to create memories, we part to preserve them!” Goodbyes are tough but not tougher than having to bear with an under-valued friendship.

And talking about goodbyes brings the mind to another friend that we connect with and then say goodbye to every year; the blessed month of Ramadan. This goodbye may be tough too, but it doesn't matter if the bond that we build with this month and the connection with Allah ﷻ that we develop in this month, doesn't fade out during the rest of the year until we meet again Insha'Allah. Let us cherish this month all year long and let us find strength in our friendship with this month even after it has gone.

**Wassalam,
Zawjah Zia**

What is the surest thing for every success in this and the next world? Lets discover in this uplifting spiritual discourse by **Hadhrat Maulana Abdul Sattar Hafidhahullah**

Having a parent make dua for you is one of the biggest blessings of Allah ﷻ. We often request our peers, relatives or spiritual leaders to make dua for us. How many times have you asked someone to remember you in their duas? What we don't realise is that the best person to make dua for us, whose dua will be accepted the most, is our parent; our mother and father. The dua that they make for us is most sincere and most valued one in the eyes of Allah ﷻ, because so is their love, most sincere and valuable.

Even better than the dua that they make for us on our request, is the dua that they make unasked, the dua that our actions, our obedience, our care and

This is the best way to get success not only in this world but also in the hereafter, through your parents' khidmah. Making parents happy will help us receive not only their duas but also countless reward from Allah ﷻ as well. It was his ﷺ mother's khidmah that made a lowly butcher the companion of Hadhrat Moosa ؑ in Jannah. It was his mother's khidmah also that gave Hadhrat Owais Qarni ؓ the title of a blessed companion despite never having met the Prophet ﷺ. It might just be your obedience and respect for your parents that will grant you Jannah!

And for those of us unfortunate to have lost our parents, the Prophet ﷺ is known to have said that

It might just be your obedience and respect for your parents that will grant you Jannah!

love forces out of their heart. So yes, ask your parents to pray for you, but even more than that, do something for them that makes them happy; obey their every command right away, refrain from habits that irritate them, talk to them, spend time with them exclusively, without using electronic gadgets alongside, help them with their duties and chores, rub their feet and kiss their foreheads, buy or make them gifts and tell them how valuable they are to you. Thus force them to make dua for you with your khidmah, which springs forth from your love. Such a dua will be more precious than the one that any other person will make for you, no matter how pious.

any child that wishes to be resurrected amongst the Muslims who had been obedient to their parents, should remember his parents when he is doing good deeds and make esaal-e-sawaab for them (i.e. make niyat to dedicate the reward of his good deeds to his parents). He should meet their loved ones, relatives and friends with politeness and respect and most of all he should continuously make dua for their forgiveness. Insha'Allah Allah ﷻ will raise him along with the obedient children on the day of judgement.

May Allah ﷻ make all of us a sadqa-e-jariyah for our parents. Ameen

The accepted dua

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The question for this issue in the expressions section was,
“The time wasters I want to remove from my life so my precious time in Ramadan, and this life, isn’t wasted In’sha’Allah.”

And mashAllah it was great how many children got thinking along the lines of valuing their time and eliminating the time wasters from their lives.

We can do so much in life Alhamdulillah, just if we can get rid of the things that waste our time Insha’Allah. And we shouldn’t think that we are just kids now and we can do better when we are grown up. No, because the habits which are cultivated now stay with us forever.

Radiance asks you folks a question each month. If you want your answer to be featured in the next issue in the ‘Expressions’ section, then send it to radianceteam8@gmail.com along with your name, age and country before 30th June’ 2018.

Next issue’s question is: **“Who do you think is really successful? Why?”**

Huda Imran

Use of mobile phone and gossip

Muhammad Abdullah Tarar

Games on mobile phone and laptop

Aisha Ojha

Watching cartoons, spending time in the washroom, and playing games

Musab Shahid

Mobile, video games and cartoons

Maryam Hashmi

Watching cartoon and laptop and mobile

Hiba Rashid

Watching tv, shopping, playing games, spending time to get ready, arguing, fighting and music.

Ibrahim Salman

Watching tv, mobile and shopping

Ahsan Asad

Tv, Mobile and laptop

Ali Asad

Playing games outside and watching videos on mobile and laptop

Hania

Music is the biggest time waster and also a sin. When we don’t listen to music in this world Allah taala will make us listen to the music of the Paradise Insha’Allah.

Hunain

Tv and mobile

Aroosh Aamir

Tv, mobile, and outings in parks and malls

Tehreem

Playing, tv and playing video games on a tablet.

Musfirah Zafar

Watching Tv, playing games and cards are time wasters. Will read namaz, dua and read tasbeeh in Ramadan.

Abdullah Muhammad

Tv, cartoons and mobile

Amir ul Haque

Youtube, tv, laptop and mobile are time wasters.

Aisha

Will not sleep more. Will do more ibadat and help mamma in iftari as well as complete Quran Insha’Allah.

Jamila Dhedhi

Tv, long showers, colouring, fighting, stories, sharpening pencils, tearing pages and shopping.

Muhammad Asr

Not watching TV and no playing games on mobile. Focus on ibadat, namaz and dua, take care of fasting people and go to pray namaz and taraweeh with baba in Masjid insha’Allah.

Amna Anees

Games on mobile and laptop

Exceptional Expectations

Bint Aftab Ahmed ponders over the world apart outcomes of our expectations from people as compared to those from our Lord

I recently read a quote by William Shakespeare: "Expectation is the root of all heartache." And it got me thinking...

How many times have you heard, how many times have you told yourself: "Stop expecting!" For expectation leads to disappointment and grief and heartache and everything negative. But now I wonder, does it really? Is it expectation that leads to grief and negativity?

Expectation is a human characteristic; it is human nature, ingrained inside us just like ungratefulness, anger and other traits. How these basic, natural reflexes are dealt with is what makes or breaks people. We had expected someone to react a certain way, or do a specific task, "If for nothing than out of common courtesy at least!" We are not wrong in expecting them to act or react in a certain way. That is expected expectations, isn't it?

So I believe that all this emotional sap circulating on social media about expectations leading to disappointment and heartache is baseless because it only further aggravates our depressed and negative state of mind; because there is yet another worry! Another addition to the list of dos and don'ts.

What we need to understand is that it is basically our perception of everything we do and feel that is leading to our discontent states. When we do something for someone, for instance, clean the kitchen spot free to make our mothers happy, we should formulate ourselves into becoming selfish in this regard, that whatever we do, we do with the aim of earning Sawab. Clean the kitchen, so that we earn Sawab for relieving our mothers of the stress, as a form of Khidmah. Clean the kitchen to make Allah ﷻ happy, because he likes it when we do work, especially when we make our mothers happy. We need to get our priorities right.

when we're doing everything to please our Lord, then surely, we will take our rewards from Him as well. This is when lack of appreciation and regard from the people around us will cease to matter completely, or at least as majorly as it usually does.

Once we truly bow down before Allah ﷻ and make His commands our rule book, our motto to live by, these minor things will cease to matter. Because when we love our precious people for the sake of Allah, speak well for the sake of Allah, act well for the sake of Allah, when we're doing everything to please our Lord, then surely, we will take our rewards from Him as well. This is when lack of appreciation and regard from the people around us will cease to matter completely, or at least as majorly as it usually does. For let's not forget, His love for us is more than that of the love of seventy mothers

combined.

And this, dear readers, is what is lacking in you and I today; once we have surrendered ourselves to the will of Allah ﷻ; appreciation from His creations will be received by us with smiles and gratitude, and disregard and negativity will also be taken in stride with patient smiles. Earning the praise and acknowledgment of the world has never been the aim of a Momin anyways. For him it is only Allah's pleasure and Allah's displeasure that matters. And thus he is never heartbroken



Think honestly about what you would do in these situations, specially if it were Ramadhan. Circle the letter, and then look at the bottom of the next page to see how well you did.



1. Your mom said if you clean up the books on the table, she will give you a chocolate. What are you doing it for?

A. For the chocolate, of course!

B. So that your mom will be happy.

C. Say, "Oh, I have to play, I can't do this right now."

3. Your friend offers you some tasty crisps. But you are fasting. No one else is around. What do you do?

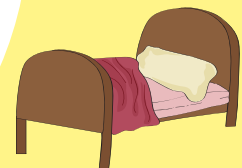
A. Say, "Oh, I'm fasting. Aren't YOU fasting?"

B. Just say, "No, thanks, you can have them."

C. Eat some - your friend doesn't know you're fasting!



4. After half a Taaq night of Ibadah your mom says, "You can go to bed now or stay up if you want." What do you do?



A. Go straight to bed. Ahh!

B. Stay up - you want more good deeds.

C. Stay up so that everyone will admire how good a Muslim you are.

2. Your helper is taking injections while she is fasting. You know that's wrong - what do you do?

A. Just stay quiet.

B. Tell her politely, "Look, you can't take injections while fasting. It's okay if you can't do it this time."

C. Say, "My, you really don't know anything about fasting!"



5. You've just got a great new Eid dress. Then you see a poor child, whose dress is a very tattered one. What do you do?

A. Ignore her.

B. Buy her a brand-new, nicer dress.

C. Say, "Oh, your dress is SO bad! Look at MINE!"

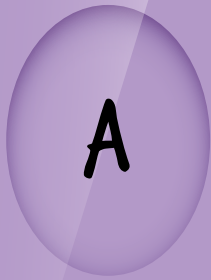


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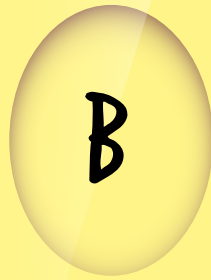
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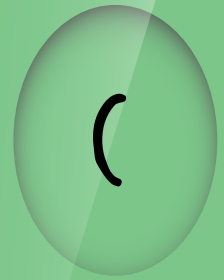
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Not very good.
Try harder!
You need to work on your habits.
They're not horrid, but they're not awesome, either!



Masha-Allah!
You are truly a good Muslim!
May Allah reward you the best of rewards!



Oh, no! You are making your Ramadan go for the worse!
You must try your very best to improve yourself!



BYCG Ramadan Campaign

Zohra Nausheen updates us about some interesting happenings at the Baitussalam Youth Club for girl

The Baitussalam Youth Club for Girls (BYCG) launched its Ramadan Campaign with the aim of spreading awareness and in-depth knowledge regarding the blessed month of Ramadan. The campaign focused on educational institutions and covered various topics including:

- (1) The meaning and purpose of fasting
- (2) The prescribed way of fasting according to the Ahadith and Sunnah of Rasool Allah ﷺ
- (3) The blessings of the month of Ramadan
- (4) The do's and don'ts of the month of Ramadan, including common acts of bid'ah.

The very first workshop took place on the 27th of March 2018 at Markaz-e-Fehmedeen, Phase 4 Branch. From there the reach of the workshops spread to encompass other institutions and communicate with a wider audience. Following Educational Institutions took part in the Ramadan Awareness Campaign:

1. Reflections (where the Ramadan campaign workshop was kept for 80 students)
2. The Intellect School (two separate workshops with a total of 150 students)
3. Hira Foundation (135 students attended the workshop)
4. Manhal Education (a total of 60 students)
5. Bahria College Karachi (two different workshops were held for a total of 180 students)
6. Al-Badar Academy (400 students attended the Ramadan Awareness Campaign session)
7. D.A. Model High School for Girls (a workshop was held for 200 students)

8. Generations School (around 220 students attended the workshop).

The sessions were highly inclusive and interactive, with a question-answer session at the end of each workshop. Students were provided Ibadah Tracker Booklets to help them plan properly for the month of Ramadan and create their routines, along with basic Duas to be recited during this blessed month. The campaign continued until May 14th and all attendees were given gifts too, including a copy of Baitussalam's very own Radiance Magazine.

"Baitussalam Youth Club for Girls conducted a very interactive and thought provoking session on welcoming Ramadan which inculcated the urge of keeping fasts amongst the teens. We also loved the booklets distributed for keeping record of our good deeds during this sacred month." (Tahira Moin, Academic Co-ordinator Grade 4-7, The Intellect School)

This campaign is the beginning of a long road for Baitussalam Youth Club for Girls, with many other future projects already in the pipeline. BYCG aims to work along with schools and educational institutions in order to reach the youth and spread the knowledge of Islam for deeper understanding of the Deen along the lines of the Quran, the Sunnah and the ways of the Salaf.

For more information on BYCG activities, to volunteer or join the courses, contact: 0323-2970320.

It surely pays

by Asma Khalid

Failure of my plans
Or elimination of lifespan,

Disappointment in career
Or the death of someone dear,

Bitter words from here or there
Wanting to snap back with spears,

My friend, life reveals roughness each day,
So your only hope is to cling onto patience,

It surely pays.

I can't tell you more than just a little
About how I feel, and that's a little belittled,
A mottled mess of tears trickled
Down my cheeks next to spotted spittle.

I have been slacking and swinging
With thoughts not worth thinking,
Like a sturdy ship in a sea, slowly sinking,
Swirling softly into oblivion, swinging yet breaking.

Hearts shatter when words batter
The smallest wounds will always matter,
When two are served problems on a platter
One will leave it all for the later.

A little bit too much is left for me to handle
I feel tired enough now to blow the candle,
Throwing my plate, throwing my sandal,
Throwing it all, the bulky mantle.

I can't tell you more

by Hafsa Kamal

Ramadan passes,

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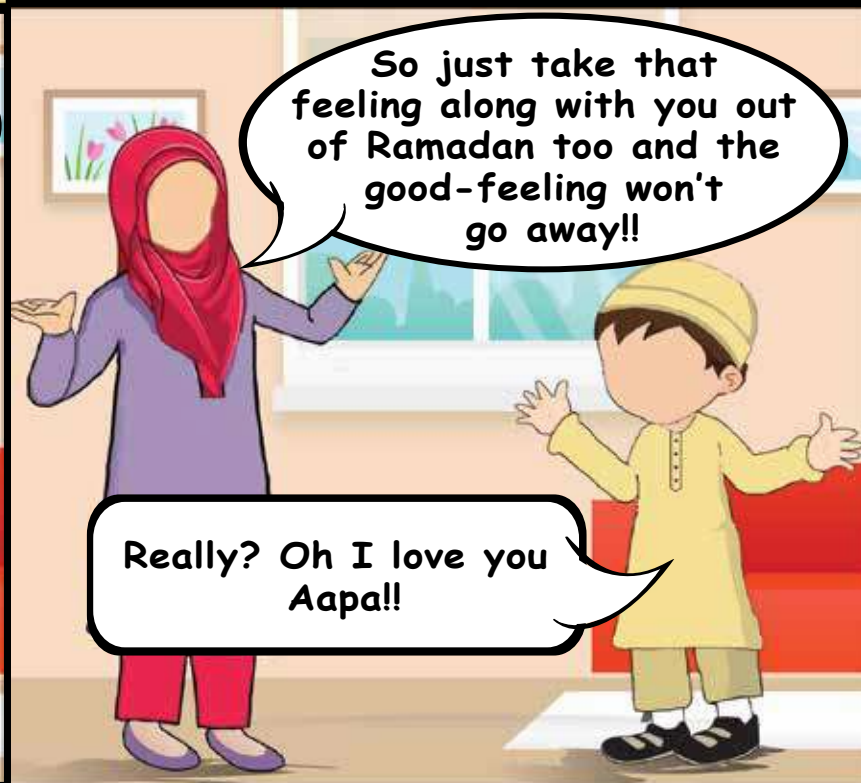
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Ar-Rehman stays

Zawjah Zia

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screws
n
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DRIVING TEST

Let's see how much you have learned!

How many Rabat do we normally read in this Special salah?

When is this special salah read?

Which night is very special And why?

Why do people do 'Istisak'?

What is the name of the special only salah read during the month of Ramadhan only?

you made it!

almost iftar time

Fixup the mixup

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DAHMARAN		
TARIF		
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Suhoor	Lunar	Fajr	
Fast	Prepare	Mercy	
Angel	Moon	Tahajjud	
Qur'an	Meal	Iqra	
Pillar	Shaytan	Deeds	



What makes thunder and lightning?

You can't have one without the other: It's lightning that creates the booming noise we call thunder.

In the big black cloud of a thunderstorm, there is usually a swiftly moving upward current of air. It sweeps some of the water droplets of the cloud upward with it, while other droplets fall toward the bottom of the cloud. For reasons no one fully understands, the upward-moving droplets carry positive electric charges, and the downward-moving droplets carry negative charges.

Here Comes the Flash!

As the negatively charged droplets accumulate, the bottom of the cloud ends up with many extra negative charges, or electrons. Like the south poles of magnets, those electrons push away from one another, and the pressure for them to flow out of the crowded cloud becomes greater and greater. If enough electrons are crowded together, they travel through the air to some place that doesn't have so many—to another cloud or the earth. That flow of electrons makes a lightning flash.

Now Comes the Boom!

The lightning flash may discharge a great deal of electrical energy. Someone has estimated that one lightning flash can release as much energy as an average home uses in six months! That is a lot of energy released in maybe 1/100 of a second. Just as if it were a giant firecracker, this energy heats up and compresses the air around it. And that makes the noise we call thunder.

Because lightning is visible as light traveling at 186,000 miles per second, you see it almost at once. But thunder is sound and travels only about 1,100 feet per second. So you will generally notice a delay between the lightning and the thunder it makes. If you count the seconds between the lightning flash and the thunder and multiply by 1,000 feet, you can estimate how far away the lightning was. If you can't hear the thunder, you're just too far away!

A Ramadan well spent



It was evening now and almost time for the Maghreb salah. The sun was setting; its crimson rays spread all over the horizon, soon to diminish. It finally set and they heard the Azan being delivered. Mr Adnan and his two sons, Osman and Abdullah, were getting ready for the jamaat.

Mr Adnan lived with his family in a well-appointed and comfy house. He had two sons, Osman and Abdullah, as well as a daughter, Maryam. Their mother, Mrs Sumaira, had taught her children Islamic values and sunnahs as well as wonderful things about Islam. Both parents were good practising Muslims. As a result, all three of her children were also

practising Muslims. They were never proud to live a luxurious lifestyle but instead were down to earth and helped the needy abundantly.

Today it was 29th of Shaban and the holy month of Ramadan was just around the corner. After the Maghreb salah when Mr Adnan returned with his two boys, the whole family went to the veranda to sight the moon of Ramadan as it was also one of the sunnahs. Their veranda was a comfortable place with grey sofas and a coffee table. It was open top so they could easily see the sky.

Once everyone was seated restfully, the search began. Before long, they sighted the holy moon of Ramadan. It was a little dim

but could be seen and appreciated wholeheartedly. They all recited the invocation for espousing the moon of Ramadan. After that, they all went inside feeling happy that they had been granted another opportunity by Allah to hoard the blessings and rewards of Ramadan. Once again!

That night the first Taraweeh prayer was conducted. Mr Adnan and the two boys were also part of it.

Abdullah was the youngest of the children and had just turned nine. He was full of life this time as Ammi had promised him that he could fast this year in Ramadan. After Taraweeh prayer, Abdullah said to his Ammi, "Will you wake

me up Ammi? I want to fast tomorrow!”

“But beta you are too young to fast, aren’t you?” questioned Mrs Sumaira.

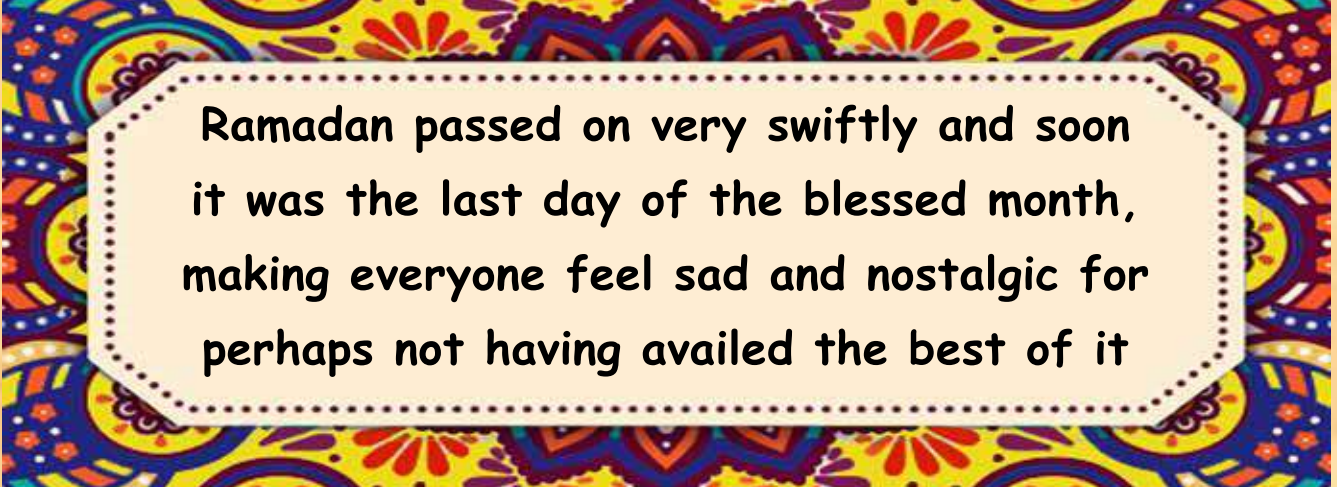
“I am, Ammi, but you promised me last year!” moaned Abdullah.

this, they all slept.

At nine, everyone woke up but Abdullah. Since it was his first fast and he was very young, Ammi let him sleep a while. So when he woke up Abbu and Bhaiyya had

preciated all three of his children.

“Masha Allah Osman, Maryam and my little Abdullah! You three did it! This fast was a test for you, in which you fought against your nafs and passed the test! Keep it up my little ones and may Allah accept your efforts!” Everyone



Ramadan passed on very swiftly and soon it was the last day of the blessed month, making everyone feel sad and nostalgic for perhaps not having availed the best of it

“Okay, okay beta I will let you fast tomorrow, Insha Allah!” said Ammi, “pray to Allah that he keeps you steadfast on His path. Ameen!”

“Ameen Ammi and Jazakillah Khairin!”

“Barak’Allah!” Ammi and Abdullah both hugged each other.

Early next morning, at Suhoor time, out of excitement Abdullah was already awake and was at the dining table on time.

“Masha Allah, beta!” Ammi appreciated him.

The whole family ate Suhoor, recited the dua, offered Fajr and then recited a bit of Quran out in the veranda. The ambience was extremely peaceful. After

gone to the office, Ammi was cleaning the house while Maryam was doing her share of the chores.

When Abdullah woke up, he didn’t remember that he was fasting but then Maryam reminded him. He did feel a bit thirsty and hungry but controlled it for the sole sake of Allah. He spent all his day reciting Quran, doing homework, helping his mom and performing salah. He didn’t once go out to play saying to himself, ‘Abdullah if you go out to play, you’ll get tired and then how would you be able to worship properly? See, Allah loves you and has given you a Ramadan to repent for your sins and worship Him!’

It was finally time for Maghreb salah. The Azan had not been delivered yet and so everyone was making dua. Then the Azan was heard and everyone broke their fasts. After Maghreb salah, Abbu ap-

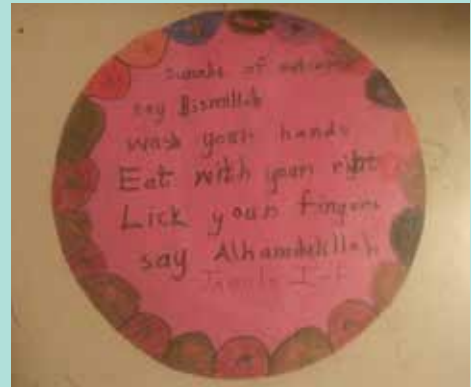
joined in to say ‘Ameen ya Rabbal Aalameen.’

Ramadan passed on very swiftly and soon it was the last day of the blessed month making everyone feel sad and nostalgic for perhaps not having availed the best of it. Abdullah had kept all the fasts and had even worshipped on Laylatul Qadr. Now it was time for Ishaah salah and after that when the male members came home they announced that the Chaand for Eid ul Fitr was sighted. They all thanked Allah for the month of Ramadan and then Eid, as well as made dua for their efforts and sacrifices to be accepted by Allah.

Rabbana Taqabbal Minna Innaka Anta Sameeul Aleem. Taqabbalallahu Minna Wa Minkum. (Ameen)
It was undeniably a great and well spent Ramadan for the family, don’t you think so?



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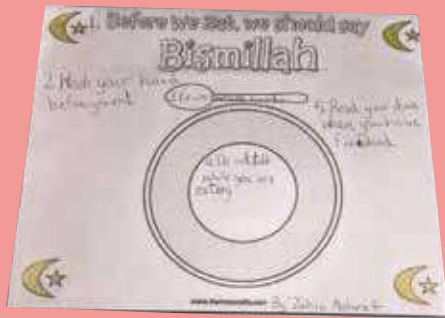
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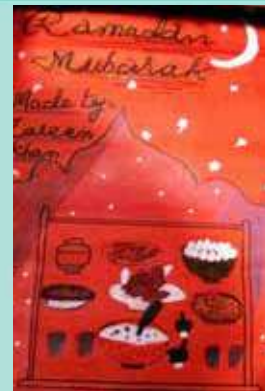
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Hadhrat Umair bin Hamam رضي الله عنه

Zawjah Junaid Mukaty allures us with the dazzling accounts of a blessed sahabi who could actually feel Paradise and couldn't wait to enter it



قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا فِئَةٌ تُقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ وَأُخْرَى كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِثْلَيْهِمْ رَأَى الْعَيْنُ وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ
بِنَصْرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ ﴿١٣﴾

“Already there has been for you a sign in the two armies which met - one fighting in the cause of Allah and another of disbelievers. They saw them [to be] twice their [own] number by [their] eyesight. But Allah supports with His victory whom He wills. Indeed in that is a lesson for those of vision.”

The above verse of Quran was revealed to show the victory of Muslims over Makkans in Ghazwa e Badar. (Ghazwa is a battle in which Prophet ﷺ took part himself). This was the first battle fought between the two forces. Though Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ didn't intend to go to war but after the arrival of armed enemies with the objective to crush the Muslims, he decided to fight the opposing forces.

On 17th Ramadan, this battle took place at Badr, a town located at one hundred and thirty km from the holy city of Madinah. It was between

313 Muslims and one thousand infidels. This was not the only major difference between the two armies. The polytheists had seven hundred camels and three hundred horses while the Muslims had only seventy camels and two horses. But Allah ﷻ never lets down those who have complete trust in him and are ready to lay their lives in His way. Means becomes meaningless when Allah decides to help His chosen men.

This battle was a great test for the believers. Most of them were unarmed but their hearts were filled with the desire of martyrdom. They were desperate for the Paradise that was promised by Allah and his Prophet ﷺ. They fought valiantly and fearlessly till they won this arduous encounter. Allah helped those brave souls with angels and handful of soil. Only fourteen of them got martyred while seventy of the Kuffar got killed and just as many were taken captive.

Hadhrat Umair رضي الله عنه threw away his dates to quickly reach Paradise. We keep our Ibadaat and faraidh pending, giving excuses of various tasks that keep us preoccupied.

Out of those fourteen who got martyred was Hadhrat Umair bin Hamam bin Jumooh رضي الله عنه, a young Ansari companion of Hadhrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. He is known to be the first Shaheed amongst Ansaar. When Apostle of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم migrated to Madinah and established brotherhood among the Muhajireens and Ansaars, Hadhrat Ubaidah bin Haris رضي الله عنه was made Hadhrat Umair bin Hamam's brother. Hadhrat Ubaidah رضي الله عنه also got martyred in this battle.

Hadhrat Umair bin Hamam was a pious Muslim and loved Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and the religion that he had brought. At the day of Ghazwa e Badar, Rasulallah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "One who will fight today in the way of Allah and be killed, will enter the Paradise." Hadhrat Umair was standing in the army lines and eating some dates. As soon as he heard this glad tiding he got excited and exclaimed, "Bukh Bukh!" (wow, wow). Hadhrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم asked him the reason of his excitement. He replied, "Is the distance between me and Jannah just this much that they kill me? I wish I am one of those who get Jannah."

Rasulallah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "You are one of those."

Hadhrat Umair threw away the dates he was eating and said that now I will eat dates in Jannah and picked up the sword and dashed into enemy's lines while reading poetry which said: 'I am not taking anything to Allah except piety and Hereafter. And I am patient in Jihad. No doubt piety is something different and the best guided is our guide and all mortals will become immortal.'

This brave young man then fought fearlessly till he was martyred. When the battle ended and Hadhrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم saw his body, he very lovingly said, "How prodigious is Allah, Umair made a promise with Allah and fulfilled it and Allah also did a promise with him and fulfilled it. I can see he is served

bunches of dates and he is eating from them." SubhanAllah!

These fortunate fourteen are buried at Badar where many people visit while going to Madinah.

Lessons to Learn

* We as a Muslim Ummah are now divided. We need to unite and become Ansaar (Helpers) for the distressed, exactly the way Ansaars helped the Muhajireen in Badar.

* Our focus nowadays is materialism when it should be on Allah's authority. Our Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم has taught us to use ways and means to achieve our goals but we must not depend on them. Our trust should only be on Allah Almighty. The companions of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم fought the Battle of Badar with just two horses and seventy camels which means approximately five people per animal. The weapons that Muslims had were also not enough as they had recently migrated and had left all their belongings back in Makkah. They faced the enemy with whatever they had in hands, a lot of belief and trust in Allah and Allah helped them by sending angels dressed in white on white horses. So we should use all our resources and start our journey on the road to Jannah.

* Hadhrat Umair رضي الله عنه threw away his dates to quickly reach Paradise. We keep our Ibadaat and faraidh pending, giving excuses of various tasks that keep us preoccupied. We must give priority to our obligatory duties and not let any menial tasks keep us away from striving for the pleasure of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

May Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم make it easier for us to walk on the right path and grant us yaqeen and istiqamah like our beloved sahabah. Ameen!

Lessons I learnt from the Radiance magazine



3rd prize winner

Age category: 5-9 years

by Muhammad Maaz

7 years, Jaffar Public School

This winter vacations I was getting bored. One day I and my mother had a conversation.

Me: Mum, I am getting bored, I need some new books or magazines to read. Can we buy some please??

Mum: yes, sure... get ready...

Me: Yahoo! I will be ready in just 10 minutes In'sha'Allah.

At the bookshop:

I was searching in magazines section when suddenly my eyes fell on something very attractive. "Mum mum!! Look here... this magazine named "The Radiance Magazine". It's so amazing.... It has many illustrations and pictures in it.... I am loving it. Can I have it please?

Mum: Yes ofcourse, take it.

Back home:

As soon as I reached home, I quickly changed my night dress, got into the bed, and having my cup of hot chocolate I started reading the magazine. I was enjoying reading the stories in it. My father came home and asked me what I was reading. I told him I had bought a new magazine.

Dad: Beta M. Maaz that's looking like an interest-

ing magazine.... Can you share some of the stories with me and what you have learnt from that??

Me: Yes Papa... In the first story there was a boy who was very helpful to everyone. I learnt from it that we should help others even if they are our enemy and In'sha'Allah we will be awarded for that afterwards.

Dad: Waohh!! That's a good habit... what else?

Me: Hmmm from the next story I learned two messages. Firstly, we should always speak the truth even if it's against us and secondly, we should never make fun of others.

Dad: Good... this magazine has remarkable stories with good morals mashAllah. I will bring it for you every month. Or better still we can subscribe to it.

Me: Hurray!! Then I will make my booklet of good habits from all stories so that I could remember them and try to implement all the messages and become a good boy.

Dad: Yes that's great idea. Ok beta now go to sleep. Don't forget to recite the Dua.

Me: Yes In'sha'Allah, JazakAllah

by Ayesha Noman

Age: 12

A Homeschooler

Love Everyday

Hajra was watching her favourite TV show. She got annoyed when the phone rang. It was her friend, Maryum, on the phone. Hajra told Maryum that she was watching a great TV show. But Maryum told her that we don't do good deeds only in Ramadan. We do them every day. She explained to her that we do

change my life accordingly.

We children often forget that Allah loves us and He is watching us. Just like how He puts it in the hearts of our mothers to regularly feed us on the dot without delay. We barely pay our dues by giving them what they want.

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not celebrate mother's day because we love our mothers every day. She continued by saying that we do not worship Allah only in Ramadan but we worship Him every day. Hajra got the point and went to turn the TV off.

The story 'Only For Ramadan' was very thought provoking. Only the exceptional writers in the Radiance Magazine could touch a child as young as me enough to think. Not only did I think but I also struggled to

What does my mother want from me? What does Allah, the One who loves me more than seventy mothers, want from me?

He wants me to obey Him each and every single day. And if I forget, I should instantly repent.

This is an ongoing struggle but my obedience is not going to remain for Ramadan but for all year round. In'shaa'Allah



EID DAY



THE FIRST OF SHAWWAL (ALSO AN IMPORTANT NIGHT OF WORSHIP)



SUNNAH: BEFORE SETTING OFF, HAVE A DATE (OR THREE) TO EAT.



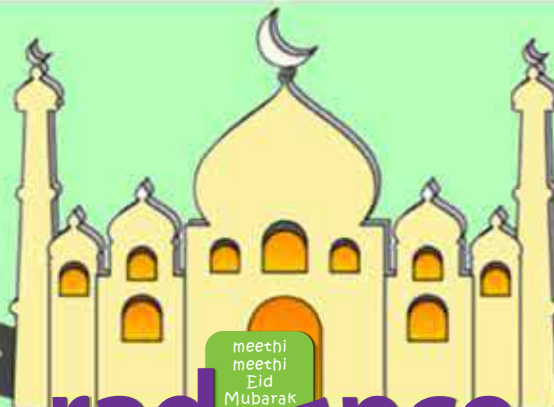
RECITE TAKBEER-E-TASHREEH ON YOUR WAY BACK.

THE EID SALAH HAS TWO RAKAHS, AND IS WAJIB (LIKE FRIDAY PRAYER), AND THE SERMON WHICH IS SUNNAH, IS AFTER THE SALAH.

RECITE TAKBEER-E-TASHREEH ON YOUR WAY THERE.

FIRST RAKAH	SECOND RAKAH:
3 EXTRA TAKBEER BEFORE SURAH AL-FATIHA.	3 EXTRA TAKBEER AFTER SURAH AL-FATIHA AND ANOTHER SURAH.
1) TAKBEER, RAISE THEN DROP HANDS.	1) TAKBEER, RAISE THEN DROP HANDS.
2) TAKBEER, RAISE THEN DROP HANDS.	2) TAKBEER, RAISE THEN DROP HANDS.
3) TAKBEER, RAISE THEN TIE HANDS.	3) TAKBEER, RAISE THEN DROP HANDS.
4) SURAH AL-FATIHA.	4) TAKBEER OF RUKUH, THEN PERFORM RUKUH.

RETURN VIA A DIFFERENT ROUTE.



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