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Assalamualeikum warahmatullahi  
wabarakatuh,

Ramadan Mubarak everyone!

So your favourite month is here and you must be over the moon (the Ramadan moon to be more precise), with all the bounties that this blessed month has in store for us.

But are our radiant friends prepared for a fulfilling Ramadan? For starters, let's start with our favourite part... yesssss you guessed it right! Iftar! How about taking the responsibility to fill a small dish with dates each evening and distributing the dates to everyone at Iftar. Wouldn't that be so overwhelming and enjoyable? It always feels good having done something for our parents, our grandparents and other family members. Not to mention all the amazing duas that this simple act will beget you in return, at the very time when duas are sure to be answered Insha'Allah.

Next up, just the way adults set goals for themselves during Ramadan such as completing the Holy Quran a certain number of times or memorising a part of it, the children and teenagers should too have some goals for themselves. These goals need not be too lofty, rather simple ones like learning short duas or surahs or even abstaining from watching TV, playing video games and other bad deeds during Ramadan. You can take inspirations from the Ramadan resolutions on page no 08 that some children sent us on the Radiance WhatsApp group.

Of course, the ultimate reward for setting these goals and trying hard to reach them, will be from Allah ﷻ for both the parents and the kids, but for motivation, you can ask for some gift from your parents on Eid if you manage to reach your goal. Or if yourself asking them isn't your cup of tea then you can make them read the above. \*smiles\*

Insha'Allah, it can become a Ramadan tradition or habit which you will follow even when you outgrow your desires for material gifts.

# Over the Ramadan Moon

Every year we spend Ramadan in the hope to keep the same spiritual habits intact with us throughout the year, however, as sad as it is, we badly fall short. But remember that those whose Ramadan is well-spent – not a minute wasted and all time spent in the efforts of ibadah and controlling one's nafs – then those are the chosen ones whose life other than Ramadan is also spent in ibadah and free from sins. Otherwise, right from sighting the Eid moon, we have the tendency of switching from the prayer mood to the party mood, forgetting all about the countless rewards that Allah ﷻ grants to his slaves for the worship during Chand raat, very rightfully called *laila tul jaiza* (the night of reward).

So the time for exerting extra efforts is here, and if, Allah forbid, we failed in this rewarding time too, then what other better season would we acquire to employ these efforts.

As you must have seen, and perhaps even played with, those pull-back cars which the further they are pushed back, the further they go ahead. Similarly, the more our efforts, the more we will go ahead in our spirituality Insha'Allah. The catapults use the same mechanism, so this Ramadan let's check how far can the catapults of our efforts toss us.

May Allah ﷻ make this a blessed Ramadan for all of us. If it comes to your minds, please remember us in your sweet Ramadan duas too

Was'salam,  
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# Ramadan

by Hafsa Armoghan  
Grade I  
The Intellect School

Here comes Ramadan!  
Allah's favourite month is Ramadan!

In it, we pray and fast  
But it does not long last

It is full of blessings and rehmat  
And it also has loads of barakat

In Ramadan, we make lots of duas  
We do tasbeehat and offer salah

In Ramadan, we eat Sehr  
And we also eat Iftar

After Ramadan, we get Eid as a gift from Allah  
Because in Ramadan we have pleased Allah

So Ramadan is my favourite month  
Because Shaitan is locked in this holy month!

# Yearning for mental peace

by Asma Khalid

So immensely engrossed  
In our mundane routine  
Constantly futuristic  
Our abodes resembling movie scenes,

Latest brands slashed on boards  
Femininity dressed like queens,  
Disrespectful unhonourable offsprings  
Hanging out at Gloria Jeans,

Discrimination between castes  
Yes, society so cruel and mean,  
Yet, we yearn for mental peace,  
Has wisdom run out of our genes?



## Ayesha Hakeem's diary glimpses upon the joys of donating and the rewards therein

They set the beautiful donation box at the entrance of the school. I loved the beauty of the box. The purple ribbons over it were cool. I saw students and parents putting in money. Every time someone neared it to put anything in its mouth; shaped as purple smiling lips, I felt happy and sad at the same time - happy because I loved the thought of money reaching the victims and sad because I couldn't contribute anything.

I didn't have a single penny to put in the donation box. I am a penniless poor. The reason I am in school is my brilliant mind and the benevolence of one man who saw me selling the balloons. He asked me if I wanted to study and I said yes. I never disappointed the man. I excelled, and so he maintained his scholarship.

I knew the importance of the donation box for the victims. Every time in morning and evening, I stayed near the donation box with my gaze fixed at the donors. My intense interest in the donation box made the volunteers suspicious. They know of my poverty, so they guessed it was because I wanted money and loved it.

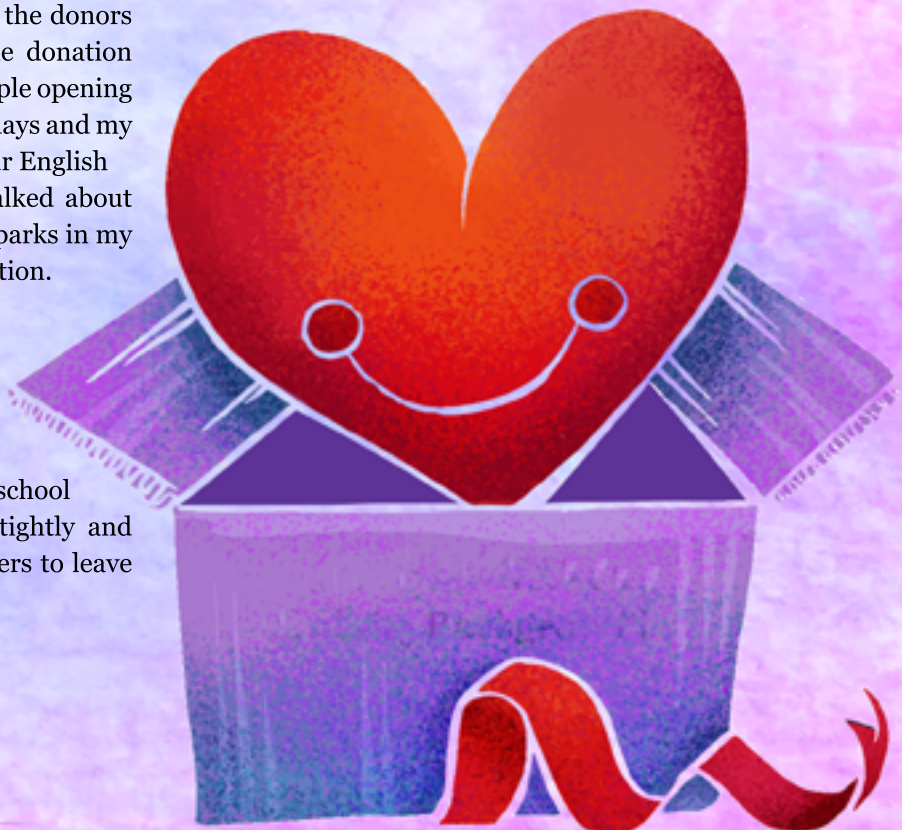
The next day, they moved the donation box outside the principal's office. My obsession to see the donors compelled me to remain affixed near the donation box. My desire to put something in the purple opening of the box increased. Days followed other days and my urge of donating got stronger. One day, our English teacher taught us creative writing and talked about the impact of words. I felt the lights and sparks in my brain. I got an idea of how to make a donation.

I wrote many special notes that night and woke up early. I slipped the papers in the cars passing by, and I even slipped some inside the doors of the big houses. I felt fulfilled. I went to school. I waited for the school to get over. I held the exclusive paper tightly and smiled to myself. I waited for the volunteers to leave

and when no one was in sight, I moved to the box and put my exclusive paper inside. I felt a firm grip on my shoulders, and then all the volunteers shouted, "You little beggar child, you thief, we already suspected you of your dirty business."

I stood gaping at them. They took me to the principal's office and convicted me of taking money from the box. I promised that I hadn't taken a penny. No one listened. They checked me inside out. They got nothing except the paper I wrote last night. It read:

# The donation box



Dear people,

*Every night I hear the cries of the victims. I see the eyes of little kids' looking hopefully at their mothers for food. Empty stomach hurts, so does homelessness and so does the loss of loved ones. The pain makes me wither on my bed and then I play the imagination game.*

*I imagine myself in the heaps of gold coins, and then I imagine myself handing all those to the kids and*

I thought what a luck of the largest donor and my illusion of handing over the gold coins to the victims dazed me.

Someone called me; I heard my name. It was the principal who had called. He wanted me to come forward. I went with shaky legs not knowing the purpose of the call. He clutched the special paper I had put in the box.

He said, "This boy is the biggest donor. He is poor, yet he wrote the notes to the richest, and thus we got

## My intense interest in the donation box made the volunteers suspicious.

*victims around me. Alas! It's my illusion. I can't donate, but I know you can. If you want to donate then the purple box with the purple smile awaits you at the Royal high school; outside the principal's office.*

*Regards,  
A poor donor.*

The principal eyed me with teary eyes. I felt his hands shaking and just then the Peon announced that there was a gathering outside the school. People outside wanted to know about the purple box with purple smiling lips. The principal smiled and took me and the box outside. Few people put cheques inside the box. Then there were few more, and the number of people kept on multiplying every day as I slipped the notes each day in different localities.

When the box was filled, the principal opened it in the assembly and told the donated figure. He said, "I will announce the main donor who will accompany me to the victimized area to help the victims."

hefty donations. He had also made a special donation, and it's this paper that I am reading aloud to you all,"

*Dear donation box,*

*This is the paper of wishes and prayers. I can't put money in you, yet I have invited those who can. I love your purple smiling lips and want you to spread the same incredible smile on the faces of the victims.*

*Regards,  
A poor donor*

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I am standing in the heaps of food items and money. I see victimized kids, mothers and old people coming to me. I hand them what they need. Their smiles on receiving their needs is dazzling and how I love it. It's just like the smiling lips of the purple box.

Only this time it is not an illusion. It's a reality



# Ramadan

## RESOLUTIONS

We asked our young readers how would they be spending their Ramadan and below are some of the responses that we received: inspiring resolutions of inspiring kids Masha'Allah. May Allah ﷻ fulfill all your Ramadan dreams and pour loads of barakah in your ilm and amal. Ameen

We will be near to Allah by doing more good deeds. I fight with my brother when he takes something from me but now I wouldn't fight with him as whoever gets angry in Ramadan Allah ﷻ doesn't like him.

**Sharjeel Ghauri**

I like Ramadan because for every good deed we'll get 70 times reward. I'll try to do tilawat e Quran, zikr, offer salat and taraweeh with jamat and would be friendly with my siblings.

**Maaz Amin**

I yearn to pray all the salahs punctually and fast regularly.

**Altaf Ahmed**

In Ramadan I want to fast, offer salat five times daily, do tilawat e Quran. I would not follow shaytan and instead would try and be a good muslimah so that Allah be pleased with me.

**Aqsa Irfan**

I usually play games on laptop and phone but Insha'Allah I won't play in Ramadan and after that.

**Usman Arif**

I'm very excited because the month of Ramadan is coming. I'll try not to shout and be patient all the time.

**Areeba Fuzail**

Ramadan is the best month in the whole year. I enjoy fasting and taraweeh. When I was seven years old I offered salat only twice but now I'll try to offer salat five times a day Insha'Allah.

**Muhammad Aban Atif Khan**

I pray to Allah that may He give us all the taufeeq to pray salah on time before Ramadan and then we will be in practice of praying salah on time in Ramadan too. And sometimes I also don't offer salah on time, therefore, I'm asking Allah ﷻ to give all the taufeeq before Ramadan so that when we offer salah in Ramadan we'll get more reward Insha'Allah.

**Maria Armoghan**

I want to learn the little surahs of Quran before Ramadan.

**Aiman Amir**

Before Ramadan, I'll try to follow more sunnahs and learn Quran thoroughly so that I can recite more Quran in Taraweeh.

**Yusra Aman**

In Ramadan, I'll try not to tell lies and will listen to elders. I won't irritate elders so that their fast would not be spoiled. I'll offer taraweeh, salat five times a day, do tilawat and recite tasbeehat e Fatima.

**Aatika Khalid**

I yearn to fast on all the Fridays of Ramadan and also to pray all salahs on time.

**Adina Hassan**

I intend to read more and more Quran and control my anger.

**Swaleha**

I will read more and more Quran in Ramadan and that I will not hurt anyone with my eyes, hands or any body part.

**Maira Rauf**

I will pray all the five prayers in Ramadan Insha'Allah.

**Zakariya Yahya**



## 6 years and below

I am always very keen for the month of Ramadan. I want to help and respect my mother more than ever because I have realized that heaven lies under the feet of my mother.

**Ibrahim Ghauri**

Ramadan is a blessing for all of us and I want to stop myself from lying and to try to speak the truth always.

**Saim Fuzail**

I am practicing my salah so that I can pray well in Ramadan and after Ramadan too insha'Allah.

**Amna Ahmed**

I will fast and pray salahs and taraweeh in the holy month of Ramadan and will also recite Quran shareef.

**Talha**

I want to complete my qaida before Ramadan so I can get sawab in Ramadan by reading the little surahs.

**Hania Nauman**

I am very happy and delighted for Ramadan to arrive. I want to read more and more Quran, I want to fund my Eidi for the down trodden, and also I want to dress myself modestly. I will wear only Shalwar Kameez from now on Insha'Allah.

**Amna Siddiqui**

I pray to become a good girl and also will try to respect my elders more.

**Hafsa Armoghan**

I want to gain more and more rewards in Ramadan by doing good deeds and reciting Quran, by helping my mother with house chores and by letting people break their fast.

**Muhammad Asr**

I want to help my mother and father and stop lying, perform many good deeds and recite the qaida.

**Farwa**

I want to fast, pray and perform alot of good deeds in the month of Ramadan.

**Zunaira Armoghan**

I want to help my mother and to care for other people.

**Bareerah Ghauri**

I won't disrespect my mother and would do more good deeds.

**Fatima Khalid**

I want to pray all my salahs punctually, and want to become a good boy.

**Ayaan Owais**

I have an objective to be kind and loving in Ramadan and after Ramadan too Insha'Allah.

**Faseeh Owais**

I will pray alot in Ramadan Insha'Allah.

**Maham**

I will work on sunnahs so that I get alot of reward.

**Khadija Faisal**

I want to pray in Ramadan that I can go for Hajj Insha'Allah.

**Aasiya Yasir**

I won't annoy any of my relatives and will give sadqah on everyday of Ramadan. Moreover I intend to stop myself from doing all evil deeds.

**Musfirah**

I intend to help my mother and care for her.

**Hania Amir**

I will try to pray all the prayers punctually and help my mother.

**Ayesha Khalid Lakhani**

I want to make my tilawat and namaz perfect before Ramadan so that I can gain loads of sawab.

**Muznah Ashfaq Bhatti**

I will care for my mother and will obey all her orders Insha'Allah.

**Hasnain Rauf**

screws  
n  
bolts

ha ha ha

# Lol

## Vowels

Lauren: Dad, do you know what the most commonly used letter in a girl's name is?

Me: Hmm, is it a consonant or a vowel? (Silence.) Please tell me you know what consonants and vowels are.

Lauren: You're no fun, Dad. Forget it.

Me: What is a vowel?

Lauren: OK, OK. A vowel is ... ahh ... eh ... well, oh ... uh ...

Me: Close enough.

## Repeat That, Mate?

If you understand English, press 1. If you do not understand English, press 2.

Recording on an Australian tax help line.

## How To Translate work

### Emails

I have a question. = I have 18 questions.

I'll look into it. = I've already forgotten about it.

I tried my best. = I did the bare minimum.

Happy to discuss further. = Don't ask me about this again.

No worries. = You really messed up this time.

Take care. = This is the last you'll ever hear from me.

Cheers! = I have no respect for you or myself!

## Making Amends with The IRS

After hearing a sermon on lies and deceit, a man wrote the IRS, "I can't sleep knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. Enclosed is a check for \$150. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the rest."

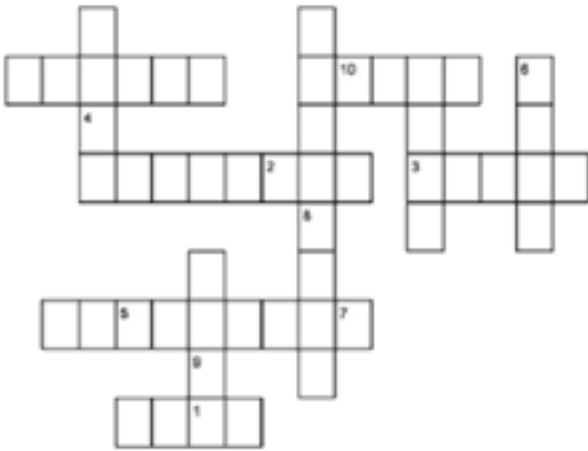
## Ramadan Quiz

Ramadan is the \_\_\_\_\_ month of the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar. Muslims believe that the \_\_\_\_\_, the holy book of \_\_\_\_\_, was sent down from heaven during Ramadan. For the entire month, Muslims are expected to pray and to concentrate on their \_\_\_\_\_ instead of on their everyday lives. Ramadan is also a month of \_\_\_\_\_; Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink anything between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The end of Ramadan is celebrated with a holiday called \_\_\_\_\_, the Feast of Fast Breaking.

## Word List

- Eid-al-Fitr
- sunrise
- Muslim
- Holy Quran
- fasting
- faith
- Islam
- sunset
- ninth

## WORD FIT



- Salah
- Exercise
- Physical
- Play
- Spiritual
- Race
- Health
- Mind
- Body
- Heart
- Rest

### FIND THE SECRET WORD



## Soap-powered boat

- A foam tray (like the kind meat comes in) or a piece of non-corrugated cardboard
- A tray, bowl, or cookie sheet full of water
- Liquid dish soap
- A toothpick

### What to do:

Cut the foam tray or cardboard into a boat shape as shown below:  
A good size seems to be about 2 inches long.

Dip the toothpick into the liquid soap and use the toothpick to put soap onto the sides of the notch at the back of the boat.

That's it! Now carefully place the boat onto the surface of the water and watch it scoot across the water for several seconds – you've made a soap-powered boat! To demonstrate the boat again, you will need to rinse out the tray to remove any soap from the previous demonstration.

### How does it work?

Soap is a surfactant – that means that it breaks down the surface tension of water. As the surface tension is broken up, it creates enough of a force to push the lightweight boat across the surface.



## Answer Ramadan Quiz

The correct order in which the answers appear:

Ninth,  
Muslim,  
Holy Quran,  
Islam,  
faith,  
fasting,  
sunrise,  
sunset,  
Eid-al-Fitr



# A lesson learnt well

A thought-provoking story by **Tooba Saad**  
on developing within the real essence of fasting

After having a rough day at school, Ahab stepped out in frustration from his air-conditioned classroom. The pressures of the ongoing exam season and now this unpleasant extreme hot weather outside increased his irritation. He exhaustedly toddled to his car and felt tortured for walking in the heat.

He grumbled to himself, ‘why am I punished to bear this heat and thirst?’

Today was the first day of school from the time when Ramadan had started. As Ahab stepped outside the school gate, he saw his driver uncle standing right in front of the gate to pick him. He sat in his comfortable car and took a deep breath in the cold air inside.

Moving towards home, Ahab was entirely descended into the emotional swamp of self-pity. The driver stopped by a store to fetch beverages and fruits for iftar. Meanwhile, Ahab noticed several street stalls outside the store selling a variety of food in the scorching heat.

Ahab, who was fond of sensuous luxury, was amazed to see them working constantly under

the heat. He couldn’t resist and stepped out of his car to one of the hawkers standing nearby. He asked kindly, “Uncle you must be fasting, right? How do you manage work with fast in this sizzling heat?”

The old man smiled at Ahab and said, “My boy fasting is our religious obligation and work exertion or weather condition is not an excuse to leave the fast, indeed Allah is the most Merciful.”

His stomach squirmed, and he quietly got back into his car. As he looked down, he saw the bottles of chilled juices that his driver just kept in the car. For a while, Ahab felt deeply desirous.



He stared at the youngest child who drew out a grubby burger out of the trash that Ahab had refused to eat in sehri, only because of the extra mayonnaise in it.

“Nobody can catch me if I silently drink a few sips,” he mumbled; but a voice from inside told him what his mother had always taught him, ‘Yes nobody! But indeed Allah knows all that is visible or hidden.’ He turned off his attention and felt ashamed of behaving like a child.

After roaming for an hour, he finally arrived home, but still, four hours were left for the Maghrib azaan to break his fast.

Just before he walked into his house, he noticed a waste collector with his three children in filthy, messy dresses rummaging into the garbage can. He stared at the youngest child who drew out a grubby burger out of the trash that Ahab had refused to eat in sehri, only because of the extra mayonnaise in it.

Ahab screamed, “ehhh.... this is filthy, full of bacteria, do not eat this!” but the little boy gobbled down the food quickly into his hungry stomach.

A chill went down his spine when he saw the hunger for food. He now remembered many of such meals which he had discarded because he either did not like them or his stomach was too full to consume the over ordered food.

Ahab who had never experienced deprivation in life and had a plethora of meal choices all the time, was ashamed today for the extravagance he did.

He was surprised why he never noticed these common things around him? Is this due to my own empty stomach today? He asked himself.

It was now just an hour left for the iftaar and Ahab walked up to the table which was as usual full of countless dishes including pasta, waffles, nuggets, fruit platter with a collection of milkshakes, smoothies and juices. Surprisingly, this was not the end and a lot more was coming up.

But today the feeling was different. With no excitement, he shook his head and told his mother about all that he had come across today. He told her what he realised after conversing with the fruit hawker and watching the hungry kids of a garbage man. He realised one of the basic purposes of fasting is to understand the pain of the hungry and thirsty people and Ramadan commemorates that if we have excess food we should share it with the deprived ones.

His mother got truly convinced with his thoughts and the entire family also understood the real meaning of Ramadan. They happily decided to daily send the excess food to the poor and needy and earn rewards from Allah.

Just before the maghrib azaan started, Ahab made dua with tears falling down his cheeks and thanked Allah ﷻ for blessing him abundantly. He also asked Allah ﷻ to forgive him for his ungrateful behaviour and extravagances.

Today his heart was much more satisfied that Allah taught him the real meaning of fasting: not refraining yourself from food and drink but realising the needs of others and pleasing Allah subhanahu wa taa’ala.

May Allah ﷻ accept all our efforts and ibadah and bless us with His abundant rehman and barakah during Ramadan. Ameen

May this Ramadan be the best one  
yet, Insha Allah



*Ramadan from every place*

welcome  
Ramadan

radiance





# THE HOLY MONTH IN HOLIDAYS

BY Zunera Armoghan

Class II

The Intellect School

I am very excited about Ramadan soon starting Insha'Allah and I want to share with you some of my feelings. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic year and it is the favourite month for all Muslims. And now that it is coming in our summer holidays it is therefore said to be a holy month in holidays which by the rehmat of Ramadan become holy days. We fast in Ramadan, offer salah, make duas, do lots of tasbeehat and in short, it can be said that we do zikr.

In this month we eat suhoor and iftar. After suhoor, we do not eat or drink anything till the Maghrib azan at which we break our fasts with dates.

In Ramadan, shaitan is chained up by Allah so that we can do good deeds e.g. listen to our parents, offer salah, do zikr etc. This way we will listen to Allah and not listen to the devil. Allah wants us to do good deeds in this month because in Ramadan the reward of every good deed is increased 70 times, e.g. when we do zikr at night staying awake we get more thab than usual.

We should take special care of the needy during Ramadan and give more sadqah and zakah.

We should also help our mothers in setting up the table for suhoor and iftar and cleaning it.

Allah especially wants us to realise the conditions of the poor throughout the year and take care of them that is why in Ramadan he makes us go through a little hunger and thirst.

Pakistan was also made on Laila tul Qadr, a special night in Ramadan. Lailtul Qadr is the special night in which we are rewarded equal to 1000 months. So we should not waste these nights and do loads of Ibadah.

Our tarbiyah teacher told us that the people who fast will enter Jannah through a door called Rayyan. So this year or the next I will also try to keep fasts and enter Jannah through Rayyan. Insha'Allah!

# The march to Makkah

Thinking of avenging a bully that you seem to have overpowered?  
Let **Ayesha Hakeem** guide you towards a beautiful revenge...

We sat in a circle with roaring spirits and shooting energies. I voiced with conviction and power, "I will ask Usama to return all that he had taken from me and of course he will not be able to return it, I may ask for compensation."

Talha said angrily, "I will demean them in front of everybody as they had done with me." Raheel said, "I will also avenge every single tear of mine, I will make posters and their cartoons and would insult them as they had done to me."

We were busy in our meeting and never knew that Dada, who stood behind us, absorbed in the complete conversation. I never knew how it happened. Whenever we discussed moral or ethical things,

we got caught up. If our motives seemed good, then Dada retreated us with praise and gifts and if not, he had the ways to guide us to act in a responsible manner.

I shouted, "It will be such fun..." when I caught him observing us carefully. Before I could say anything, he joined us. He said, "I heard you and your intentions, I need to know the background of the scenario."

I started rapidly, "It's about the three big bullies in school Dada, and they were a nightmare and tremor to all of us. They insulted us, called names at us and beat the weaker students. They snatched my lunch many times. Do you know the change of management

has been a blessing for us as these bullies were recognised unfit for grade 5. They are going to be regressed back to grade 4. Big kids in small classes; it's such a fanciful and soothing thought. It will be so lovely, and we will avenge as now they will whimper like kids. I saw them looking embarrassed when they came out of the principal's office today." Dada said, "You can plan a better revenge by listening to the following case:

## Breach of the Treaty of Hudaibiya by the disbelievers

Banu Bakr who decided to side with the disbelievers broke the treaty and attacked Banu Khaza, the tribe that sided with the Muslims at the time of the treaty. This breach became the reason for the fateful war between Muslims and the disbelievers. As a result, Makkah was conquered on 20th of Ramadan 8 HD.

## Preparation for the final battle

Banu Khaza called the Muslims for help, and the preparations for the war started. Prophet ﷺ asked his virtuous fellows to get ready for the war. The army of 10,000 brave men got ready to end the treach-

# By next morning, I had planned my revenge. I saw the bullies first thing in the morning and saw a lot of students gathered to pay off their evil favours.

ery and viciousness by the Kuffar. The army seemed organised and well-spirited.

## The trepidation and fright of the disbelievers

Kuffar could almost see their doom arriving and so they sent their representative to withhold the decision of war and to resume the treaty, but Allah Almighty had decreed the victory of the Muslims.

## The entrance of Prophet ﷺ in Makkah

The past audacity and heroism of Muslims was unforgettable for the disbelievers and had ingrained deep fear in their hearts, so Muhammad ﷺ entered as a victorious king unopposed, except the opposition from few people.

## Special revenge by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

Muhammad ﷺ was the victorious leader. He had in front of him those who had:

- Called him names
- Called him a magician
- Oppressed the Muslims
- Terrorised and convicted hate crimes against them
- Bullied them

- Forced them to leave their homes and properties
- Tried to kill Muhammad ﷺ and his followers
- Had tormented them with physical and verbal abuse

Imagine that all those were there; helpless before Muhammad ﷺ. Their hearts shivered, and lips quivered. They imagined their cruelty and shuddered at the thought of facing what they forced Muslims to face.

Muhammad ﷺ had the authority to take revenge. He had the authority to kill, abuse and damage. He, however, planned the best revenge, setting the example for all to follow. Muhammad ﷺ said, "I speak to you in the same words of the Prophet Yusuf Aleihi salam, who spoke to his brothers." He forgave them all.

## The result of a beautiful revenge

Muhammad's ﷺ mercy surprised and amazed the disbelievers. They hadn't ever even dreamt of such civility and exemplary behaviour. The mercy moved their hearts, and people accepted Islam in large numbers. The forgiveness did something miraculous for Islam. Those who despised Islam became its true followers. Those who were on the path of fire changed their

ways for all times."

Grandfather sighed after that and said, "It's better if you can revise your revenge."

I was speechless. The courage to forgive was something I couldn't have. There was a battle in my mind, and I went to my room. By next morning, I had planned my revenge. I saw the bullies first thing in the morning and saw a lot of students gathered to pay off their evil favours. I neared them and said, "Friends! We know, you are in a tough situation, but we will help you. You can always look up to us for help. We will help you make things better."

I could immediately sense the tense and furious environment getting cooler and negativity changing to positivity. There was something magical, and all of the students who had gathered voiced, "Yes we are with you."

The three bullies were standing in the middle of the crowd; tears rolling down their cheeks. The revenge had done them and others wonders. They said, "Yes we will patch up for all the harm we had done so far, we apologise for all our wrong doings and look up to all of you to help us mend our ways."

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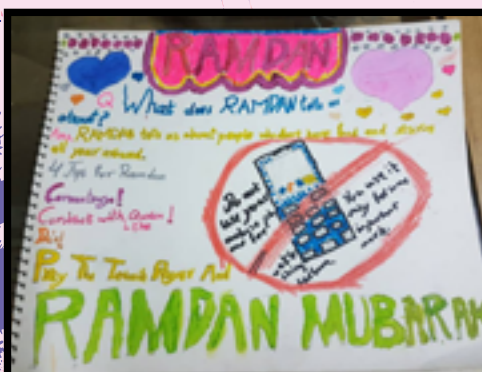
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## You'll do a great job as a Muslim, and someone is here to help you every step of the way. Zohra Noushin Ahmed presents us our new online helpers and how they have made learning deen, from the comfort of our homes, just as exciting as in an actual classroom

Baitussalam is one of those institutions in Pakistan that is working tirelessly to spread a greater understanding of deen among the masses. In today's fast-paced world, Baitussalam, in its quest to helping all understand a little more about the religion we follow, has come up with an innovative solution: E-learning.

E-Baitussalam is an online platform where people from around the world, regardless of age or occupation, can come together to learn about different aspects of Al-Islam. They have a highly user-friendly website, which enables you to easily login through your email and get access to a host of different subjects being taught. The teachers are very helpful and welcoming, and even though we get students from all levels – some at an intermediate level of learning while others are at the beginning stages – the teachers are able to patiently convey the message to the entire class and with great dedication Masha'Allah.

There is also a forum where you can chat with each other (and the teacher) while listening to the lesson. We also practice on our microphones, so each student gets a chance to communicate with the teacher and learn in real-time just like in a normal classroom. Each lesson is about an hour long, which is enough to grasp the basic concepts of the subject matter taught; followed by a little homework. This assignment is then checked by the teachers too, so you know where you went wrong.

For those who are unable (for whatever reason) to come online and learn in real-time along with the rest of the class, E-Baitussalm regularly uploads recorded versions of the lesson, along with the assignments required for the next class. The students receive a notification via email about the recording once it has been uploaded onto their website, and they can then easily access it before joining the next class.

So far, E-Baitussalam has successfully undertaken several different Islamic courses, from the Arabic language, Namaz and Taharat (Cleanliness), Tafseer, life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and others. The web site also launched a course for teenagers, "Girls

Galaxy", which aimed at showing teenage girls that Islam can be fun too! Relating to issues which the youth face and taught solely in English, this course will end on the 8th of June.

For the holy month of Ramadan, E-Baitussalam did a two-day online course on 'Meaningful Ramadan', as well as a 5-week course related to the fiqh of Ramadan and Zakah. The Dura-e-Quran is also being carried out and is ongoing until the 20th of Ramadan.

Recently, a ceremony was also held where the participants, who diligently completed the various courses, were awarded certificates.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Seeking Knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim." (Al-Bayhaqi & Al-Tabarani). Though this Hadith is known to most Muslims, however, the essence, the amount, and the kind of knowledge referred to in this Hadith remains misunderstood by many; for the knowledge that is incumbent upon every Muslim pertains to religious knowledge. So these online classes have made this important task of seeking religious knowledge all the simpler for those of us who can't find the time and means to leave our homes and dedicate ourselves to the Madrassah routines.

E-Baitussalam has made it possible for so many women across the globe to come together and form a sisterhood based on their love of deen. No wonder the number of enrollments reached thousand in just a matter of three months and are increasing day by day. It has provided a platform to help Muslim women realise their worth in the light of Islam, and help each and every one of us to dig a little deeper into our faith. I think all women should make their daughters – and themselves – attend at least one class at E-Baitussalam's online school: <https://baitussalam.ilmerra.org/>

How else can we ever hope to please Allah ﷻ, if we do not make the effort to learn about what He wants us to achieve in this Duniya and the Akhirah?

# HADHRAT ABU AYUB ANSARI ﷺ

Zawjah Junaid Mukaty mesmerises us with the life chronicles  
of a blessed Sahabi – Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari ﷺ

Each heart was pounding with excitement. Each soul wanted to be the one. Each tongue was busy praying. As soon as the camel, Qaswa, came near them, their anticipation increased and when it crossed them without stopping, they became sad. After all, the people of Madinah Munawwara were receiving their beloved Prophet ﷺ with open arms, each one wishing to host him.

Our Prophet ﷺ, after bearing thirteen years of persecution and hardships finally migrated to Madinah from Makkah, where the residents of this holy city were extremely delighted to be the Ansars, the Helpers. Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ received invitations from the whole of Madinah to come and stay at their house when Allah sorted out this problem: The Prophet ﷺ said to them, "Leave this camel of mine. It is instructed where exactly to sit." Qaswa took rounds and finally sat in front of a small two story house which belonged to Hadhrat

Abu Ayub Ansari ﷺ.

Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari's real name was Khalid Bin Zaid who belonged to the clan of Banu Najjar. He was there in the second pledge of Uqbah which took place during the season of Hajj before the migration. He was one of the devoted companions of Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ who proved to be an extremely humble host of the beloved Prophet ﷺ for a couple of months.

Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari ﷺ considered himself as the luckiest man on Earth when the camel sat in front of his house. He readily picked up the few belongings of the Prophet ﷺ as if he was carrying the treasures of the whole world. Out of respect, he offered Prophet ﷺ the top floor of his house but the Prophet preferred to stay at the bottom explaining him that there will be many visitors to meet him and it would be convenient if he occupy the ground level. Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari ﷺ obeyed the or-

ders and went up with his family.

They took special care as not to disturb the Prophet ﷺ downstairs therefore they walked and slept on the sides, avoiding the centre of the floor. Still they could not ignore the feeling of being disrespectful towards Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ. The next morning he asked the Prophet ﷺ to move upstairs as having Muhammad ﷺ beneath them was unmannerly. The Prophet ﷺ smiled and refused his offer and sent him up again. The following day a utensil broke on the top floor letting the liquid flow down to the bottom floor as the houses were not made of concrete. With the speed of light, the couple wiped the liquid and went again to ask the Prophet ﷺ to move on to the top level of the house. Finally the Prophet ﷺ agreed and the floors were exchanged.

While Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ was residing at Hadhrat Abu Ayub's house, he bought a small piece of





land next to his house which belonged to two orphan brothers Sahal and Suhail. According to a narration, this payment of 10 Misqaal gold was also made by this lucky companion. This land was then used to build Masjid e Nabawi. Next to it were the rooms built for the Prophet and his wives thus making Abu Ayub Ansari the neighbour of the Prophet.

Both the Prophet and Abu Ayub Ansari had a unique relation with each other. He hosted Prophet whenever he was hungry. One day Hadhrat Muhammad came along with Hadhrat Abu

the food, but again it didn't get less. This way, miraculously, over hundred men ate the food which was supposed to be consumed by two.

This exceptional man respected the Prophet and his family greatly. When Hadhrat Ayesha was accused by the hypocrites, his wife asked him if he had heard something about it. He told his wife to stay quiet and asked her, "Do you think you would do such a thing?"

She replied, "No I would never do such a thing."

On this statement he looked at her

tening Ahadith therefore he travelled for this purpose too. He narrated two Ahadith before his death which he had never done before.

He participated in all the battles from Badar till Hunain and was also there in the last Hajj with Hadhrat Muhammad. After the Prophet, he went along with the troops for the battle of Baisan, presently northern part of Israel. He was also there with Muslim troops who left for Northern Africa.

This noble and dedicated man died at the age of eighty in 50 or 51 Hijra in Constantinople while he was

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Bakr at his place. He immediately got the food prepared and served it to the guests. Hadhrat Muhammad told him to call thirty men from Ansaar. He got a bit nervous as the food was enough only for two but for him words spoken by the Prophet were supposed to be obeyed there and then. He hurriedly went and called them over. The food was served and all ate heartily but it didn't decrease, the Prophet asked him to call another group, this second group also did justice with

and said, "So Ayesha is better than you, she would never do such a thing." Allah liked this so much that in Surah Nur, He said, "Why did not the believers say to themselves when they heard, that we will not be able to do this ourselves so indeed Ayesha is better than us."

Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari had a great knowledge of Quran and Ahadith. He was a Hafiz e Quran and narrator of hundred and fifty Ahadith. He had a passion of lis-

there during the reign of Hadhrat Ameer Muawiyah. The Muslim army had surrounded the fort of Constantinople when Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari fell ill and breathed his last.

In Afghanistan and Pakistan, we had a few scholars who belonged to the lineage of Hadhrat Abu Ayub Ansari. Khwaja Abdullah Ansari was in Afghanistan and Hadhrat Allauddin Ansari and Hadhrat Yousuf Ansari were in Pakistan

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