

The Ramadan Drummer



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Glossary

Alhamdulillah: praise be to God.

Barak Allah fi kum: May the blessings of God be with you.

Jazak Allahu khairan: May God reward you will good.

Mash'Allah: God has willed it, refers to something good happening.

Ramadan: name of the 9th month in the Islamic lunar calendar. It is also the month of fasting.

Sahoor: pre-dawn meal

Subhan'Allah: Praise be to God or glory be to God.

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“O you who believe, fasting is prescribed as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may learn piety and righteousness.”
(Qur'an 2:183)



Abu Dubdub, the Ramadan Drummer was very happy.
Tomorrow would be the first day of Ramadan.
“Alhamdulillah!” said Abu Dubdub.



It was dark when the
Ramadan Drummer walked
outside to wake the people
for sahoor.



Abu Dubdub began to beat
his drum and sing his song.

“Dum dum bada dum dum!
Time for sahoor, time to eat.
Time to get up from your sleep.
Dum dum bada dum dum!”

Moms and dads woke up, boys and
girls woke up. Everyone woke up!





“Thank you for waking us up, Abu Dubdub,” they said and they gave Abu Dubdub some food for sahoor.

“Jazak Allahu khairan. Thank you!” said the Ramadan Drummer.



Everyone was happy. Everyone got up for sahoor.
Everyone ate their food and drank their water.



But one day a rich man came to live in the town. When Abu Dubdub played his drum the rich man was angry. "I want to sleep!" he said. He watched Abu Dubdub from his window. "I will stop the Ramadan Drummer," said the rich man.



“Here is a bag of gold,” said the rich man. “Give me your drum.”
Abu Dubdub looked at the gold and said, “Thank you. I will buy another drum with the gold.”



“No, no, no,” said the rich man. “If you take the gold you cannot be a Ramadan drummer.”

“But I like my Ramadan drum,” said Abu Dubdub.

“Yes, but you are poor,” said the rich man. “Take the gold so you can be rich.”

So Abu Dubdub took the gold. The rich man threw the Ramadan drum in his burn pile.

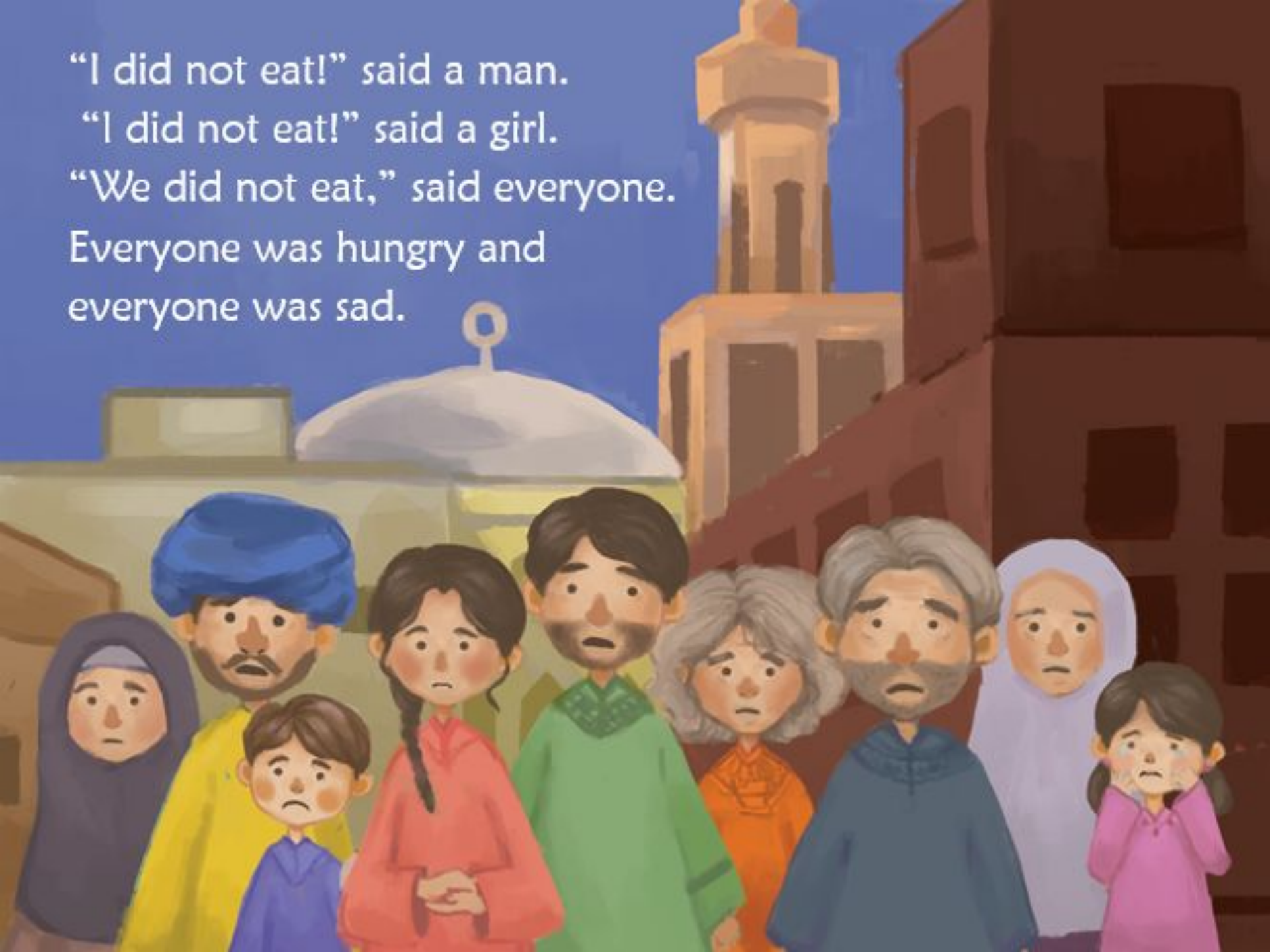


Early in the morning at sahoor Abu Dubdub did not play his drum so the people did not get up for sahoor.



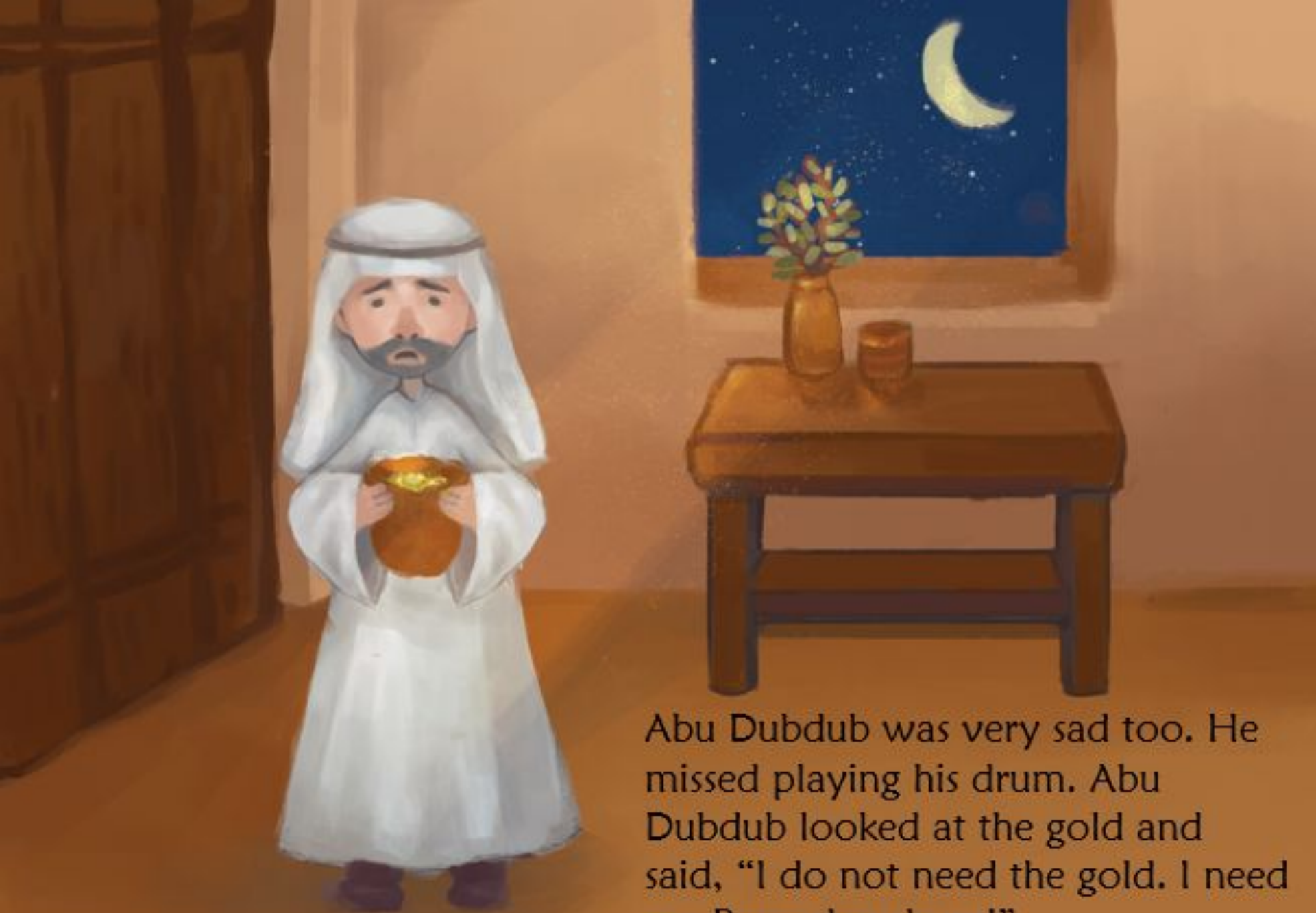
When the people woke up the sun was in the sky!
“Subhan’Allah!” they said, “What happened to
the Ramadan Drummer?”

“I did not eat!” said a man.
“I did not eat!” said a girl.
“We did not eat,” said everyone.
Everyone was hungry and
everyone was sad.

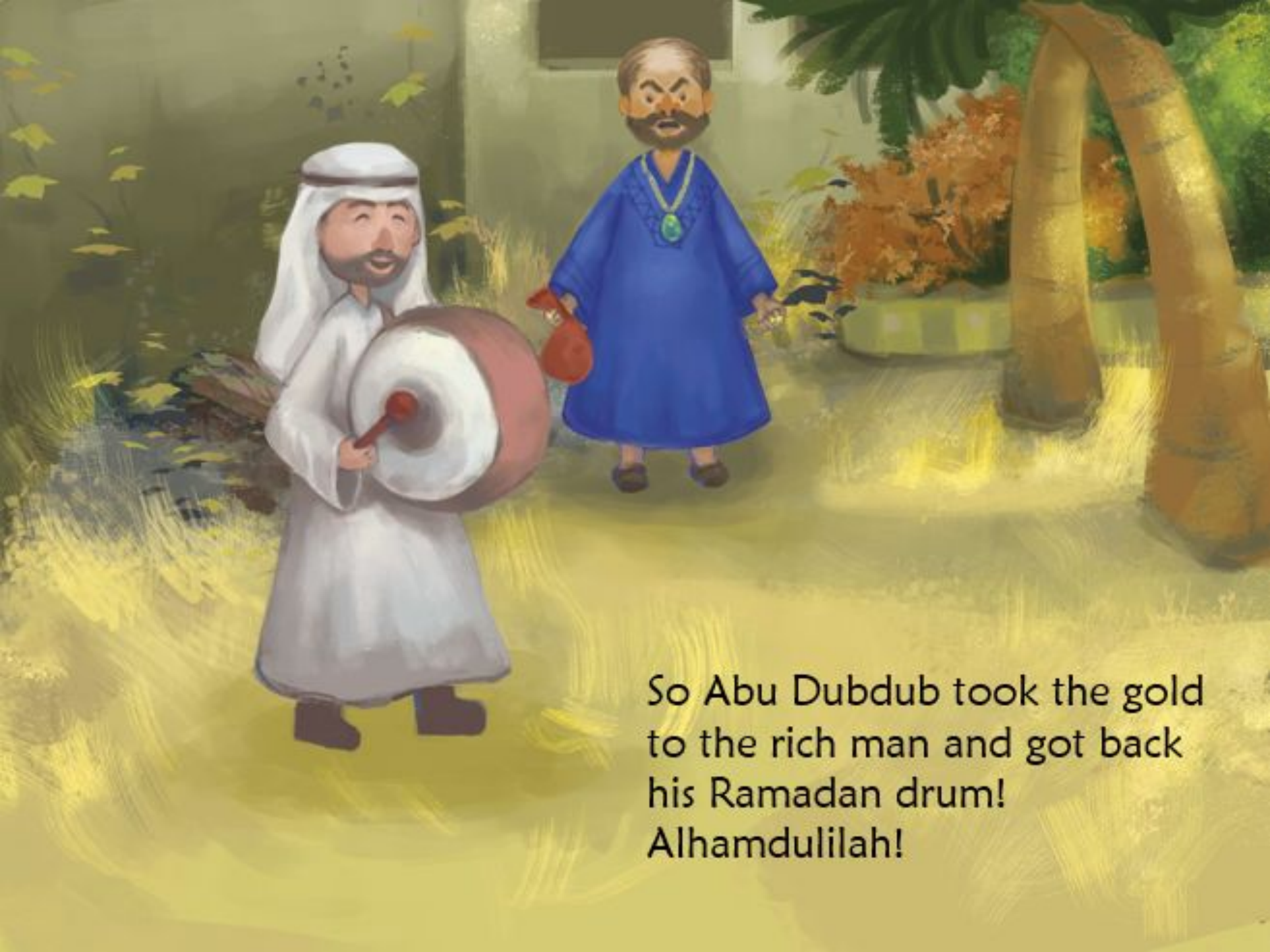




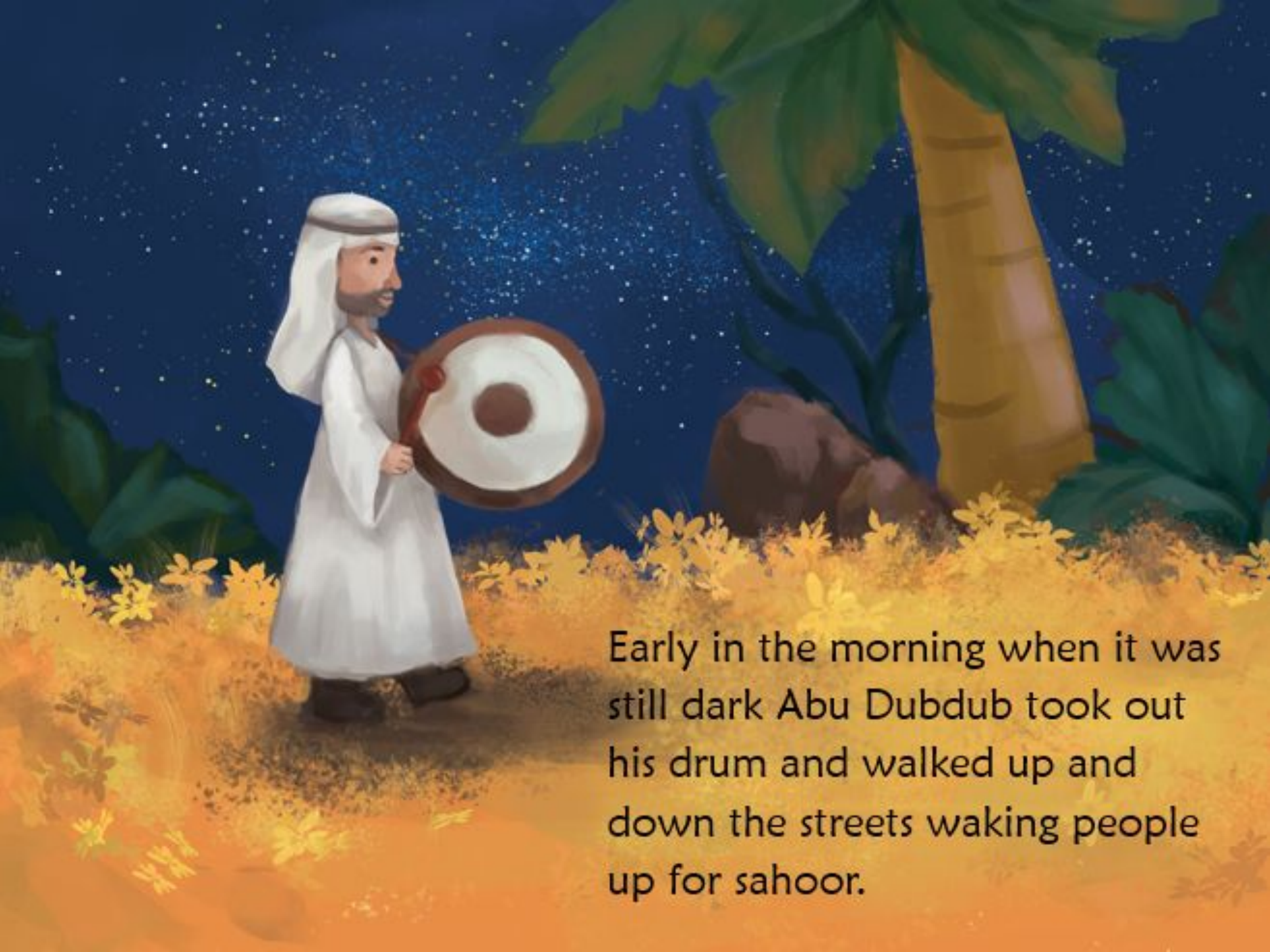
Only the rich man
was happy.
“Good!” he said,
“Now I can sleep!”



Abu Dubdub was very sad too. He missed playing his drum. Abu Dubdub looked at the gold and said, "I do not need the gold. I need my Ramadan drum!"



So Abu Dubdub took the gold
to the rich man and got back
his Ramadan drum!
Alhamdulillah!



Early in the morning when it was still dark Abu Dubdub took out his drum and walked up and down the streets waking people up for sahoor.

“Dum dum bada dum dum!
Time for sahoor, time to eat.
Time to get up from your sleep.
Dum dum bada dum dum!”
sang Abu Dubdub.





When the rich man heard the Ramadan Drummer he was very angry. "I will not stay here anymore!" he said.



Everyone was happy when they heard Abu Dubdub's Ramadan drum. Everyone got up for sahoor. "Thank you, Abu Dubdub! Jazak Allahu khairan!" they said. "Barak Allah fi kum!" said the Ramadan Drummer.



Abu Dubdub is a Ramadan Drummer. He wakes people up for sahoor. One day a rich man comes to live in the town. He wants to sleep and does not like the Ramadan Drummer waking people up for Sahoor. "I will stop the Ramadan Drummer!" he says. Find out what happens when the rich man gives Abu Dubdub a bag of gold and throws the Ramadan drum away!



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Question



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 - a. Surah Baqarah verse 283
 - b. Surah Baqarah verse 183
 - c. Surah Imran verse 183

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2. What is the name of the Ramadan Drummer?

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- b. Abu Drummer
- c. Abu Dubdub



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- b. light
- c. evening



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5. What animal is in the street?

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6. Who woke up?

a. everyone

b. no one

c. boys and girls



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7. What did people give to Abu
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- a. nothing
- b. money
- c. food

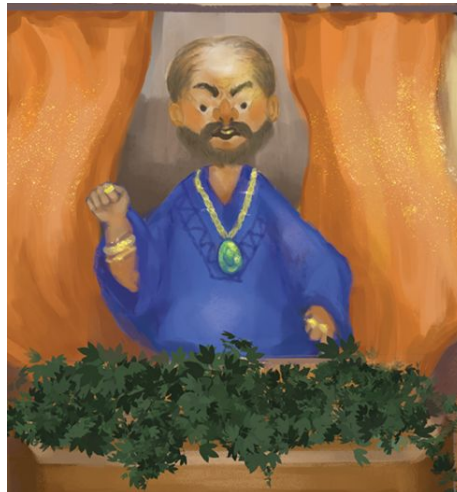


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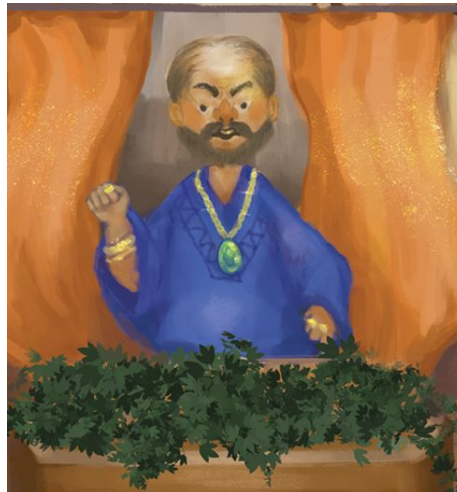


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- c. In the basement.



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11. Why were the people upset?

- a. They wanted to sleep.
- b. They did not pray.
- c. They did not get up for sahoor.



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12. Why was the rich man happy?

- a. Now he could eat.
- b. Now he could sleep.
- c. Now he could pray.



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13. What did the Ramadan Drummer say?

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- b. I need the gold.
- c. I need to spend the gold.



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- b. He got lots of food.
- c. He bought a new drum.



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Write a Ramadan story. Use the template to help you organize your

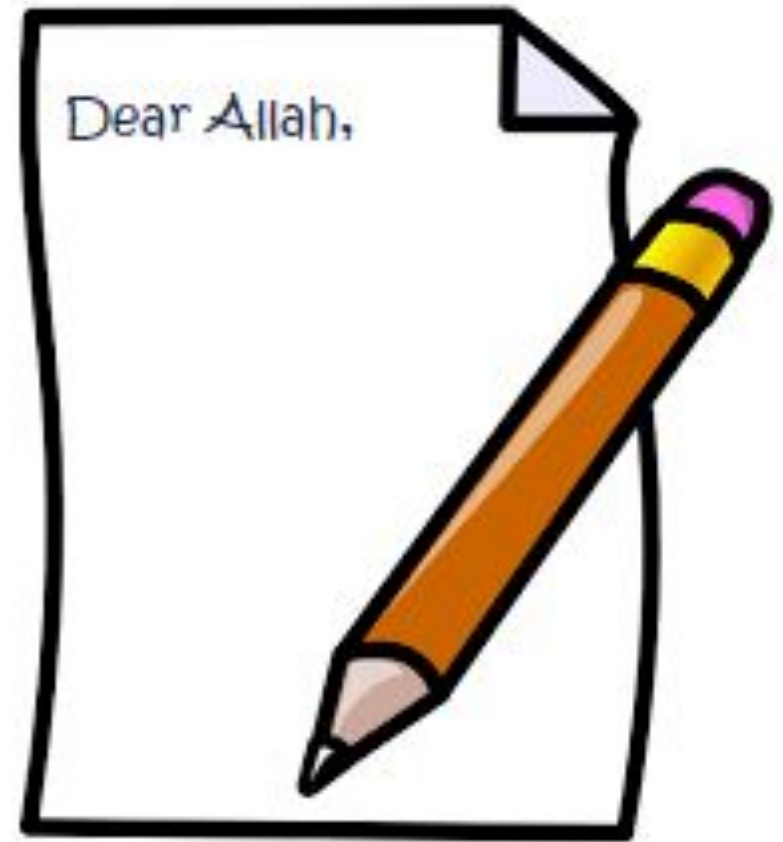
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Make a Ramadan card.
Write this verse inside and
share it with your friends
and family.



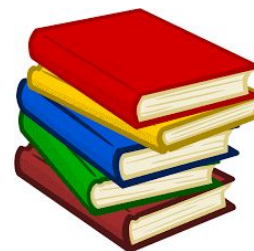
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fasting is prescribed
as it was prescribed
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righteousness.”
(Qur'an 2:183)

Write a letter
to Allah, tell
Him how
you plan to
be a better
person.
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TEST YOUR RAMADAN BOOK KNOWLEDGE

You have 60 seconds to list as many Ramadan children's book titles as you can!



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Song Time!



Time for

Sahoor

Dum dum bada

dum dum!

Time for sahoor,
time to eat.

Time to get up
from your sleep.



Abu Dubdub Beats His Drum

(London Bridge)

Abu Dubdub beats his drum,
Beats his drum,
Beats his drum
Abu Dubdub beats his drum,
Time for sahoor!

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Everybody gets right up,
Gets right up,
Gets right up,
Everybody gets right up,
Because they love Allah!



I Hear Drumming

(I hear Thunder)

I hear drumming,

I hear drumming,

Do you too?

Do you too?

Let's get up for sahoor,

Let's get up for sahoor,

Bismillah,

Bismillah.



Ramadan Has Come At Last

(Old MacDonald)

Ramadan has come at last,
A time for piety,
And in this month we pray a lot,
And give to charity,
With a bow, bow here,
And a salaam, salaam there,
Here a bow, there a bow,
Everywhere a salaam, salaam,
Ramadan has come at last,
A time for piety!



Community Helpers

Abu Dubdub helps people in Ramadan. Draw and write sentences about your community helpers.

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The Ramadan Drummer Word Search

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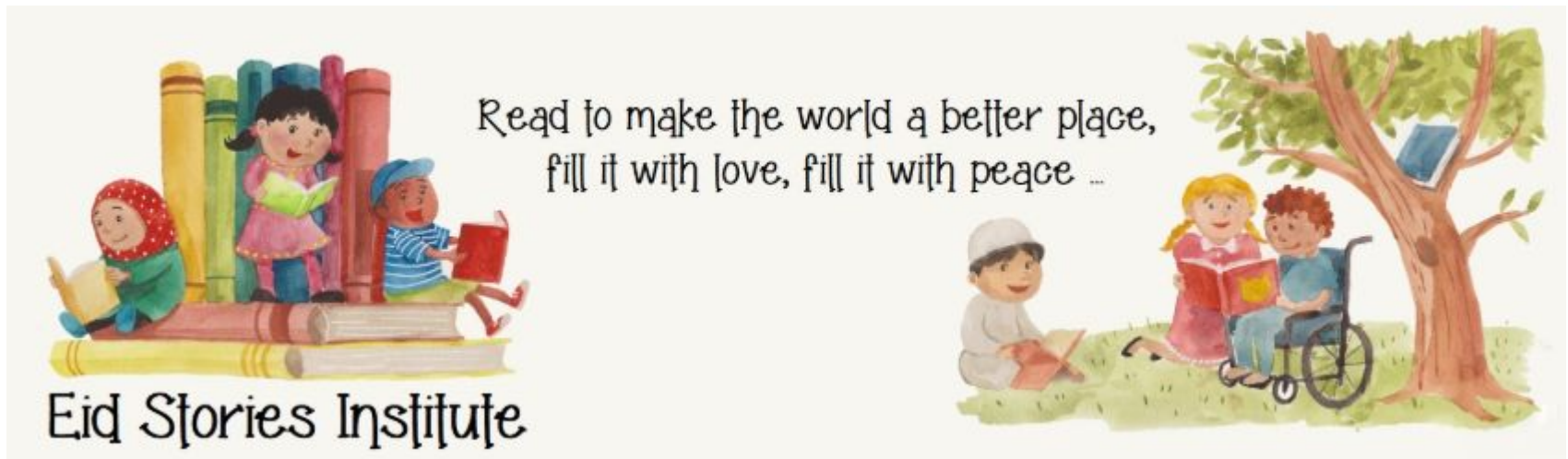
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