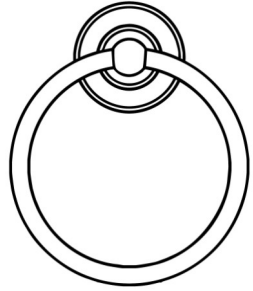


ACTIVITY TWO

Dome of the Rock

WITHIN AL-AQSA SANCTUARY

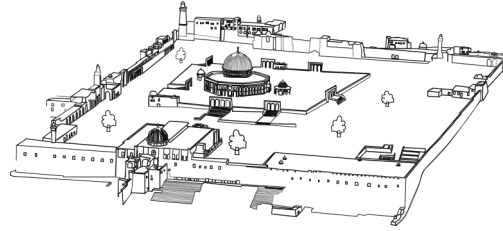
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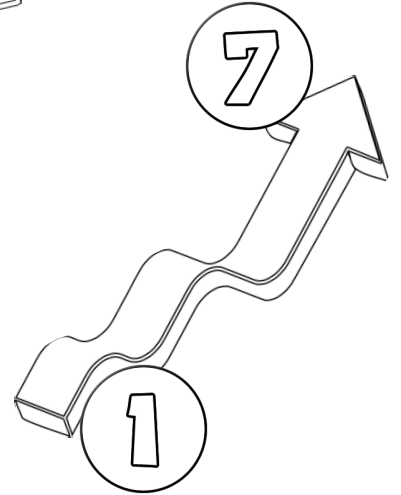
1. Arriving at Masjid Al-Aqsa



2. The call to Salah



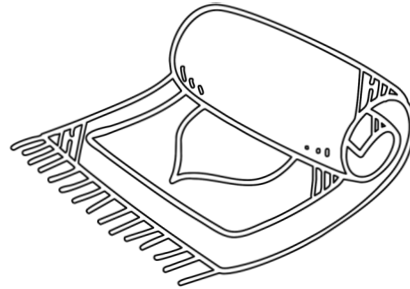
3. Ascending from Al-Aqsa



4. Travelling through the heavens



7. Return to Earth



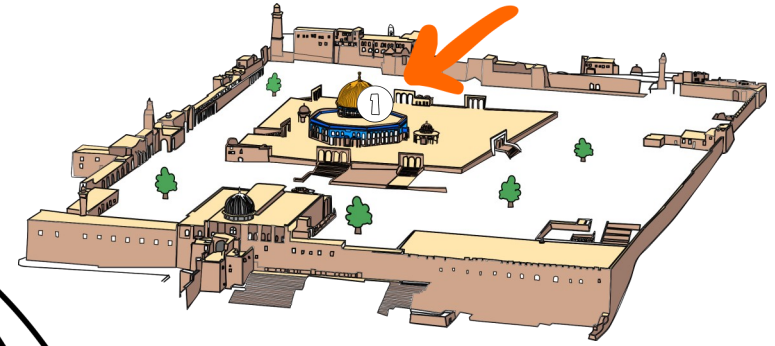
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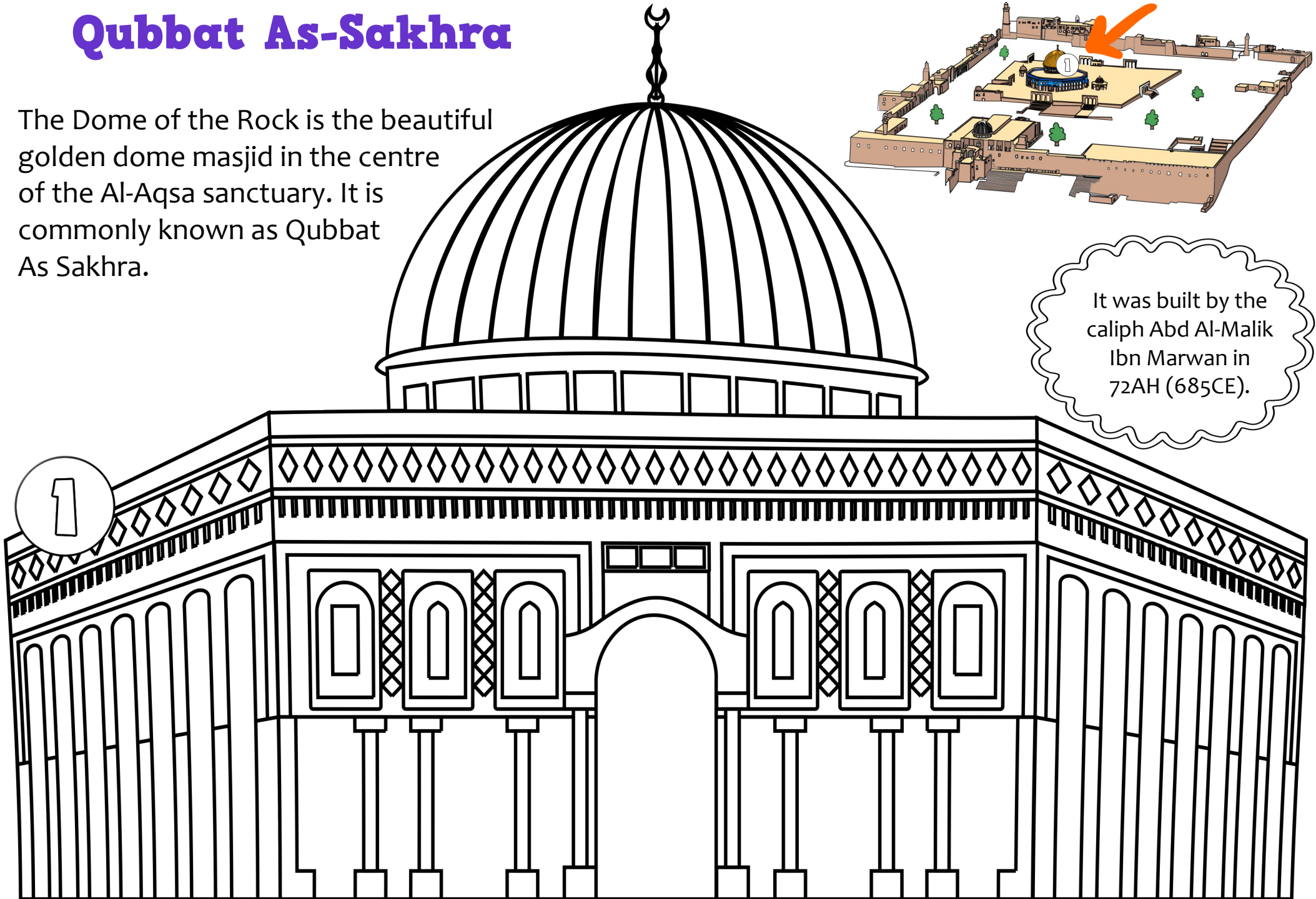
5. The Boundary

Qubbat As-Sakhra

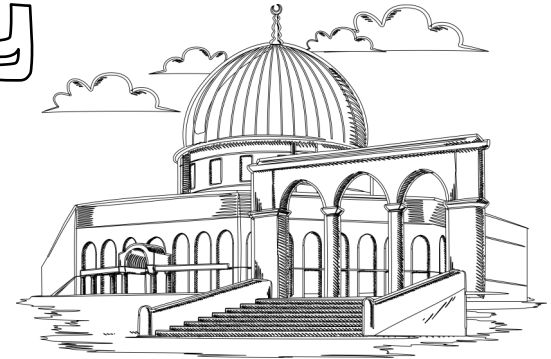
The Dome of the Rock is the beautiful golden dome masjid in the centre of the Al-Aqsa sanctuary. It is commonly known as Qubbat As Sakhra.



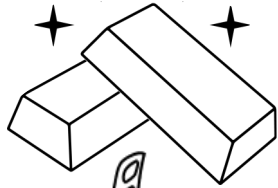
It was built by the caliph Abd Al-Malik Ibn Marwan in 72AH (685CE).



QUBBAT AS-SAKHRA Its History



More recently (1994), the dome was repaired and refurbished using an aluminium-bronze alloy. It was also covered with gold.

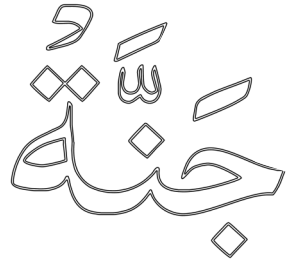


The beautiful external tile-work was ordered by Sulayman the magnificent. The Surah Ya Seen inscription was ordered by Abdul Hamid II.

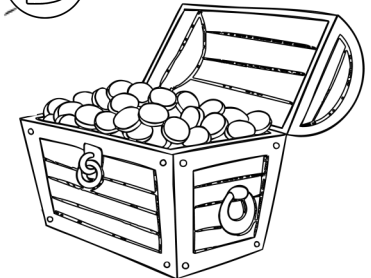


Many years later, a severe fire caused the dome to be damaged. The dome's cladding was replaced with black lead.

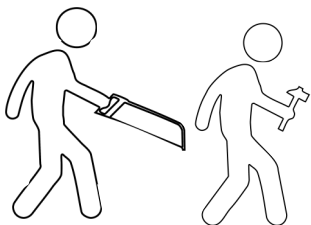
The Dome of the rock was built by the caliph Malik ibn Marwan in 72 AH.



The dome was covered with gold plates (made from melted gold coins), which gave it this wonderful rich colour.

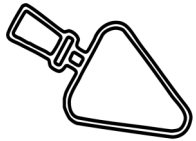


The best craftsmen built the Qubbat As-Sakhra. It was built at the highest point of the Masjid Al-Aqsa sanctuary.

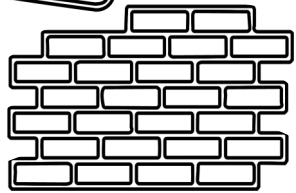


MASJID AL-AQSA

Masjid Al-Aqsa has a very special place in the hearts of Muslims. Of the 44 buildings, the Dome of the Rock is in the centre of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

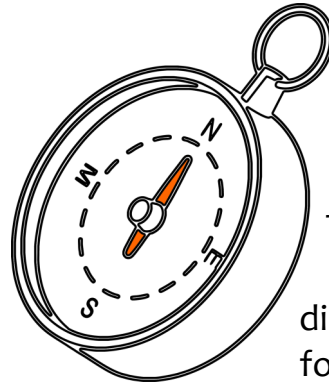


Second Masjid



This was the second masjid built on Earth. It was built 40 years after the Ka'bah.

It was originally built by Prophet Adam عليه السلام.



Qibla

This was the first Qibla, the direction of prayer for the Muslims.

Allah changed the Qibla to the Ka'bah when the Muslims were in Madina.



Prophets

There are many prophets connected with Masjid Al-Aqsa. From the time of Adam عليه السلام to the final messenger عليه السلام.


This is truly a blessed place.



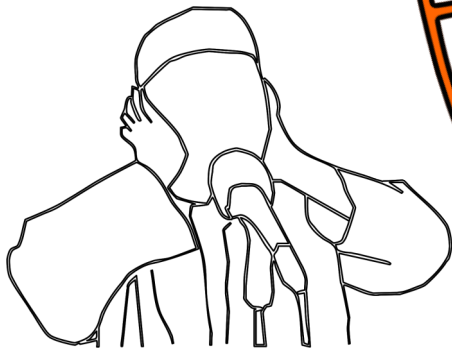
Masjid Al-Aqsa is connected with many blessed people and prophets. Many sahabah رضي الله عنهم and prophets are also buried here. This shows what an amazing and sacred place Masjid Al-Aqsa is. We should try and visit Masjid Al-Aqsa if we get the opportunity.



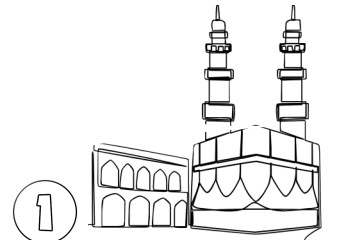
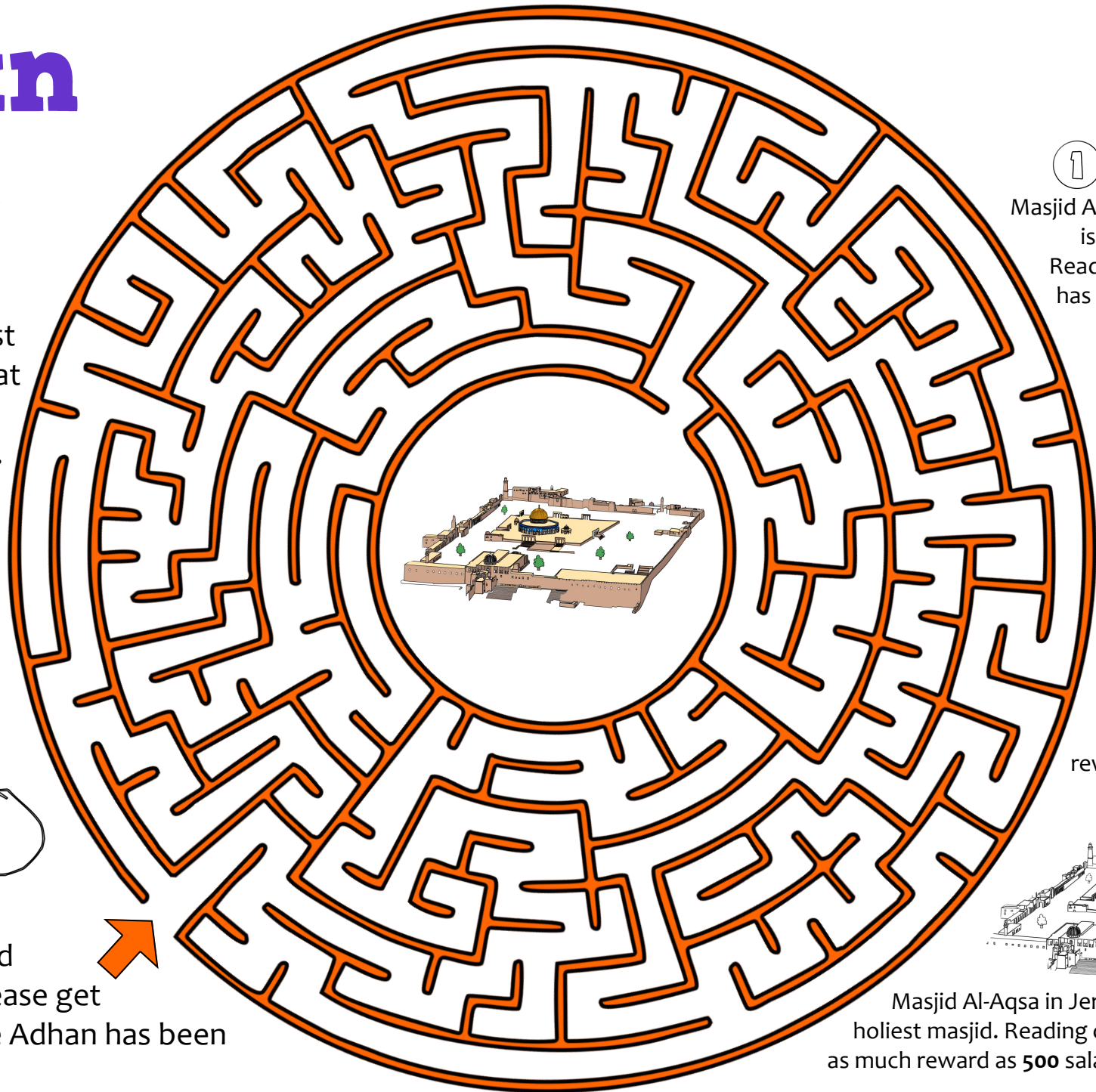
Adhan Time

Did you know the first Sahabi to call adhan at the three holy masaajid was Bilal .

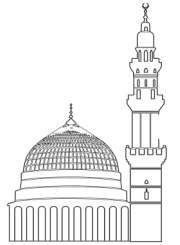
He was also the first Muadhin in Islam.



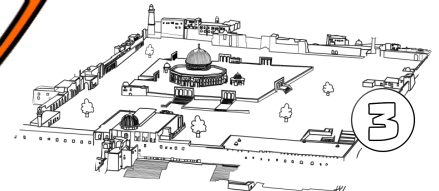
Help me get to Masjid Al-Aqsa for Salah. Please get me there quickly, the Adhan has been called!



1 Masjid Al-Haram in Makkah is the holiest masjid. Reading one salah here has as much reward as **100,000** salah elsewhere.




2 Masjid Nabwi in Madina is the second holiest masjid. Reading one salah here has as much reward as **1,000** salah elsewhere.





3 Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem is the third holiest masjid. Reading one salah here has as much reward as **500** salah elsewhere.


PEOPLE WE MET

There have been many people involved in the construction and maintenance of the Dome of the Rock in Masjid Al-Aqsa. Here are a few we met along the way.

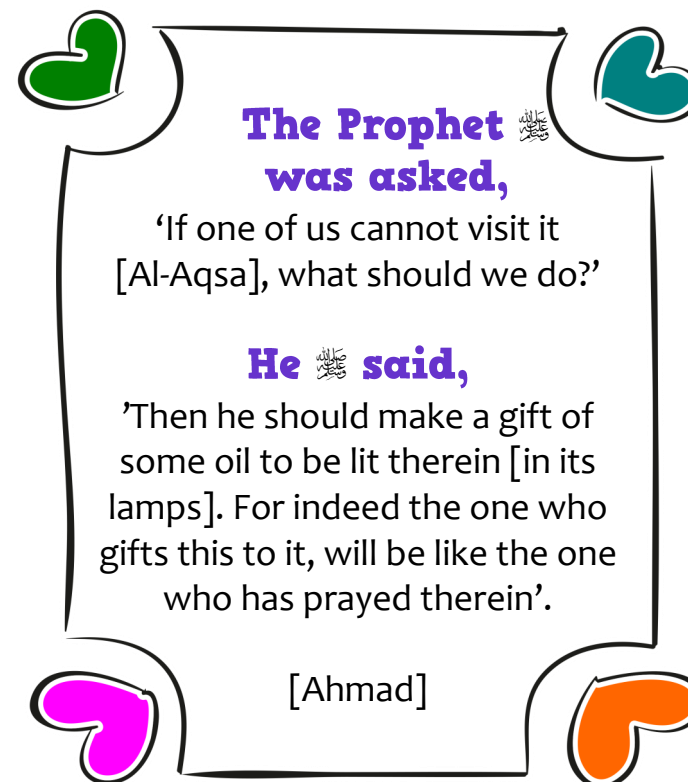
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Malik bin Marwan
Malik bin Marwan was the fifth Umayyad caliph who died in 86AH (705CE)
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Sulayman the Magnificent
Sulayman was the tenth sultan of the Ottoman Empire who died in 973AH (1566CE)
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Sultan Abdul Hamid II
Abdul Hamid II was the sultan of the Ottoman Empire who died 1336AH (1918CE)
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King Hussein of Jordan
Hussein bin Talal was King of Jordan until his death in 1419AH (1999CE)



The Prophet ﷺ was asked,
‘If one of us cannot visit it [Al-Aqsa], what should we do?’

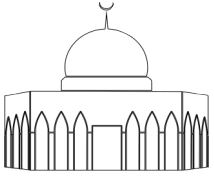
He ﷺ said,
‘Then he should make a gift of some oil to be lit therein [in its lamps]. For indeed the one who gifts this to it, will be like the one who has prayed therein’.

[Ahmad]



Throughout the centuries, many people have had the opportunity to repair and look after Masjid Al-Aqsa. It is **truly an honour** for anyone who gets the opportunity to look after **any of the masjids** throughout the world.

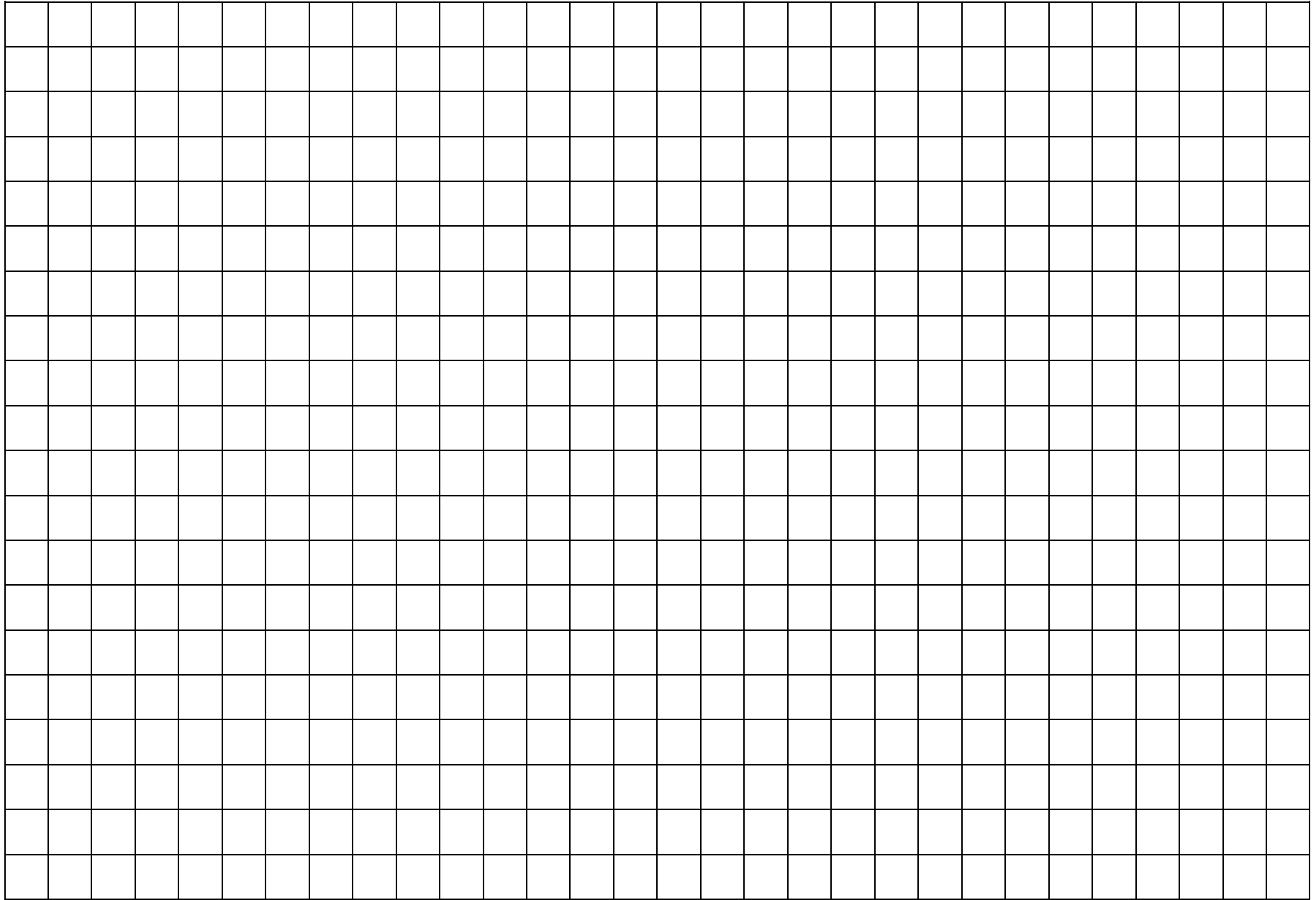
Design your own tile



The Dome of the Rock masjid used 40,000 tiles for the exterior of the building

1. Colour in the squares

2. Make your own unique design



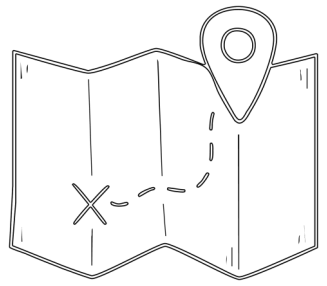
Mosaic Art Work



📍 **Location**

Near the middle of the Masjid Al-Aqsa sancturay is the Dome of the Rock (Qubbat As-Sakhra).

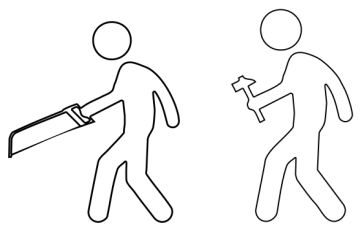
It is a blue eight-sided (octagon-shaped) building with perfect symmetry. The golden dome sits on top of this base.



📍 **Dome**

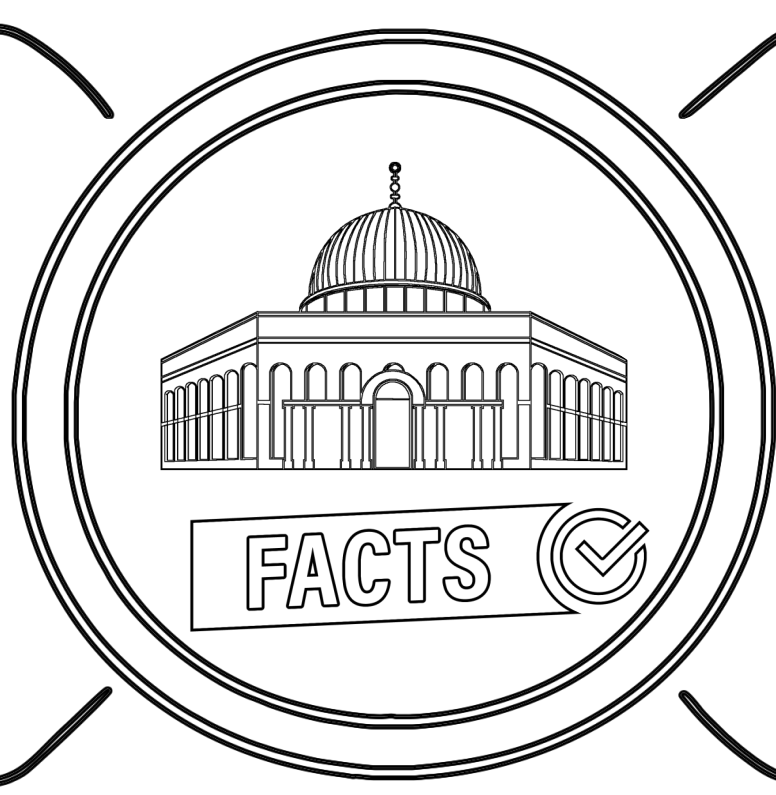
The gold-coloured dome is gold plated and is 25m tall. It is beautifully designed, standing in the intricate blue tiled base.

This gold-plated dome was first built at the time of Malik bin Marwan.



THE DOME OF THE ROCK

Qubbat As-Sakhra



The Base 📍

The blue octagonal base is both beautiful and stunningly designed. Its intricate blue tile design used 40,000 tiles by master craftsmen.

Verses from Surah Ya Seen are written around the parapet of the dome.

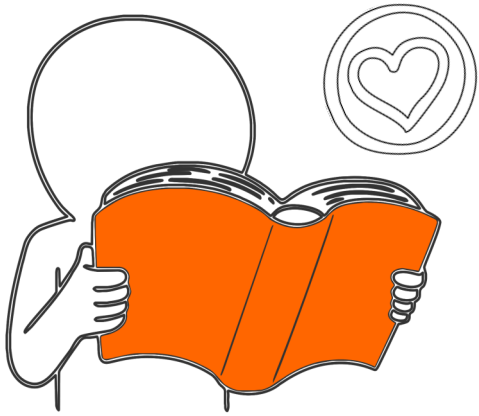


Internal 📍

The building has four entrances and fifty-two windows. The inside is also stunning with 14 mihrabs and the interior is decorated with mosaic, marble and verses from the Qur'an.

There is a stairway which leads down to the cave where some prophets are believed to have prayed.

The Masjid Al-Aqsa compound is a 35-acre site with 44 main buildings and an array of arches, walkways, fountains and so much more.



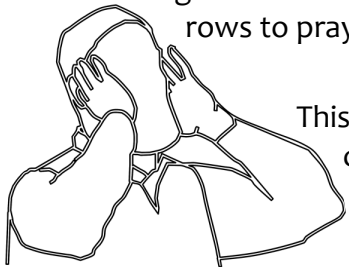
The Ascension

Our story starts in the middle of a longer story. The story is called al-Isra wal-Miraj.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had just arrived in Jerusalem. He was accompanied by Angel Jibrael ﷺ as they entered Masjid Al-Aqsa.

In Masjid Al-Aqsa, a call for salah was made, and soon people began to assemble in their rows to pray.



This was no ordinary Salah. It was led by

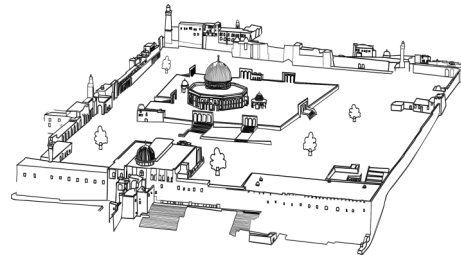
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The people praying behind him were all the prophets that had existed throughout time.



Allah had gathered them in the sacred Masjid Al-Aqsa for this most spiritual and special worship. Such a special prayer will never take place on this Earth again!

It was time to continue the journey; you may think, what could be more amazing than what we had just read? However, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would ascend to the heavens from Masjid Al-Aqsa.

The place from where our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ascended to the heavens can still be visited. This huge Al-Aqsa sanctuary has attracted visitors for centuries.



As they ascended, they reached the first heaven. The gatekeepers of the heaven asked who is with you?

Angel Jibrael said it was Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and he had been asked by Allah to ascend.



This continued throughout the journey. In each heaven, they met different prophets of Allah. These great prophets had the honour of meeting our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

On reaching the seventh heaven, they continued until they reached the Lote tree. A huge tree which was both vast and beautiful. This marked the boundary of the heavens.

Angel Jibrael could not pass this point, so Prophet Muhammad ﷺ continued on his own. He reached the presence of Allah, where he was gifted the fifty daily prayers. Alhamdulillah.



You might think, wait, was it not five daily Salah. Yes, you are right!

As Prophet Muhammad ﷺ descended through the heavens, Musa ﷺ stopped him at the sixth heaven. He asked what Allah had given him.

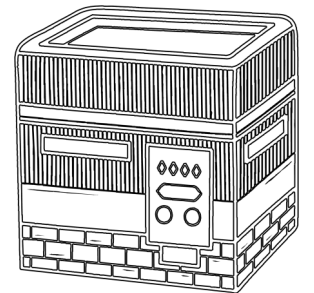


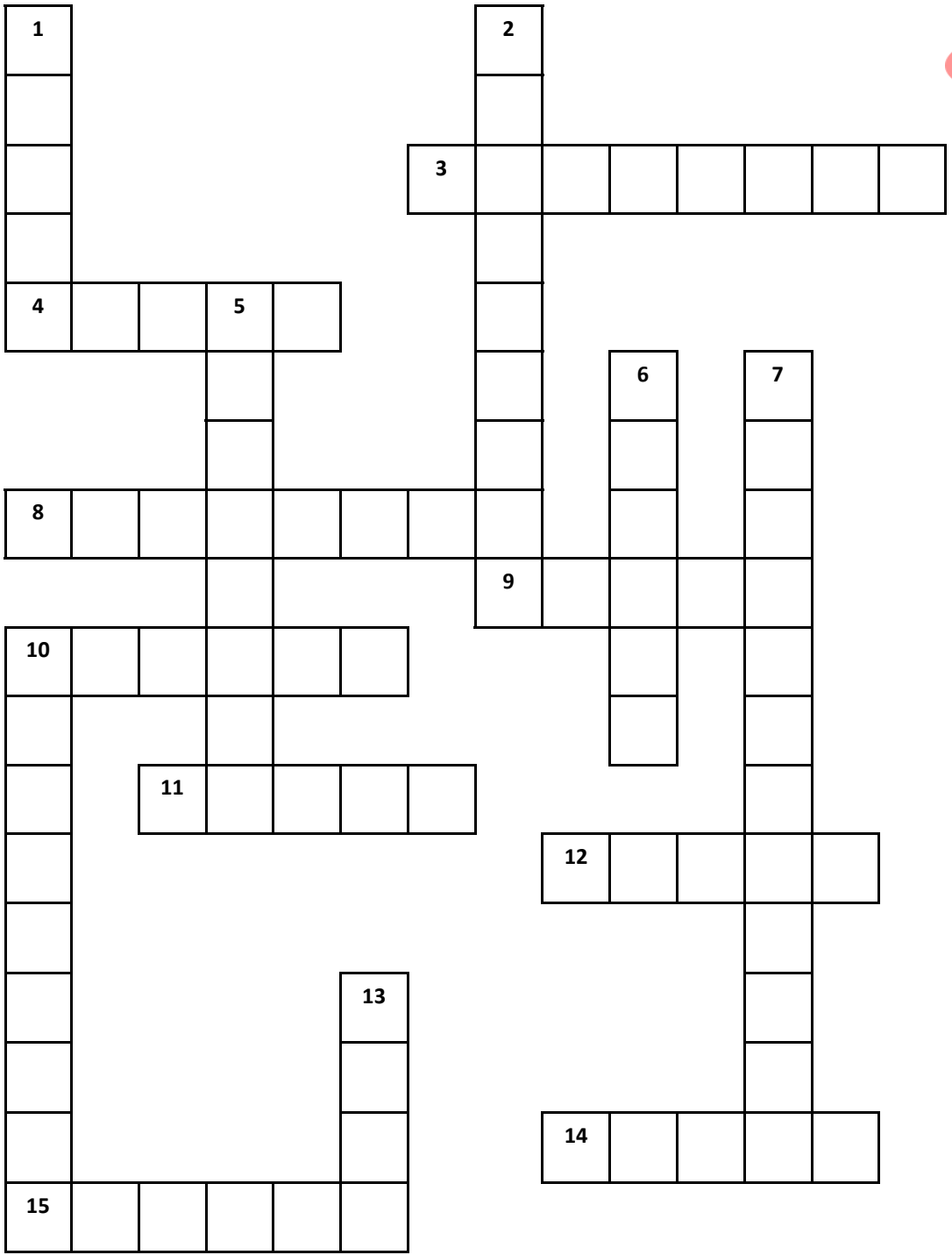
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ told him that Allah had given fifty salah. Musa ﷺ advised him to go back and get it reduced. The Prophet ﷺ returned to Allah and got it reduced by five.



This kept happening until there were only five prayers left. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ then continued to descend through the heavens and returned to Masjid Al-Aqsa.

From here, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ returned back to Makkah. This return journey is a story for next time, inshaAllah.





CROSSWORD

DOWN

1. Dome of the Rock was covered in 40,000 _____.
2. Al-Quds is another name for _____.
3. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ _____ up to the heavens.
6. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was accompanied by Angel _____.
7. _____ has 44 main buildings and is 35 acres in size.
10. The Dome was covered by melting _____.
13. Prophet _____ ﷺ said 50 Salah was too many for the Muslims.

ACROSS

3. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ prayed Salah with all the other _____.
4. The five daily _____ were made compulsory for Muslims.
8. The boundary was marked by a vast and beautiful _____.
9. The ascension into Jannah is known as al-_____.
10. The Qubbat As-Sakhra has a _____ dome which is 25m tall.
11. The call to the prayer is called the _____.
12. _____ means the direction of prayer.
14. The first Muadhin was Bilal ﷺ.
15. The Dome of the Rock is known as the Qubbat As-_____.

Respect

1

We should care for and respect our local masjid too.

For example, when we go to the masjid, we show respect by not making noise, not making a mess or disturbing others.

Salah

5

The main purpose of a masjid is for Salah. This is the best type of worship. Whenever we go to the masjid, we must make sure to perform our Salah really well.

We should never waste this chance to perform Salah.

Time to Think

2

Doing things well

The caliph, Malik bin Marwan spent time, effort and money to build the Dome of the Rock. Anything we do should be to the best of our ability.

We should try our best even when the task is hard. This is also a Sunnah.

3

Regular Maintenance

Just like Qubbat As-Shukra needed to be repaired throughout the centuries, everything needs maintenance. In the same way, we also need maintenance.

We should try and get regular exercise, eat a balanced halal diet, remember to say our duas and do our ibadah regularly.

4

Doing Good things

When someone is doing something good, then we should also try and help. Good work includes something as simple as helping your mum or as difficult as helping to build a masjid.

