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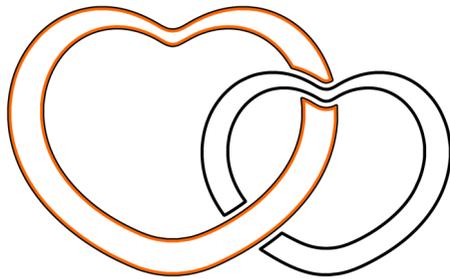
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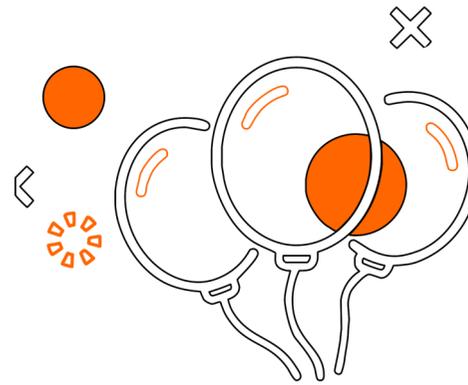
1. Aminah & Abdullah

Our story begins when a wonderful young lady called Aminah was getting married.



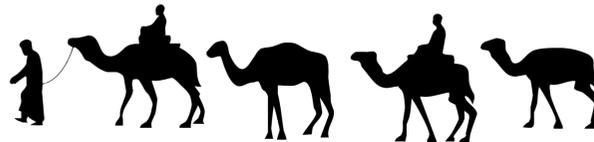
You can imagine how excited she was.

She was getting married in Makkah to a young man called Abdullah. Abdullah's father, Abdul Muttalib, was the chief of Makkah.

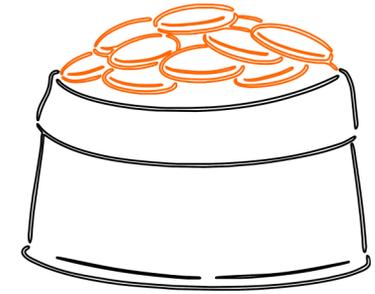


It was such a happy day for Abdullah and Aminah. The people of Makkah celebrated.

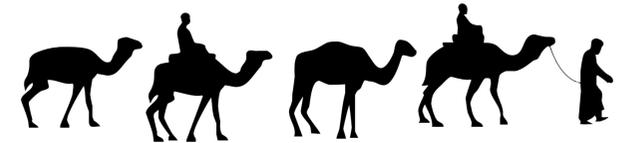
After the marriage, when only a few days had passed, Abdullah was told to join a trade journey.



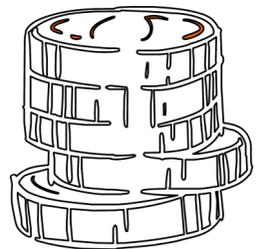
This was a business journey from Makkah to Syria. People would take goods from Makkah to sell in Syria.



From the money they would make, they would buy more goods from the great markets of Syria.

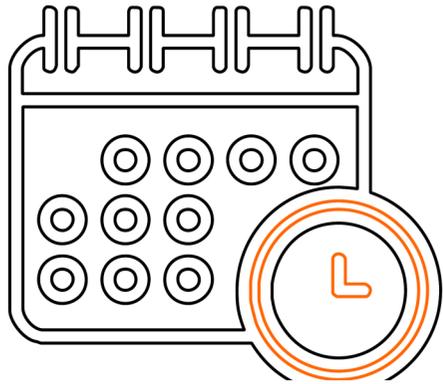


They would bring these goods back with them to sell in Makkah.



People used to travel on camels. They would use the camels to carry their goods. Groups travelling like this were called caravans.

It would take a caravan weeks to travel to Syria and back.



Aminah missed Abdullah. She was very sad because they had only been married for a short while.

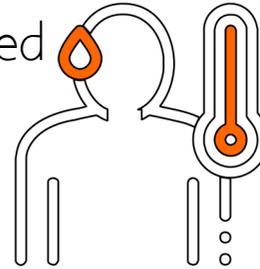
Miss you!

Abdul Muttalib was also very sad that Abdullah had to leave so quickly. Abdul Muttalib had many sons but Abdullah was extra special.

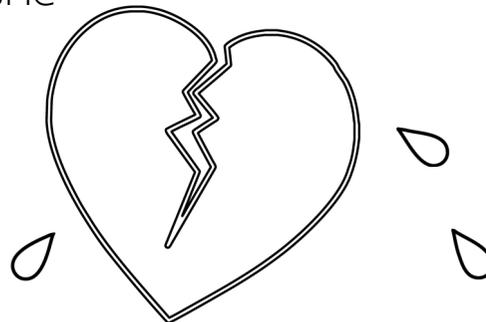
On the way back from Syria the trade caravan stopped at Yathrib.



Abdullah was not feeling well. In fact he was really ill. Abdullah's illness got worse. He died in Yathrib and was buried there.

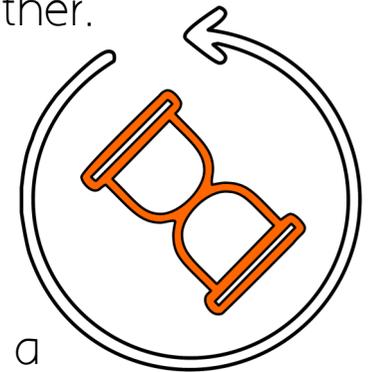


Aminah was heart broken when she found out.



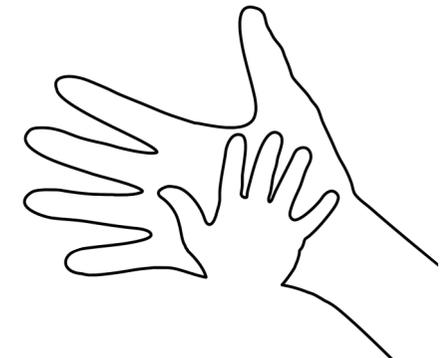
However, there was some happiness. Aminah was expecting a baby.

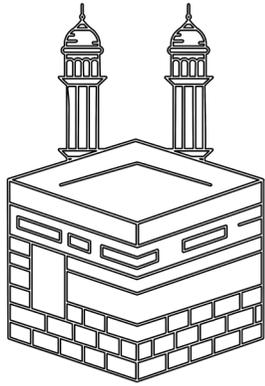
Sadly, this baby would never meet his father.



A few months passed and a beautiful baby boy was born.

Everyone was overjoyed and they they the baby boy to his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib.



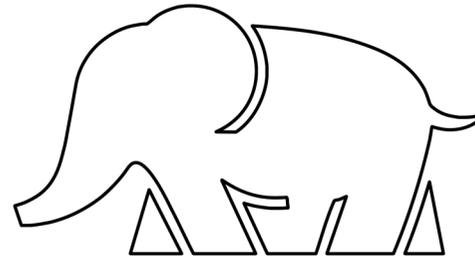


Abdul Muttalib was at the Ka'bah at the time. He was so happy and named his new grandson, Muhammad ﷺ.

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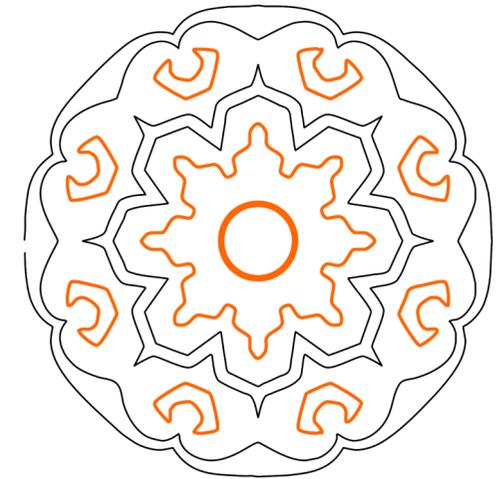
No one had named their child Muhammad ﷺ before this. Muhammad ﷺ means 'the praised one'.



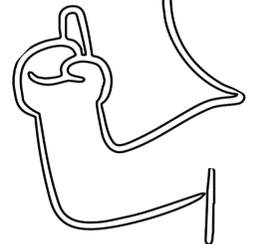
This had been an extraordinary year. It was known as 'The Year of the Elephant'.



Why was this year given such an unusual name? This is another story to explore next time, in sha Allah.

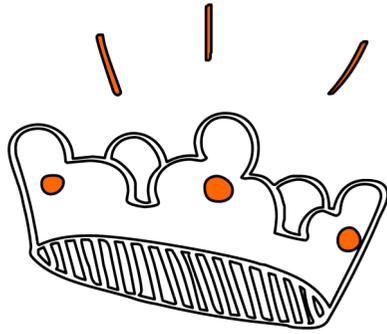


Amina named her baby Ahmad (**The one who praises Allah a lot**). Abdul Muttalib named him Muhammad ﷺ (**The praised one**). Both of these qualities were found in Muhammad ﷺ.

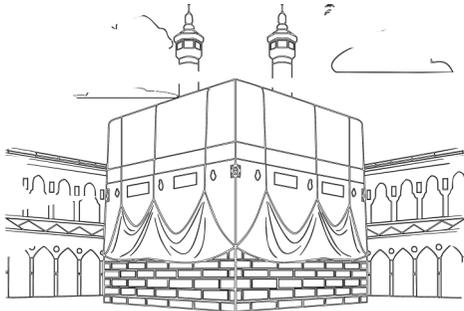


2. The Year of the Elephant

Abraham was a ruler in Yemen.

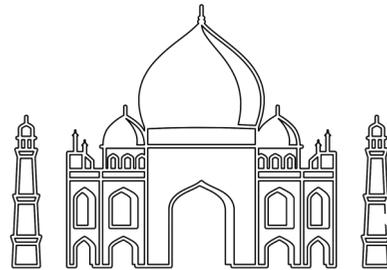


He would see all the people going to Makkah to visit the Ka'bah.



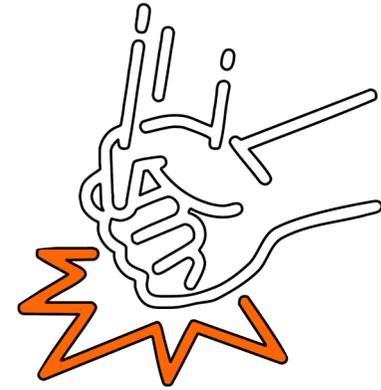
Abraham was jealous, he wanted people to come to San'aa (صنعاء) in Yemen instead.

Abraham decided to build a huge cathedral for people to visit. He wanted people to pray there instead.



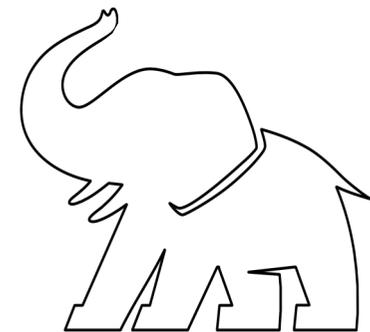
However, the people still went to Makkah. They still prayed at the Ka'bah.

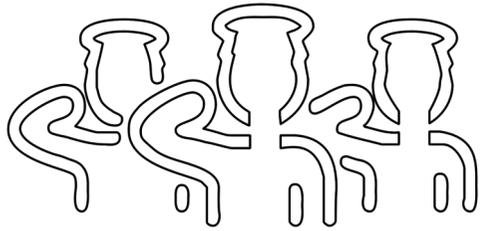
No one came to his new cathedral. No one came to San'aa in Yemen.



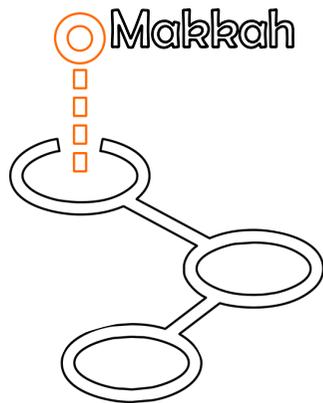
Abraham was angry. He decided to go to Makkah and destroy the Ka'bah.

Abraham got his huge army together. There were 6,000 soldiers and 13 elephants in his army. They all began marching towards Makkah.



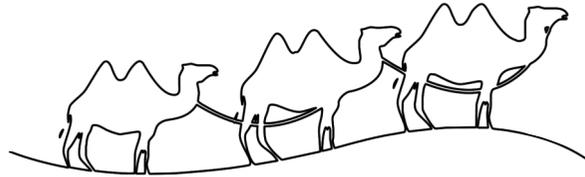


When people saw the huge army they were scared. They were afraid of the number of soldiers. They were even more frightened of the elephants. No one had the courage to try and stop the army.

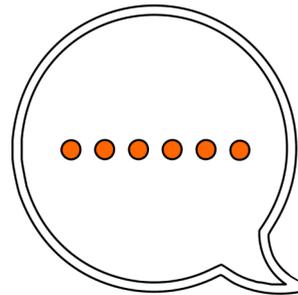


After a big long march, Abrahah arrived near Makkah.

Because people were scared to stand up to Abrahah and his army, Abrahah would take what he wanted.



Abrahah saw some camels. He told his men to take them. These camels belonged to Abdul Muttalib.



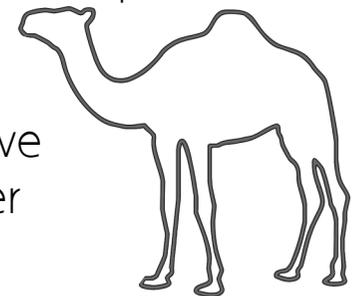
Abdul Muttalib was the chief of Makkah. Allah gave Abdul Muttalib courage. He went to Abrahah and asked him for his camels back.

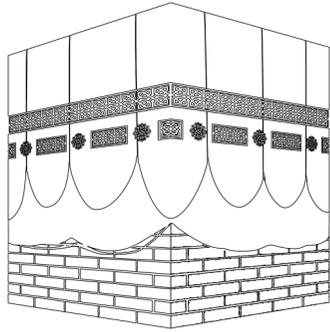
Abrahah said to Abdul Muttalib, “I have come to destroy the Ka’bah. You are in charge of the Ka’bah.”

He asked, “Instead of worrying about the Ka’bah you are worried about your camels?”



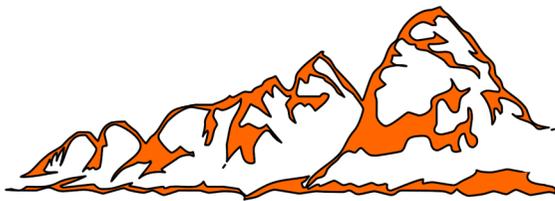
Abdul Muttalib replied, “The camels belong to me so I have to look after them.”





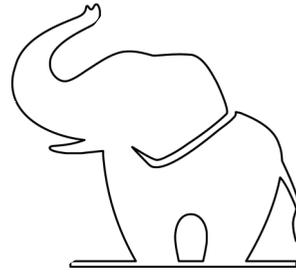
“The Ka’bah has its owner (Allah). He will look after it.”

Abraham gave Abdul Muttalib his camels back.



The people of Makkah went to the mountains for safety. They could not fight such a big army. They could not defend the Ka’bah.

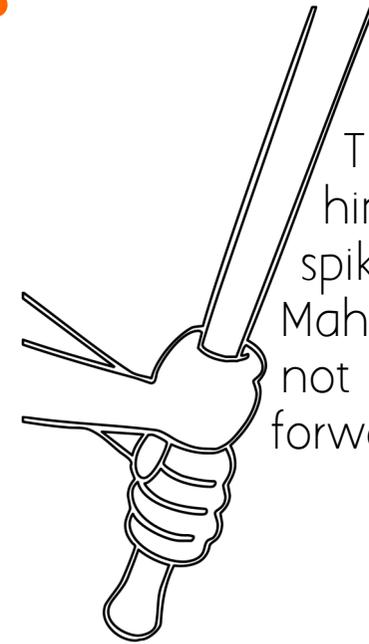
Abraham decided that it was time to march towards the Ka’bah to destroy it.



When the army got ready, Abraham’s elephant, Mahmood, would not move towards the Ka’bah.

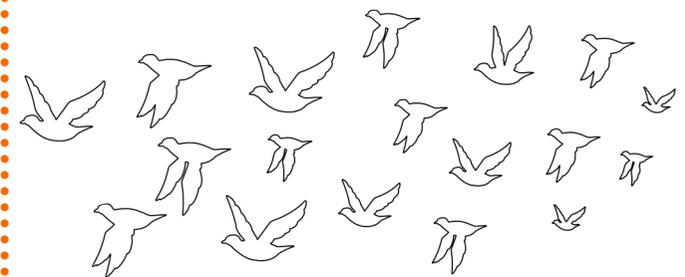
He would happily go in any other direction. As soon as they would turn him towards the Ka’bah, he would stop!

They hit Mahmood with metal poles but Mahmood would not move forward.

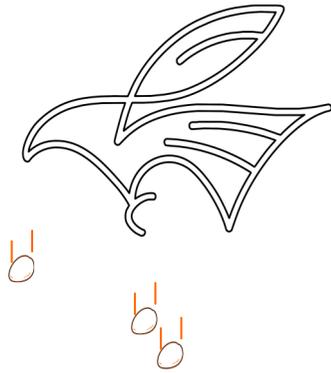


They poked him with spikes but Mahmood would not move forward.

Then suddenly Allah sent a flock of birds towards the army.



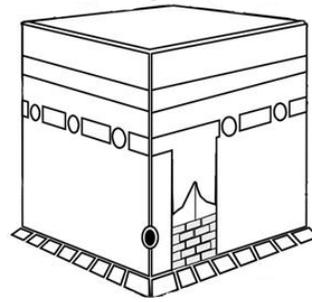
The birds had small stones in their beaks and claws.



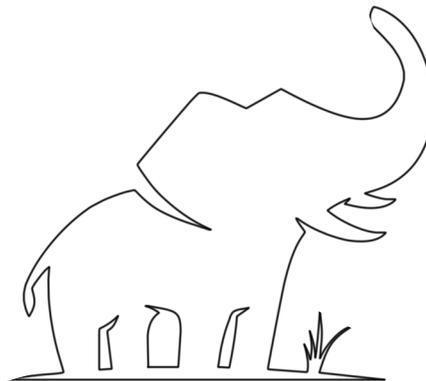
The birds dropped the stones onto the army. Whoever the stones hit would get hurt and die. The army was being destroyed.



The soldiers in the army tried to run away. The elephants tried to run away. Some soldiers tried to get back home to Yemen. But no one can hide from Allah's punishment.



Allah destroyed Abrahah's army. Allah saved the Ka'bah.



This is why this year was named 'The Year of the Elephant.'



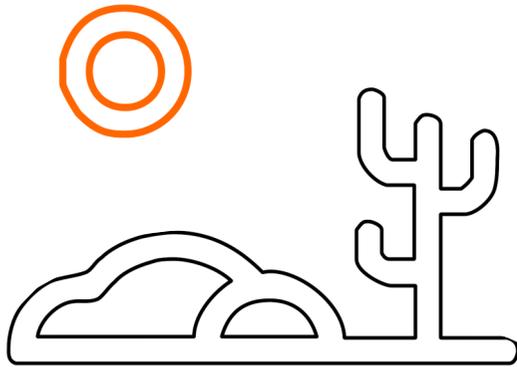
Abrahah challenged Allah so Allah destroyed him.

We should respect Allah and all those things connected to Him.

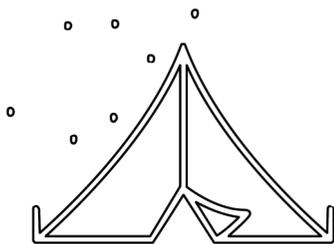


3. Halimah Sa'diyyah

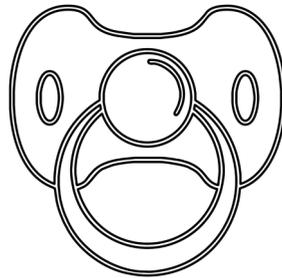
Let me introduce you to a very special lady. Her name is Halimah Sa'diyyah.



Halimah Sa'diyyah lived in the desert with her tribe. She was a Bedouin.



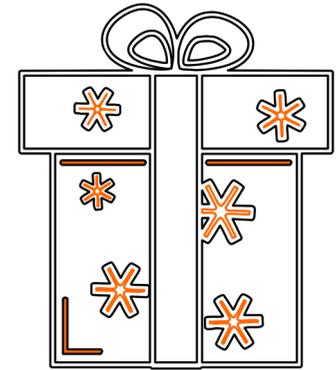
Halimah Sa'diyyah would go with her tribe to the big cities. They would look for babies to take back with them.



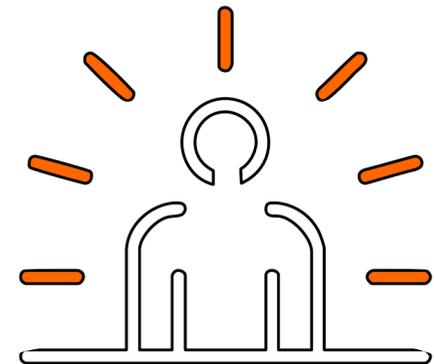
People would give their babies to the Bedouins so that they could look after them. They would make the Bedouins their baby's foster parents for two years.



The parents would be very generous to the foster parents.



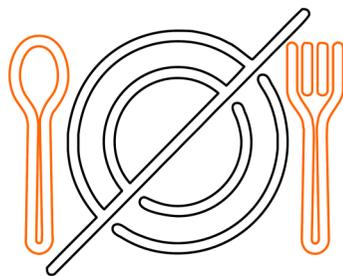
In the desert, the children would grow up healthy and strong. They would also learn the purest form of Arabic from the Bedouins.



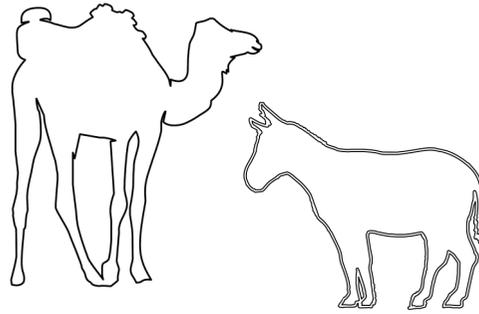
Halimah Sa'diyyah would love her foster children. She would care for them. She would feed and clothe them.



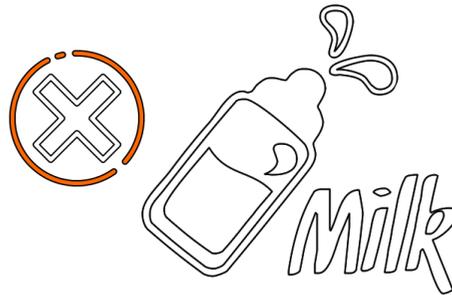
After two years, the babies would be returned to their mums and dads.



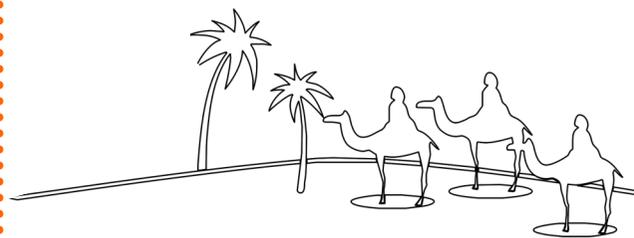
Halimah Sa'diyyah was poor. She was hungry. She did not have any food to eat or milk to drink.



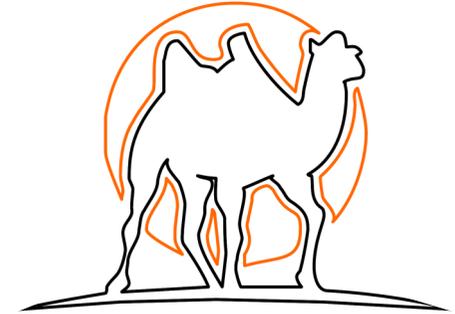
She had a donkey and an old she-camel. The donkey was very slow and the she-camel did not give milk.



Her tribe was travelling to Makkah to collect new born babies.



Halimah Sa'diyyah was far behind the rest of her tribe because of her slow donkey. She was the last person to arrive in Makkah.



All the babies had been taken by the other foster mums. The only baby left was Muhammad ﷺ.

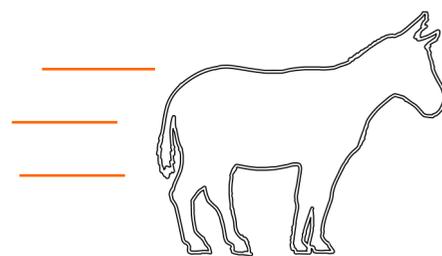
The foster mums had not taken Muhammad ﷺ because he didn't have a dad.

Aminah was not very rich so the bedouins thought they wouldn't get much for their hard work.



Halimah Sa'diyyah felt very sad and sorry for Muhammad ﷺ. She was very kind hearted. She decided to take him.

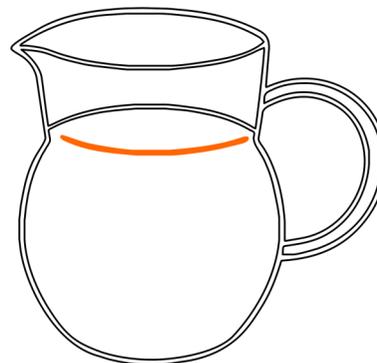
When she collected Muhammad ﷺ she was very happy. Immediately, she felt great love for Muhammad ﷺ.



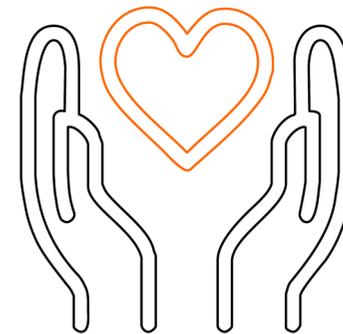
Amazingly, her donkey started to go fast. She was faster than the rest of her tribe.



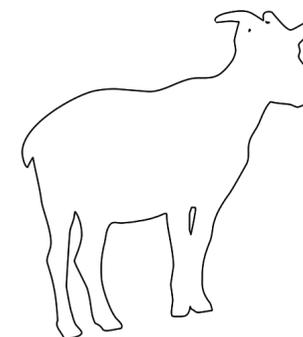
The she-camel started giving lots of milk. Her family drank the milk and were happy.



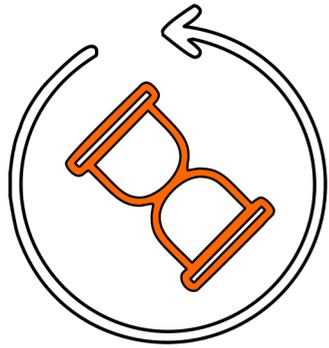
Baby Muhammad ﷺ was very happy with Halimah Sa'diyyah. She was a really good mum.



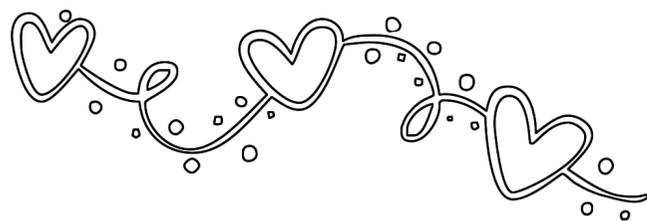
Even when they got home, Allah gave them lots of blessings. Halimah's goats would go into the desert to graze. When they would come back, they would be full and would give lots of milk.



Halimah Sa'diyyah and her family lived happily with Muhammad ﷺ. She knew Muhammad ﷺ was a special little boy. Allah had given Halimah Sa'diyyah so many blessings because of him.



Two years passed and the children were returned to their parents. Halimah Sa'diyyah was sad. She loved Muhammad ﷺ. She would miss him so much.



When Halimah Sa'diyyah took Muhammad ﷺ back to his mum Aminah. Aminah had missed Muhammad ﷺ so this time. He had grown up so much in those two years.

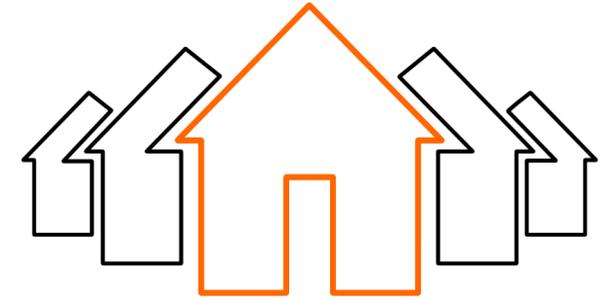


Halimah asked Aminah if she could take Muhammad ﷺ back for another short while.

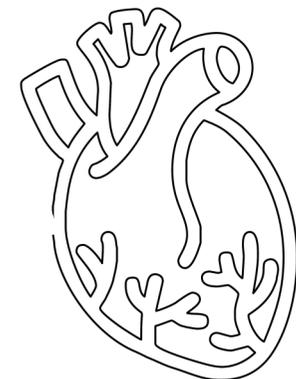


Aminah refused at first but eventually agreed.

Halimah Sa'diyyah brought Muhammad ﷺ back to her camp. They continued living happily.



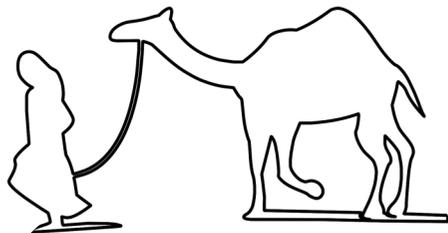
One day, Angel Jibrael came to Muhammad ﷺ. He took out Muhammad's ﷺ heart and purified it with Zamzam. He then put it back into Muhammad's ﷺ body.



Halimah's son saw this and was very scared. He ran to Halimah Sa'diyyah and told her what had happened.



Halimah was also frightened and took Muhammad ﷺ back to Aminah.



She told Aminah what happened. Aminah replied, "Muhammad ﷺ is very special. Nothing bad will happen to him."

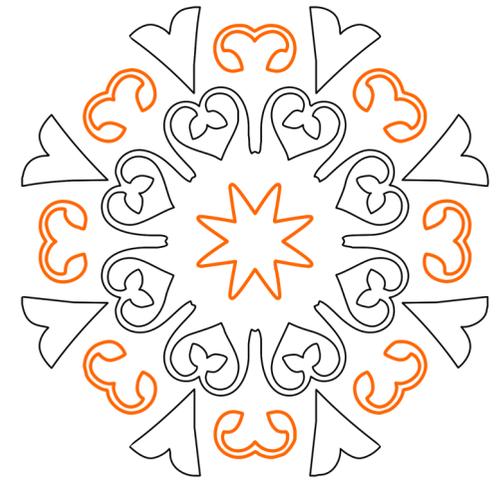
Aminah and Muhammad ﷺ lived happily in Makkah. The people loved Muhammad ﷺ and so did his grandfather - Abdul Muttalib.



There was so much love and happiness. However, a very sad thing happened to our lovely Muhammad ﷺ.



I think that's a story for next time, in sha Allah.



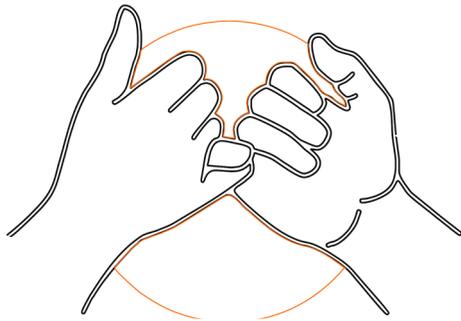
Zamzam is special water. It is so special that it was used to wash the prophet's ﷺ heart.

If we drink Zamzam for a certain reason Allah will make it happen.

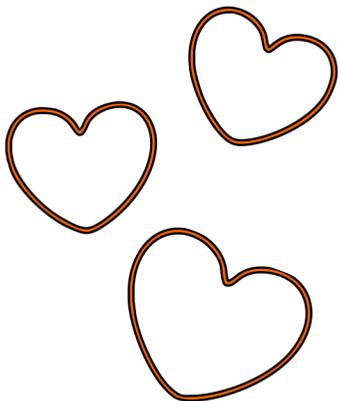


4. Death in the family

This is a sad story so you need to promise not to cry!



Muhammad ﷺ and Aminah were really happy in Makkah.



Abdul Muttalib loved Muhammad ﷺ. Muhammad ﷺ reminded him of his son Abdullah. This made Abdul Muttalib more affectionate towards him.

When Muhammad ﷺ was six year old, Aminah decided to visit Yathrib.

6 YEARS OLD

Yathrib was a very special place because Aminah used to live there. Her family still lived there.



Yathrib was where Abdullah died and was buried.

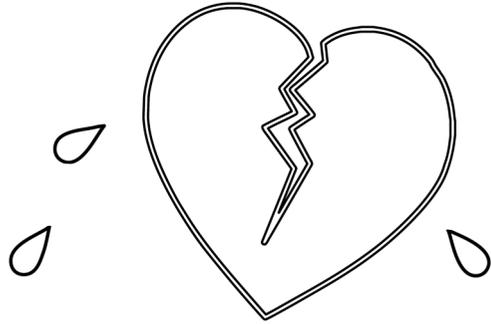
Aminah travelled to Yathrib with Muhammad ﷺ and Barakah.



Barakah was a servant who lived with Muhammad ﷺ and Aminah.



As Allah had willed, Aminah got sick on the way back to Makkah and she passed away. Muhammad ﷺ was heart broken. With tears in her eyes, Barakah brought Muhammad ﷺ back to Makkah with her.



This was a second sadness after his father had passed away. He was an orphan with no parents.

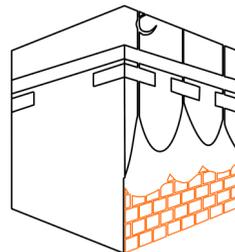


**Orphaned
& Alone**

When they arrived at Makkah, Abdul Muttalib hugged Muhammad ﷺ. Abdul Muttalib decided that he would love and protect Muhammad ﷺ. He would care for him and look after him.



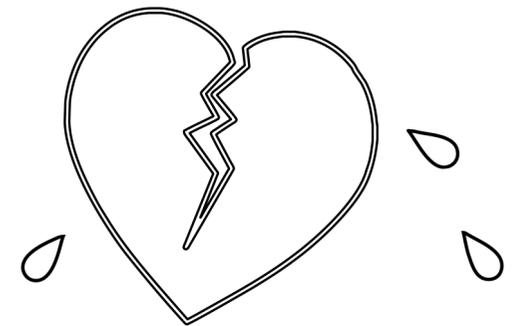
Muhammad ﷺ was fond of his grandfather. They spent a lot of time together. Abdul Muttalib knew Muhammad ﷺ was special.



Two happy years passed. Muhammad ﷺ was eight years old.

8 YEARS OLD

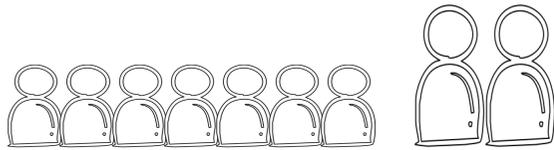
Abdul Muttalib passed away leaving Muhammad ﷺ alone and sad. He only had Barakah, his caring friend with him.



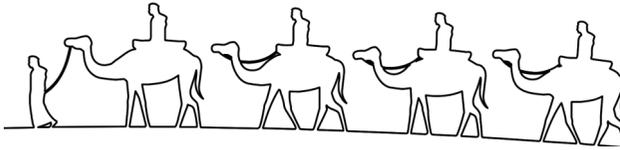
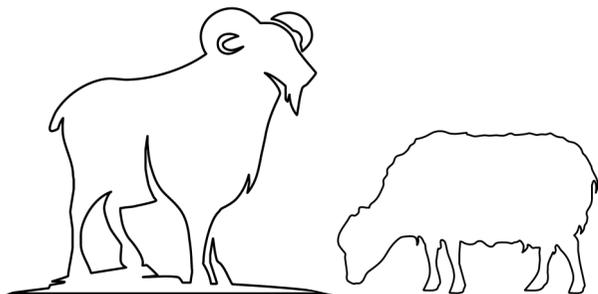
Abu Talib was Muhammad's ﷺ uncle. He decided that he would be his guardian and look after him.

Abu Talib was not a rich person but he had a big heart. He looked after Muhammad ﷺ along with his other children.

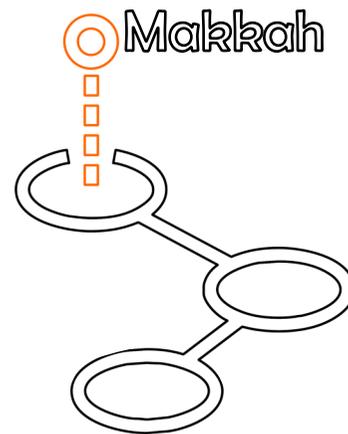
Muhammad ﷺ helped by looking after a flock of goats on the outskirts of Makkah.



From a young age Muhammad ﷺ was working. He was helping his family by working as a shepherd.



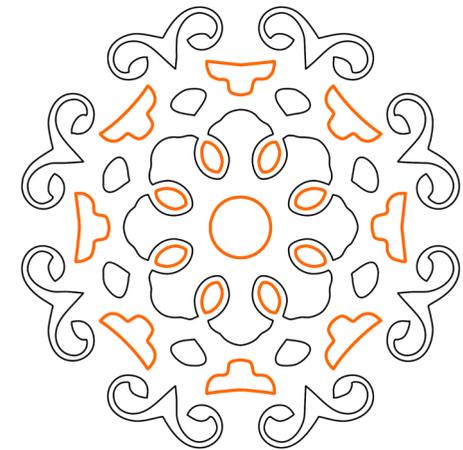
Soon after, Abu Talib was going on a trade journey and decided to take Muhammad ﷺ with him.



He didn't expect anyone to recognise Muhammad ﷺ. He didn't know that he would have to send Muhammad ﷺ back to Makkah.

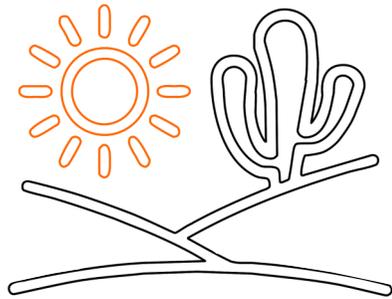


I think this is a story for next time, in sha Allah.

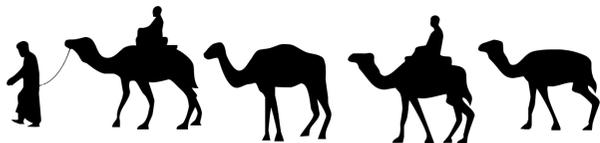


5. Bahira the Monk

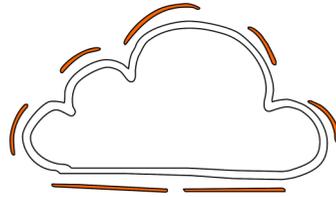
Bahira looked out into the desert like he did every morning. He stayed in a monastery by himself where he would worship Allah.



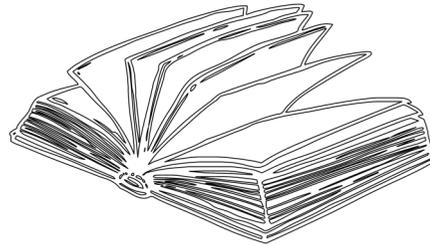
Today was different, he saw the most unusual thing. In the distance, a caravan was travelling. The caravan was on its way to the markets.



He saw caravans regularly but this one was different. This one had a cloud above them sheltering them from the heat.

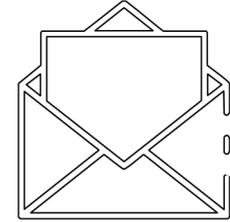


Whenever the caravan stopped the cloud stopped as well.

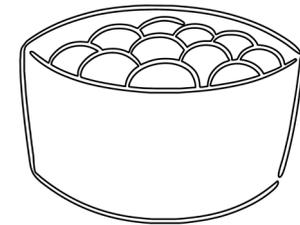


Bahira had read about a special person in his books. He read that this special person would pass by this place. This is why Bahira lived here.

He quickly got some food together. He sent a message to the caravan inviting them to come and visit him.

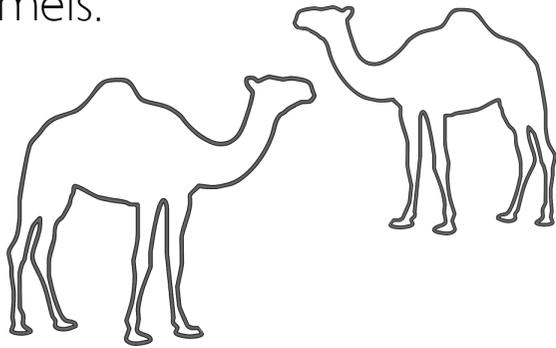


The caravan was Abu Talib's. They accepted this generous offer and went to Bahira's monastery.

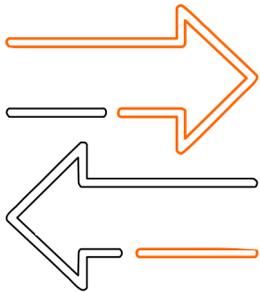


As the people from the caravan sat down, Bahira looked at their faces. He couldn't see the person he was looking for.

Bahira asked one of the people from the caravan if someone was missing from the group. He was told that one of the youngsters was left outside to look after the camels.



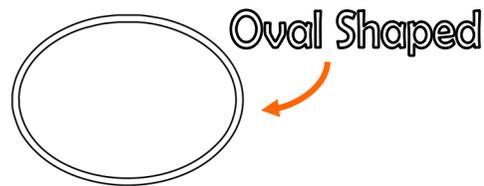
Bahira asked them to bring the youngster as well. One of them went and brought the young Muhammad ﷺ to join in with the food.



As soon as Bahira saw Muhammad's ﷺ face he was overjoyed.



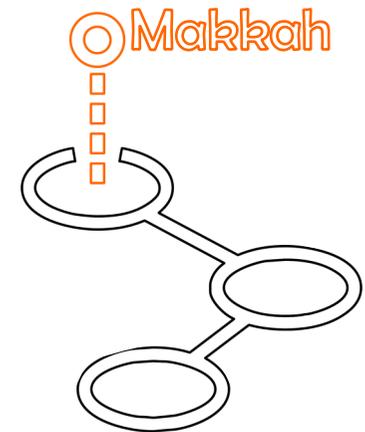
This was the prophet that was promised in his scriptures. He looked at Muhammad's ﷺ back and noticed a mark. This was the seal of prophethood.



Bahira's books said that Muhammad ﷺ would be recognised by this oval mark on his back.

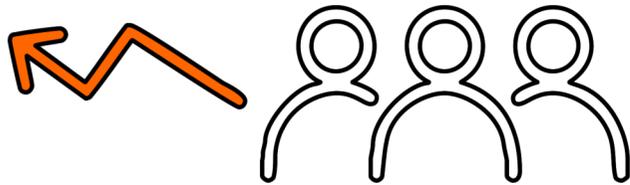
Bahira told Abu Talib That this young boy will be the leader of all men. He will be the final prophet of Allah.

Bahira was worried. He thought that if someone else recognises Muhammad ﷺ they might try to harm him.

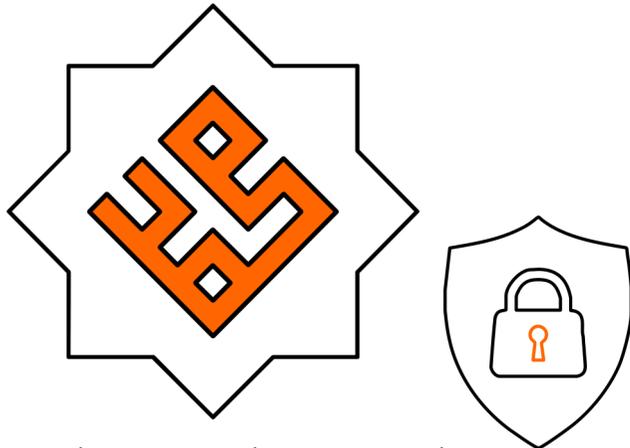


Bahira told Abu Talib that Muhammad ﷺ was not safe here. He advised Abu Talib to take Muhammad ﷺ back to Makkah.

Abu Talib took Bahira's advice. He sent Muhammad ﷺ back with some members of the caravan.

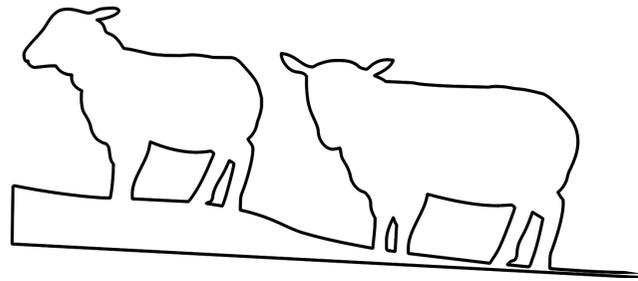


This is where our story ends for now. In sha Allah, we will talk about young Muhammad ﷺ growing up.



At least Muhammad ﷺ was safe in Makkah with Abu Talib.

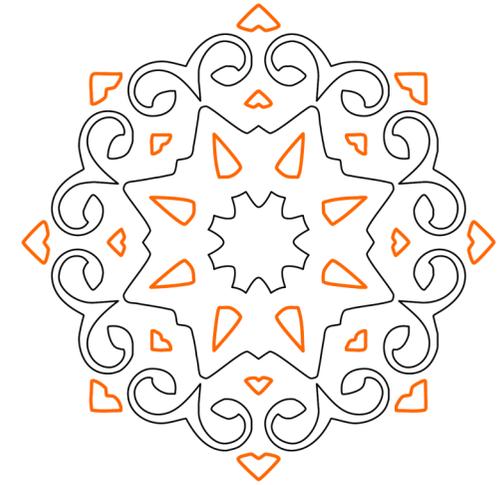
Muhammad ﷺ continued to live in Makkah and tend the flock for Abu Talib.



How did this young boy become the most important person to walk the face of this earth?



All will be revealed soon, in sha Allah.



Many hundreds of years before Muhammad ﷺ, Allah had already told people that He will send Muhammad ﷺ. Allah had even given his description.



What can you remember about them?

Aminah

Barakah

Abdullah

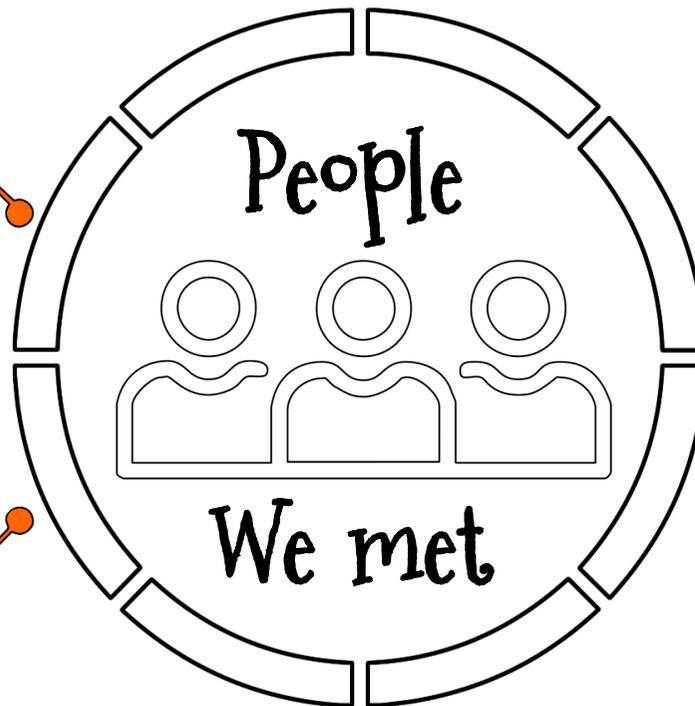
Abu Talib

**Halimah
Sa'diyyah**

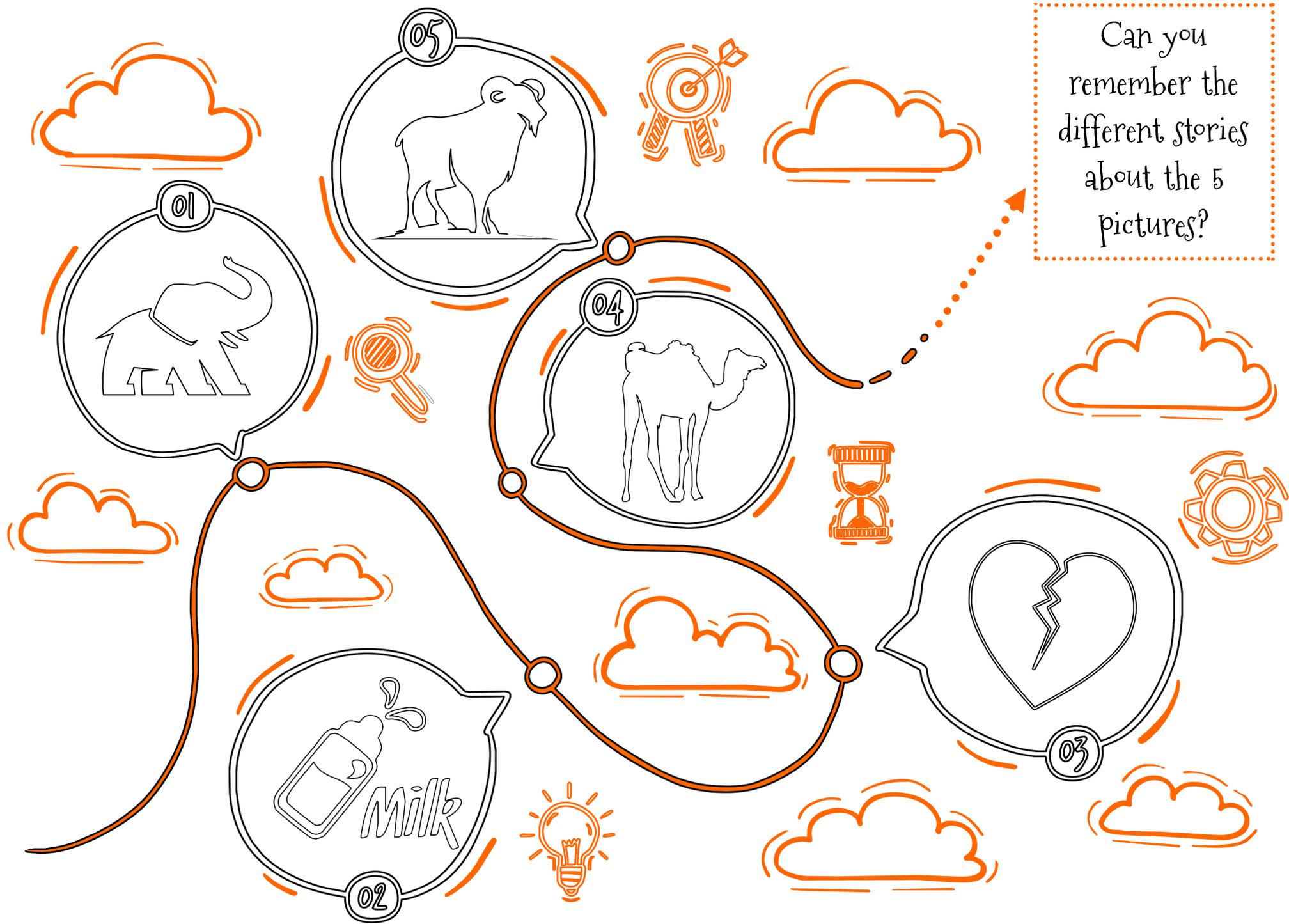
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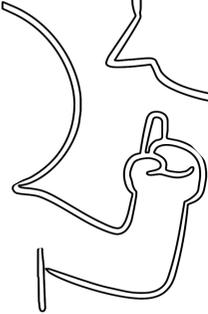
**Abdul
Muttalib**

Abraham



Can you remember the different stories about the 5 pictures?





The prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born on 12th Rabi Al-Awwal, 571AD. This was in the year of the elephants.

“ As a baby Muhammad ﷺ stayed with his foster mother, Halimah Sa'diyyah. She took good care of Muhammad ﷺ and Allah took good care of her family. ”

“ When Muhammad ﷺ was still a young child the angel Jibrael ﷺ came to see Muhammad ﷺ. The angel washed Muhammad's ﷺ heart with Zamzam. ”

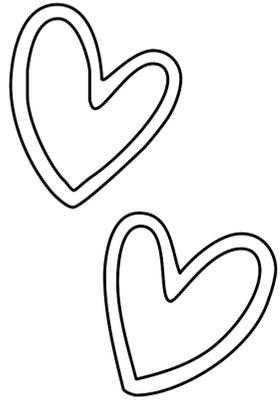
“ Halimah Sa'diyyah took Muhammad ﷺ back to his mother Amina.

Amina and her servant, Barakah looked after Muhammad ﷺ. ”

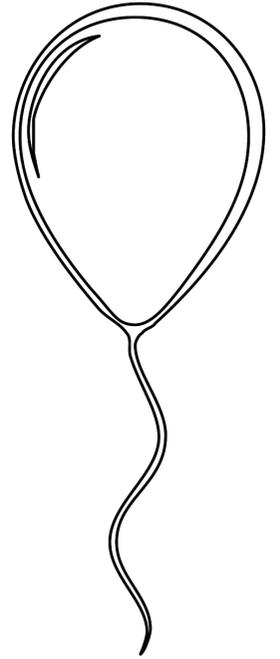
“ Amina passed away when Muhammad ﷺ was 6. Abdul Muttalib began to look after Muhammad ﷺ. Abdul Muttalib passed away when Muhammad ﷺ was 8 so Abu Talib began to look after him. ”

Muhammad ﷺ had to work from a young age. Once during a trade journey with Abu Talib, Muhammad ﷺ was recognised by Bahira the monk.





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