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Ismail(AS) is mentioned in the Quran in :

S.Baqarah - 125,127,133, 136,140
 S.Al Imran - 84
 S.An Nisa - 163
 S.Al Anam - 86
 S.Ibrahim- 39
 S.Maryam - 54
 S.Anbiya - 85
 S.Saad - 48

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1) Ismael (AS) was the first son of the great Prophet Ibrahim (AS).

2) Ibrahim(AS) had made dua to Allah, asking for a righteous child. Allah blessed him with Ismael (AS) when Ibrahim(AS) was 86 years old.

3) Allah the Almighty has praised him and described him as forbearing, patient and being truthful in fulfilling promises. He is also characterized as one who guarded his prayers, enjoined it upon his family and who called people to worship one God. (Surah Maryam: 54,55)

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4) Then Ibrahim(AS) took Hajar(AS) and Ismael (AS) on a long journey, when he was still a baby. When they reached the barren valley of Makkah, Ibrahim(AS) left them there with a bag of dates and water skin containing some water. Hajar held on to the cloth of Ibrahim(as) and asked him, ' Ibrahim! Where are you going, leaving us here alone? We do not have sufficient food and drink.' Ibrahim(AS) did not answer her. She persisted and found no answer, then she asked : "Has Allah commanded you for that? He said: 'Yes'. She then said : 'Allah will then not let us perish.'

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5) Ibrahim(AS) left them, and kept walking till he reached a narrow pass of the mountain. Where he could hardly be seen by them. He stopped there and made dua to Allah; Ya Allah! I have settled my offspring there in a valley, by ur house so that they will establish prayers. Make the hearts of others yearn or soft towards them. Provide them with rizq. Let them be grateful to You.

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6) Later, as the days passed Hajar(AS) ran out of water and dates also, Ismael (AS) started squirming & crying out of hunger. He was curling & rubbing his legs on the ground b'coz of hunger. Hajar(AS) could not sit and watch the child die. She got up and climbed the closest mountain, she could not see anybody, she ran through the valley and climbed the other mountain she could not see anybody. The child was crying she ran back and forth, back and forth in distress - she did this 7 times, then she heard a voice. This is our Sa'ee.

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7) When Hajar(AS), heard the voice, she said sakt - be quiet to herself. She tried to listen again and she heard a voice; so she said I have heard you, but do u have any help? Suddenly she saw an angel at the spot of Zamzam digging the ground with his heel/wing till water flowed from that place. She started to make a dam and fill her water skin, the water was overflowing. So she said in her language zam zam stop-stop, thats what the water is called now zamzam

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8) A beduin tribe called Jurhum was camping in the lower part of Makkah, when they saw birds, they knew that if there are birds, there is water. So they sent 2 men to investigate and they brought the good news. So this tribe approached Hajar(AS) and asked her permission to live with her. She gave them the permission with the condition that they would not possess the water.

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9) Thus, the tribe of Jurhum settled there, they loved Ismael(AS), they taught him Arabic, when his mother passed away they brought him up and married their daughter to him. Ismael (AS) was the first to tame horses and ride them.

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10) The story of sacrifice. Ibrahim(AS) saw in a dream that he was sacrificing his only son Ismaeel (AS) when Ibrahim(AS) mentioned this to him, Ismaeel(AS) agreed. Ismaeel(AS) was of the age when he could work, that he means he was a big boy now - but when Ibrahim(AS) asked him, he obeyed instantly. He did not question or rebel. Allah ransomed him with a Ram.

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11) The construction of the Kabah. Ibrahim(AS) and Ismaeel(AS) constructed the Kabah, it was the first House of Allah on this earth.

12) Ibrahim(AS) led a lonely life, without friends so Allah made him His friend. He did not have any followers so Allah called him a Ummah. He sacrificed for the sake of Allah. He obeyed the commands of Allah without questioning. All the Prophets thus came from his children.

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13) Ismaeel(AS) was buried beside his mother in Makkah. All the Arab tribes from Hijaz trace their lineage to his two sons: Nabet and Qidhar. He was the great grandfather of our Prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him).