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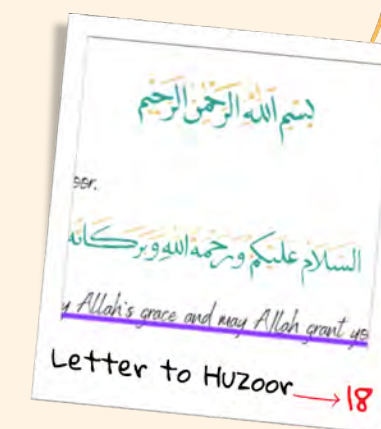
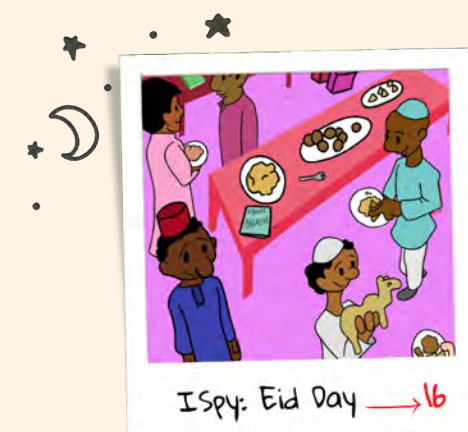
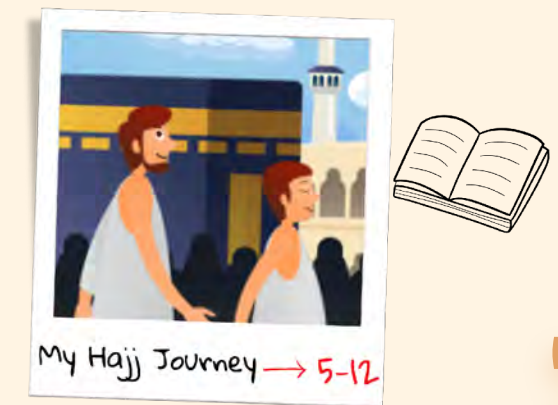
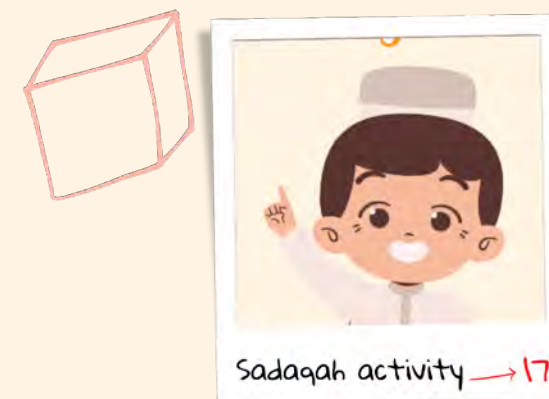
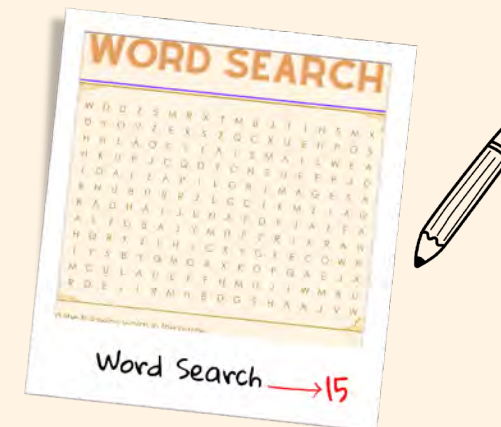
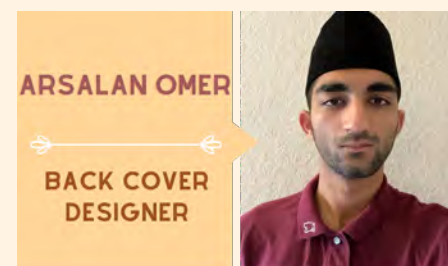
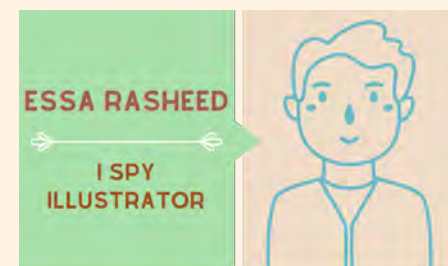
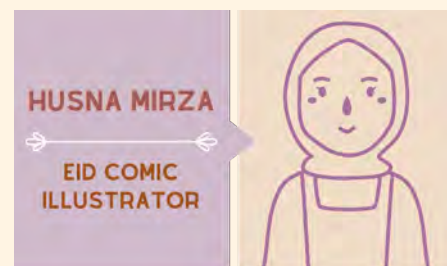
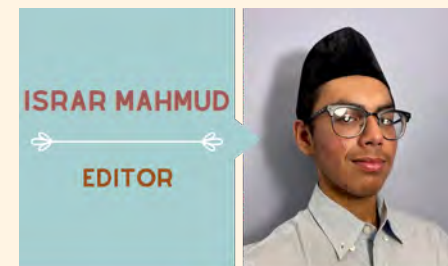
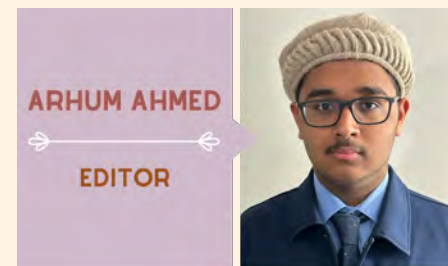
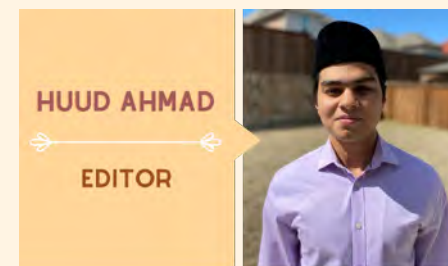
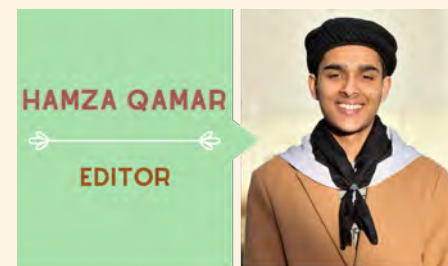
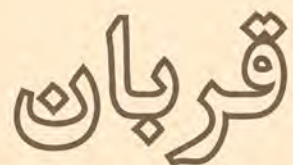


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 (qurbān)	Sacrifice 	
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Amir MY HAJJ JOURNEY!!!

Assalamo Alaikum! I recently visited Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj and it was such an AMAZING experience! So you might be wondering: What's Hajj?

Hajj is a special pilgrimage that Muslims try to make at least once in their lifetime. It is one of the pillars of Islam and takes place in Mecca, Saudi Arabia during Dhul Hijjah, the final month in the Islamic calendar.



There are a lot of fun and exciting things you get to do and see during Hajj. To find out all the things I did go to the next page!

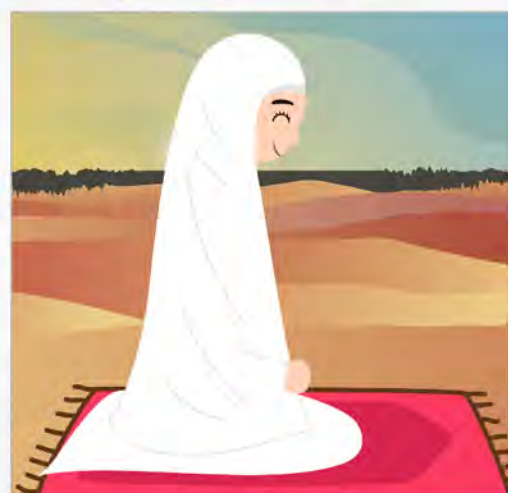


P.S. See if you can count how many stars are hidden in my Hajj journey pages!

1. IHRAM



To perform Hajj, we first entered the holy state of Ihram. We did this by performing Wudu, making an intention to do Hajj, wearing two white sheets, and offering two Nawafil prayers.



Mama performing Nawafil prayer



It was amazing to hear everyone saying this aloud!

2. TALBIYAH



After we entered this state of Ihram, we began reciting the Talbiyah.

This is known as the Talbiyah:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ - لَبَّيْكَ
لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ - إِنَّ
الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ
وَالْمُلْكَ - لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

Translation:

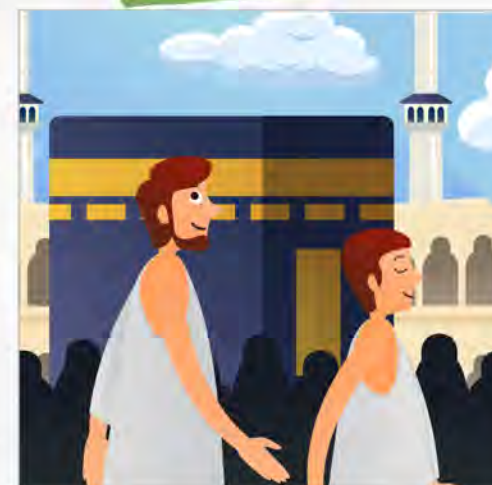
I am present. O my Lord! I am present. I am present. There is no partner to You. I am present. You are the Master of praise and blessings. All kingdoms are Yours. There is no partner to You.

3. TAWAF OF THE KAABA



Now came the moment I was waiting for so long!!! I went to Masjid Al-Haram in Mecca and laid my eyes on the Kaaba for the very first time! I felt so happy, but also very emotional.

We then did Tawaf where we circled around the Kaaba seven times counterclockwise. I was also amazed to see how many Muslims were there with us. All of us came from different countries and spoke different languages. Some of us rich, and some of us poor. But we were all the same, wearing two white unsewn sheets, walking the same path, and equal under the eyes of God. We were all united together in Islam, here to worship Allah. Such a beautiful moment that I will never forget.



During the Tawaf: There were so many people!

4. SA'YY BETWEEN SAFA AND MARWA



I then got ready to run! It was now time for Sa'yy where we walked and ran between the hills of Safa and Marwa seven times. The total distance was just under 2 miles. We walked some parts of it, but whenever a green light appeared, we began to run. Luckily, I play basketball frequently, so it was a piece of cake for me!



My sister and I doing Sa'yy

THE STORY OF SAFA AND MARWA: ☆ ☆

Safa and Marwa sounded pretty familiar to me. In fact, I remember reading about it in my Atfal class. It was when Hazrat Hajra (ra) ran between the hills of Safa and Marwa to find water for her son, Hazrat Ismail (ra). I also remember learning in Atfal class that after Hazrat Hajra (ra) ran seven times between the two hills, she saw Hazrat Ismail (ra) rubbing his heels on a moist part of the ground. Hazrat Hajra (ra) started to dig in that spot and a spring of water emerged. This spring of water is now a well and its water is called Zam Zam. After we completed Sa'yy, I actually got to drink some Zam Zam water to stay hydrated!

5. GOING TO MINA

We then went to Mina which is about 4 miles from Mecca. After arriving, we prayed. I could certainly use some rest from all the walking and running today. So my family and I went to our tent and stayed the night. I was also amazed with how many tents there were and the accommodations were wonderful.



My sister and I in front of our tent in Mina

6. DAY OF ARAFAT



I woke up the next morning in a deeply reflective mood. This was the day we would travel to the Plains of Arafat and spend a day of quiet thought and prayer. The 9th Dhul-Hijjah is a day spent in deep reflection. We arrived early in the morning and already everyone around us kept to themselves as they were deep in prayer and seeking forgiveness from Allah. I did the same, thinking about how blessed I was to experience Hajj and feel so close to our creator. I prayed for myself, my family, Khilafat, the entire Muslim Ummah, and for peace and justice in the world. Before leaving, my mom told me that the Plain of Arafat was where the Prophet (saw) delivered his Farewell Sermon! I got so excited to think that I was standing where the Holy Prophet (saw) spoke to his followers.



There were so many people at Mount Arafat!

7. STAY AT MUZDALIFAH

After sunset we left Arafat and came to a place called Muzdalifah, it was about a two hour walk from Arafat to Muzdalifah. In the Holy Quran, this place is referred to as al Mash'ar al Haram, the Sacred Monument.

We combined Maghrib and Isha Prayers and looked for a place to sleep. There were large, open grounds all around us, and people as far as the eye could see. We laid down our mats and slept under the stars and the open sky, eager for the long but exciting day ahead.



Baba sleeping at Muzdalifah (Baba was so tired lol)

8. RAMY-AL-JIMAR

On the morning of the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah, we woke up early and performed Fajr prayer. I got a small snack from the food cart and we were off to Mina, just before sunrise. I had been really excited about this day because it was the day of Eid-ul-Adha! My family and I always wear clean clothes on Eid and go to the masjid for Eid prayers and hang out with all our friends and family. It's one of the best days of the year. But today was even cooler because we were in Mecca and doing Hajj!

Muslims stay at Mina on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah, where they perform Ramy-al-Jimar, a symbolic act to strike the devil by throwing small stones at three pillars. Everywhere I looked, there were large crowds of people. This was definitely a busy but rewarding day.

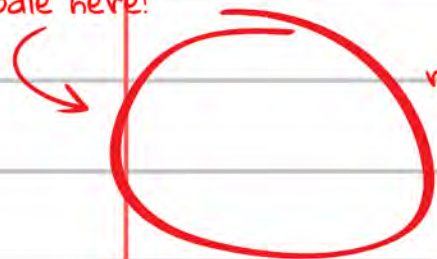


My sister and I collecting small stones



My sister and I throwing stones at one of the pillars at Mina

Make your own rock doodle here!



rock I doodled for fun



rock my sister doodled

9. EID-UL-ADHA AND SACRIFICE

After Ramy-al-Jimar, it was time to sacrifice an animal. We sacrifice animals on this day to remember Prophet Ibrahim (as)'s willingness to fulfill Allah's command and sacrifice his son. Seeing this made me reflect on my own devotion, selflessness, and the importance of putting Allah above all else. My family then shared a special meal: It was a delicious lamb roast with rice and kebab. We

all gathered in a communal dining area and ate together.

After performing the sacrifice, my dad and I got our heads shaved, while my mother and sister had a few strands cut. It is a Sunnah of the Prophet (saw) to shave or cut one's hair, symbolizing the completion of the major rites of Hajj and the spiritual purification of the pilgrim. I liked how I looked with a shaved head!

After this, we put on our regular clothes and emerged from the state of Ihram. At first, I got sad because I thought we were done with Hajj, but then I found out there was more!

My mom and dad said that we would do another tawaf of the Kaaba. This tawaf is called Tawaf-e-Ziarat. Also, before the tenth day of Dhul Hijjah ends, we also performed another sa'yy between the hills of Safa and Marwa. At the end of the day, I was so happy but very tired, and we spent the night in Mina.



Another Hajji was helping me shave my head 😊



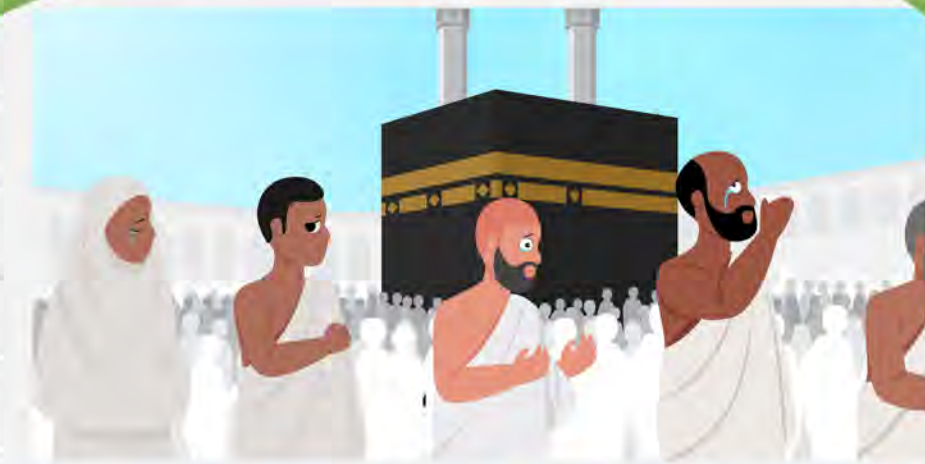
The roast lamb was SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO good!

10. FAREWELL TAWAF

We spent the next day and a half in Mina, where pilgrims can stay till either the 12th or 13th of Dhul-Hijjah. We read the Quran and offered prayers. We also perform Ramy-al-Jimar, the Throwing of the Stones, again. That night, I reflected on the entirety of our trip. Tomorrow would be our last day of Hajj, and I pondered on all the wonderful experiences I had.

On the 12th Dhul-Hijjah, we spent the day in Mina and then traveled back to Mecca to the Kaaba. Seeing the Kaaba after performing the Hajj made me appreciate it even more, and I had a tear in my eye when it came into my view, with all its majesty, history, and significance.

We performed one final farewell Tawaf of the Kaaba, marking the completion of Hajj.



This was the last picture I took of the Kaaba 



Did you find the 32 stars?



Islamic Hijri Calendar

The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar, which means it follows the moon's phases. It has 12 months and each month is typically 29 or 30 days, depending on the phase of the moon. As a result, there are only 354 or 355 days in an Islamic year. Below are all the months of the Islamic Calendar. Try and see if you can memorize all of them! Do you know which month we are currently in?

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RAMADAN - 9

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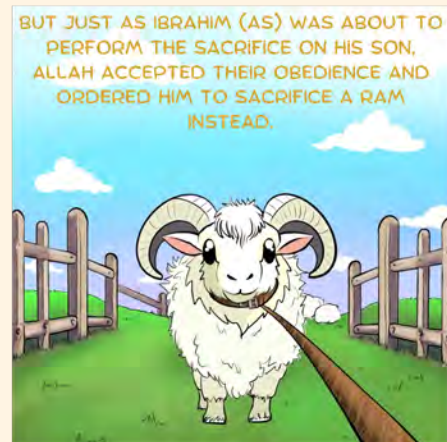
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DHUL HIJJAH - 12

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JOHN AND ALI: DISCOVERING EID UL ADHA!



THIS COMIC STRIP FEATURES A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO FRIENDS, JOHN AND ALI, WHO COME FROM DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS. THROUGH THEIR DISCUSSION, ALI EXPLAINS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EID UL ADHA TO JOHN, WHO IS EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS FRIEND'S RELIGION. ISLAM. THIS ENGAGING COMIC HELPS US UNDERSTAND A FEW MORALS: THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PROUD OF OUR ISLAMIC FAITH, BEING CONFIDENT IN SHARING AND CELEBRATING OUR BELIEFS WITH OTHERS, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT OTHERS RESPECT OUR MUSLIM IDENTITY - SO ALWAYS BE YOURSELF AND NEVER CHANGE FOR OTHERS! ❤️

WORD SEARCH

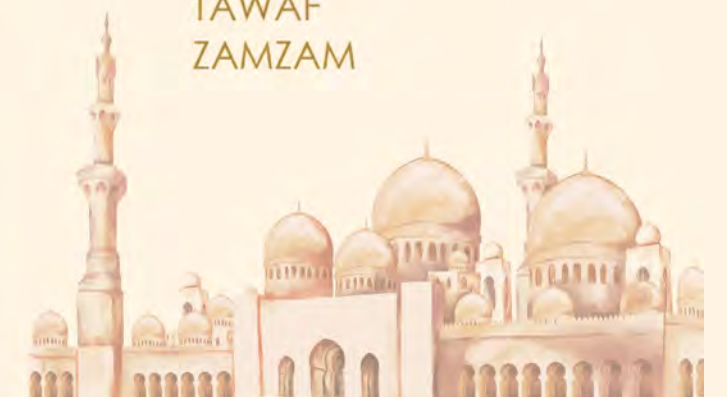
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

DHUL HIJJAH
DREAM
EID
HAJJ
KAABA

MARWA
MECCA
PILGRIMAGE
RAM
SACRIFICE

SADAQAH
SAFA
TAWAF
ZAMZAM





ISPY: EID DAY!

Can You Find: a Lantern, a Prayer mat, a Bottle of ZamZam water, a Goat, a TV playing MTA, a Copy of Al Bashir magazine, a Stuffed camel and a Dhul Hijah calendar

Directions: Cut out the template below and write a letter to Huzoor (aba)!

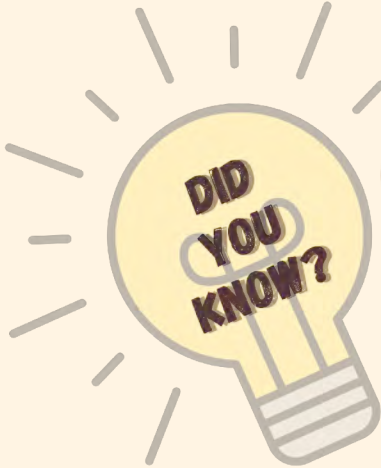
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My Dearest Huzoor.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

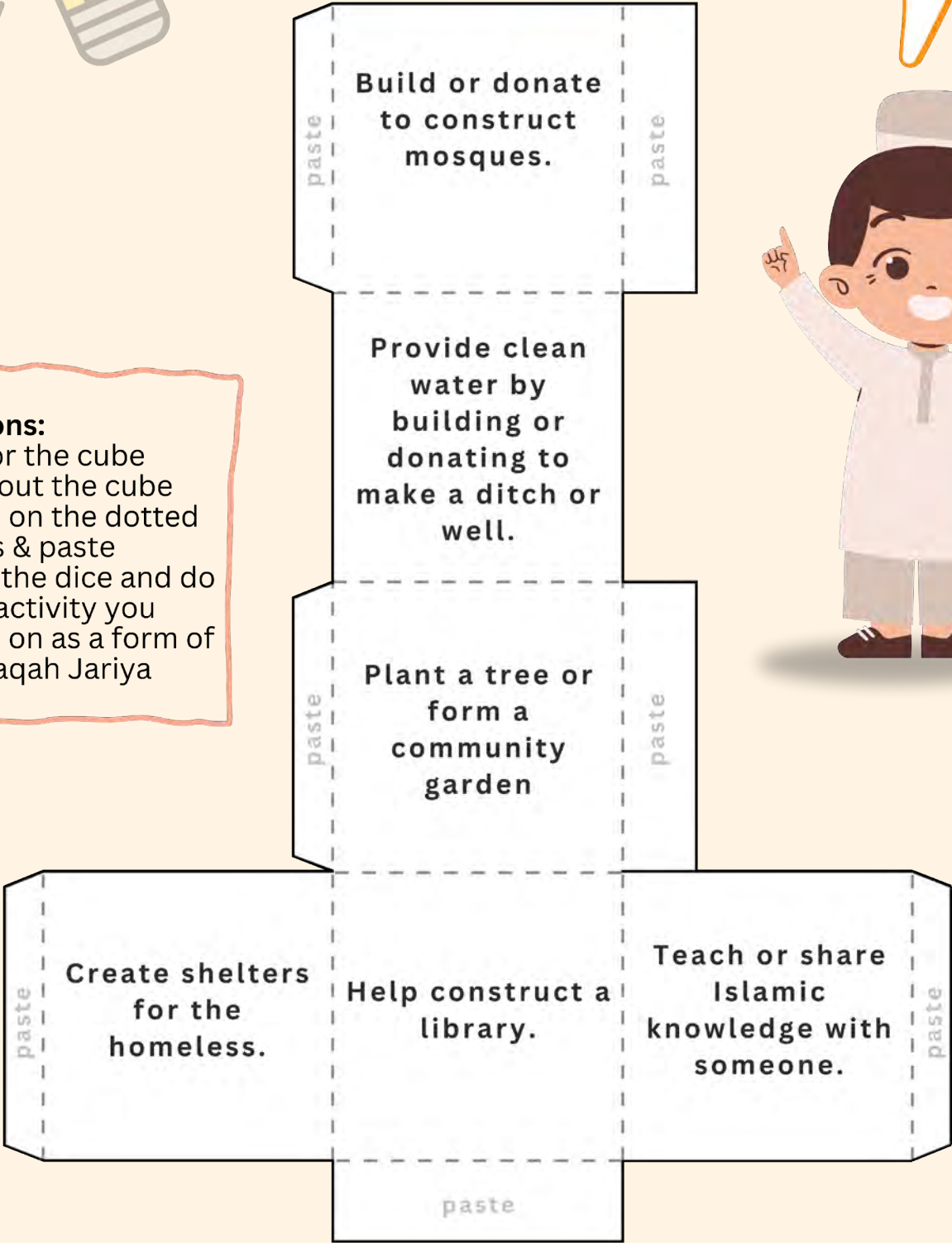
I pray you are doing well by Allah's grace and may Allah grant you a healthy life. Ameen.

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The concept of Sadaqah is to give voluntary charity (whether it be financially or by other means), separate from the obligatory charity, Zakat, where the giver isn't supposed to expect any type of compensation or reward. Sadaqah can also be done in the form of selfless acts. Sadaqah Jariya is a type of Sadaqah in Islam that continues to spiritually benefit the giver even after they have passed away. Sadaqah Jariya is an enriching practice that helps not only the giver but those who are given to over the long term.

- Directions:**
- 1. Color the cube
 - 2. Cut out the cube
 - 3. Fold on the dotted lines & paste
 - 4. Roll the dice and do the activity you land on as a form of Sadaqah Jariya





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