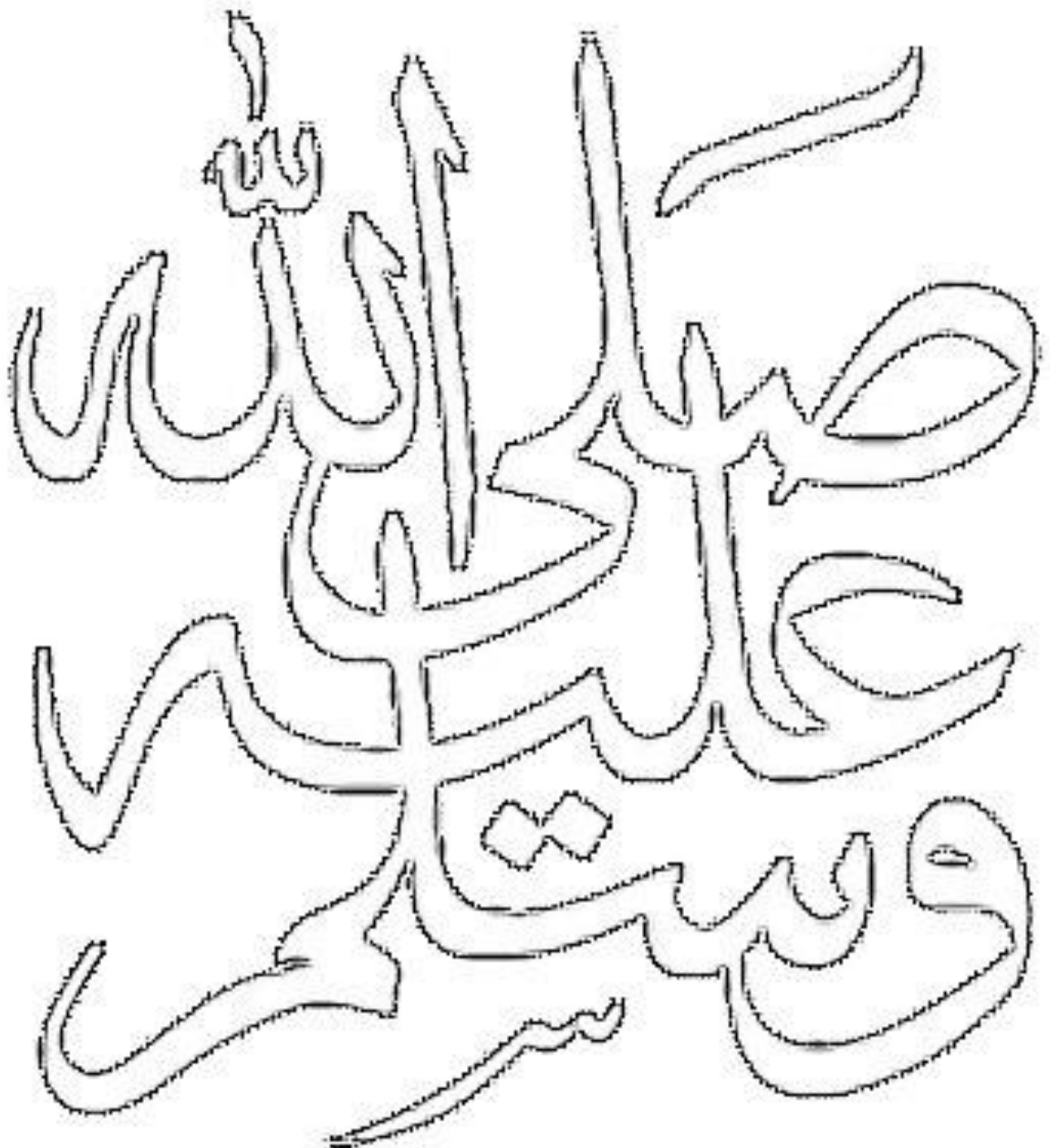


The Seerah of Prophet Muhammad



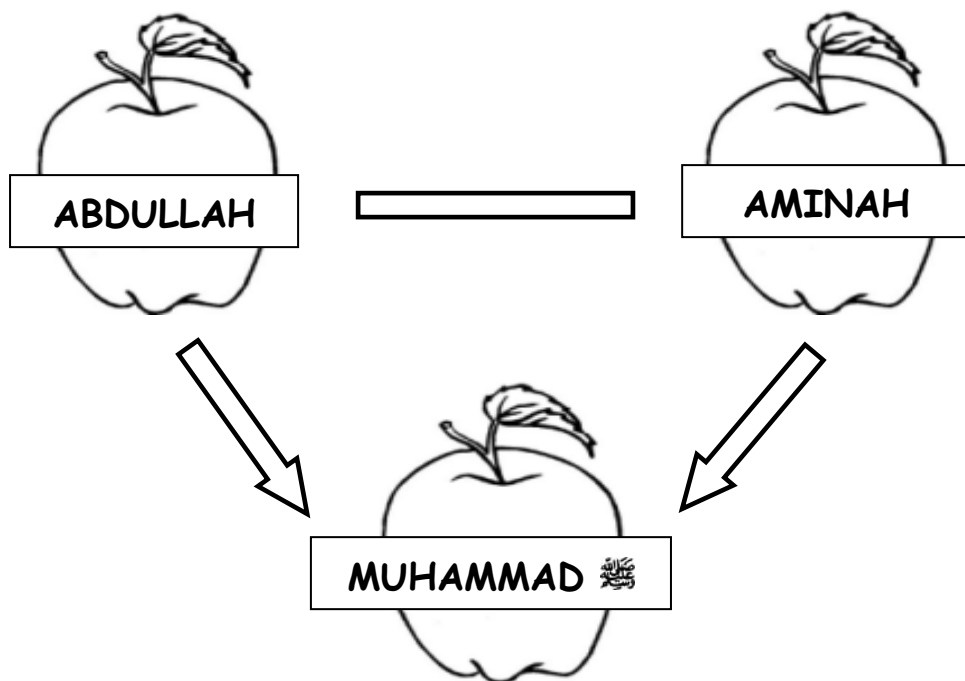
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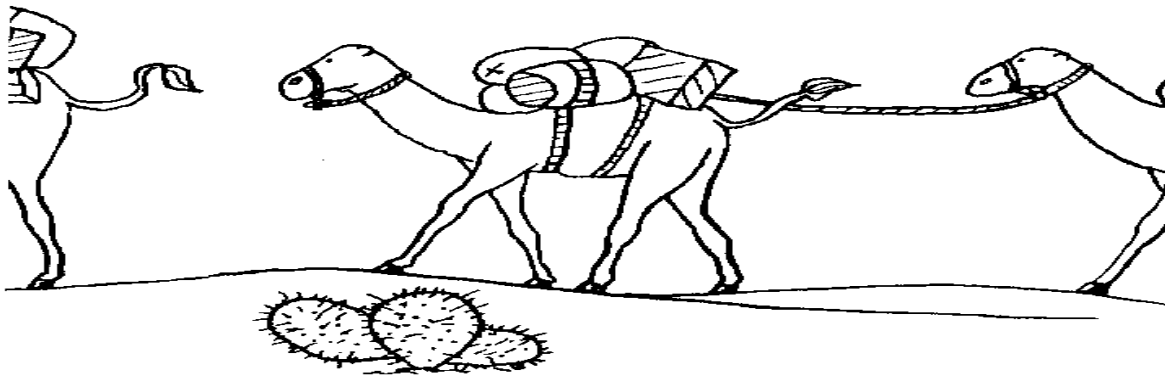
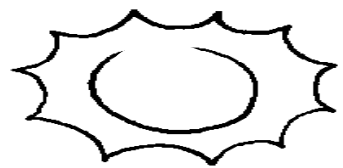
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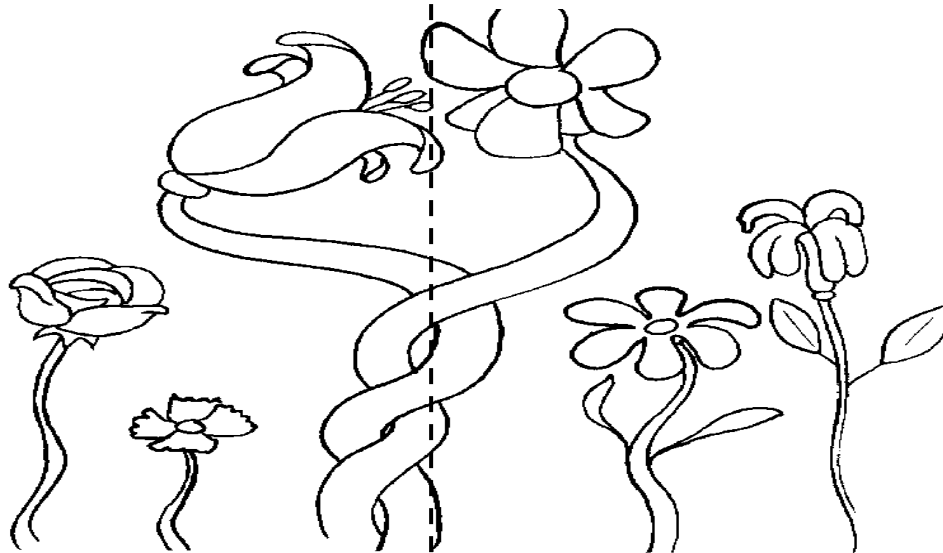
The early years



his youth



Adulthood marriage



At the age of 24 the Prophet Muhammad (saas) started working as a trader for a noble woman called Khadijah (ra).

Khadijah put Prophet Muhammad in charge of a trade caravan for Syria along with her slave, Maisarah.

Khadijah was so pleased with Prophet Muhammad's success in Syria that she asked to marry him.

Soon after his return from Syria, at the age of 25, Prophet Muhammad (saas) married Khadijah.

They were happily married and had two sons and four daughters.

His two sons and three daughters all died before him, leaving only his daughter Fatimah after his death.



**Who resolved
the dispute?**

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**The
Black Stone
Dispute**

Who rebuilt the Kabah?

What was the dispute?

Who rebuilt the Kabah?

The Kabah was very old and a recent flood in the Makkah valley had damaged the walls. The whole tribe of Quraish wanted to rebuild the Kabah. When the walls were firmly in place, all that was left was the Black Stone that had been sent from Jannah.

What was the dispute?

The tribes began to argue who had the right to put the Black stone in its place. Each tribe wanted to be the one to replace the stone and they couldn't agree. One of the leaders said "Let the first person who comes to the Kabah decide". At that moment, Prophet Muhammad (saas) walked towards them.

Who resolved the dispute?

The tribes told Prophet Muhammad (saas) their problem. He told them to put the Black stone in a piece of cloth and for the 4 leaders to lift each corner. Then Prophet Muhammad placed the stone in its correct position and all the tribes went home peacefully. This happened when Prophet Muhammad was 35 years old.

What was the name of the cave where Prophet Muhammad (saas) spent a lot of his time?

What happened to Prophet Muhammad (saas) in the cave?

The First Revelation



1. Prophet Muhammad (saas) used to spend much of his time alone in the cave of Mount Hira, remembering Allah and thinking about the creation around him.

2. When Prophet Muhammad (saas) was 40 years old the angel Jibreel came to him while he was in the cave and commanded him to read. He taught him the first ayat of the Quran. This was the beginning of his Prophethood.

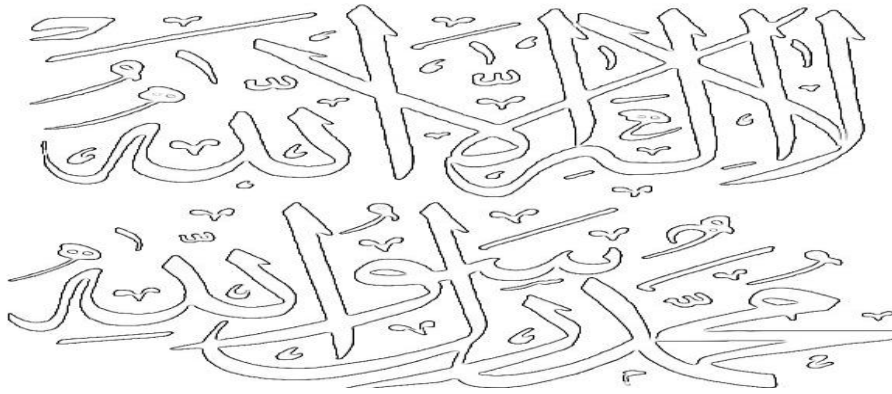
The first revelation of Quran to the Prophet (saas) and his first experience with the angel Jibreel scared him so much that he ran home to his wife, Khadijah crying "Cover me! Cover me!"

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

"Read! In the Name of your Lord, Who has created (all that exists),"

Qur'an 96:1

There is no god but Allah



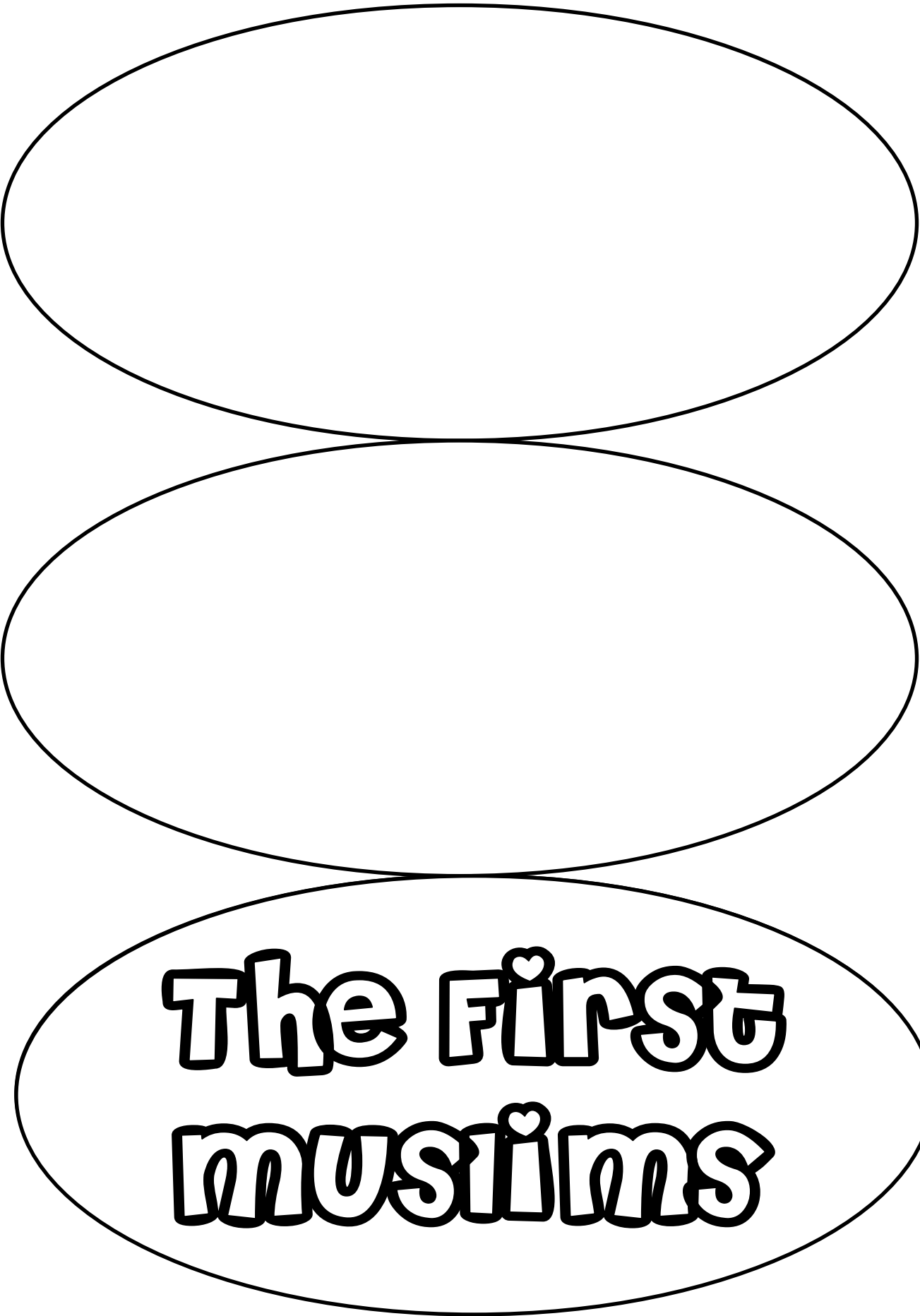
Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah

Prophet Muhammad (saas) told Khadijah the whole story about what happened in the cave. Khadijah believed his story and told him that Allah would never disgrace him because he was a good man.

Khadijah became the first Muslim. She took the prophet to see her cousin, Waraqa bin Nawfal who was a Christian. When the prophet finished telling his story, Waraqa told him that the angel was the same one who had been sent to Prophet Musa (as).

The Prophet's freed slave, Zaid, his best friend Abu Bakr and his cousin, Ali all became Muslim; then they called their families and friends to Islam.

The Prophet (saas) called people to Islam in secret for 3 years.



The First muslims

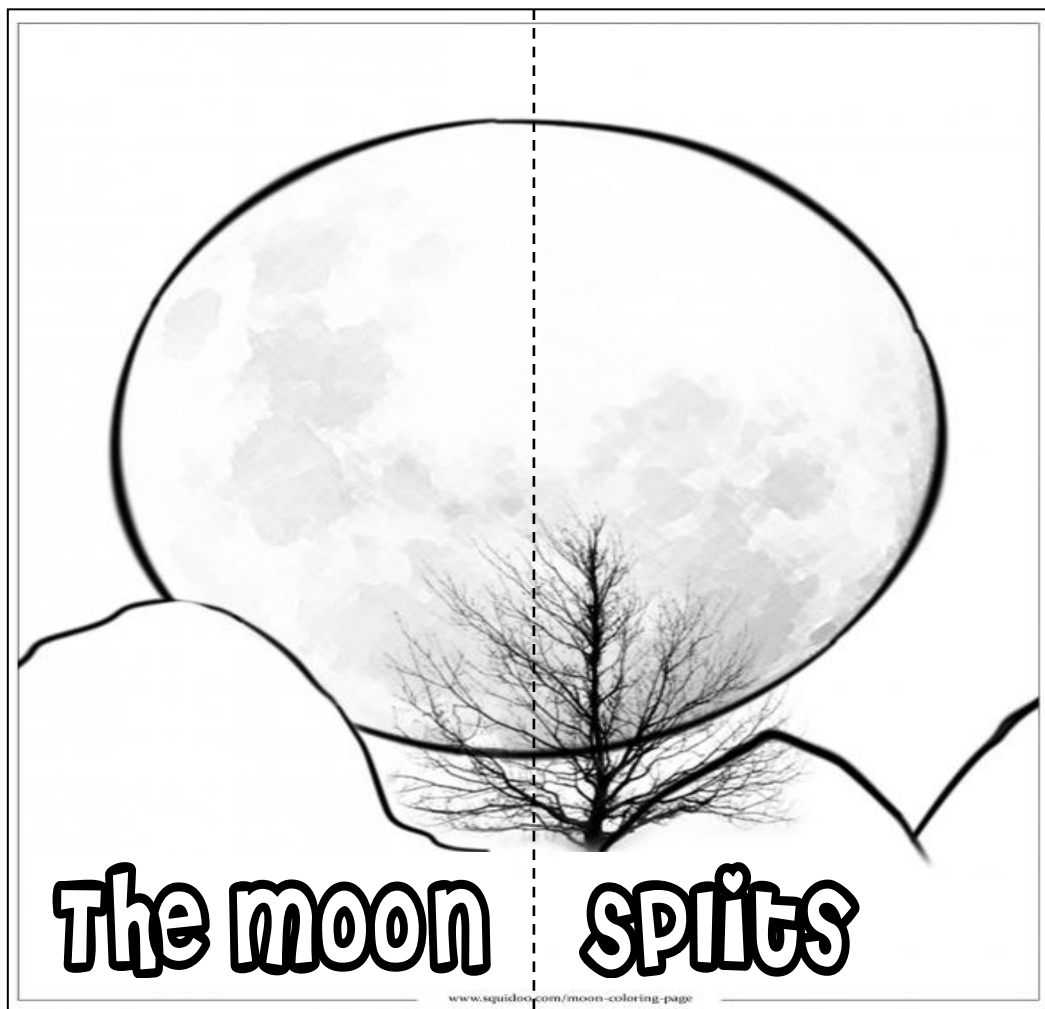
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The Call on Mount Safa

For three years the Prophet (saas) called the people to Islam in secret. One day the angel Jibreel came to him with a message from Allah asking the prophet to warn all the people of Quraish to worship Allah alone.

Early one morning, the prophet stood on Mount Safa and called loudly to the people. They heard him and gathered around him at the bottom of the mountain. He asked the people: “If there was an army waiting behind this mountain to attack you, would you believe me?” They said “Yes”, because they knew he always told the truth. Then he told them about the terrible punishment if they didn’t worship Allah alone and follow him because he was Allah’s messenger.

Many people heard him and became Muslim and the Leaders of Quraish became angry with him for calling the people away from idol worship.



The Quraish offered the Prophet (saas) money, land and they even said they would make him their king if he would stop calling people to Islam. The Prophet (saas) kindly refused saying this was the command of Allah.



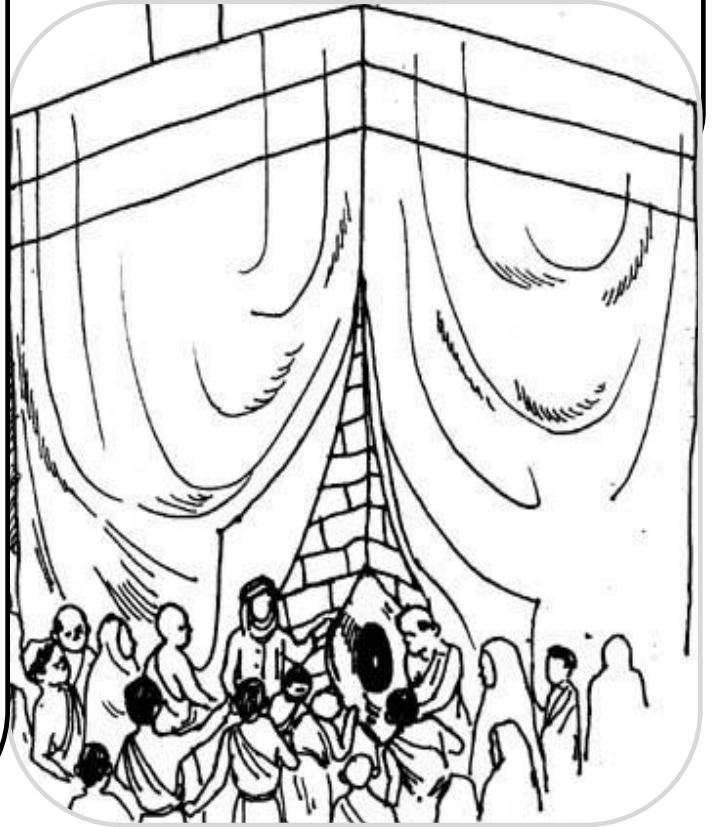
There was nothing more the Quraish could offer the Prophet (saas). They asked him to show them a miracle so that they could believe he was the Messenger of Allah. So on a clear night, Allah split the moon, but still the Quraish did not believe.

migration to Abyssinia

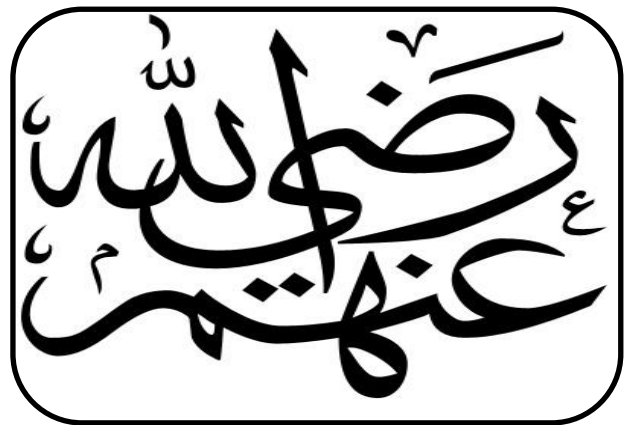


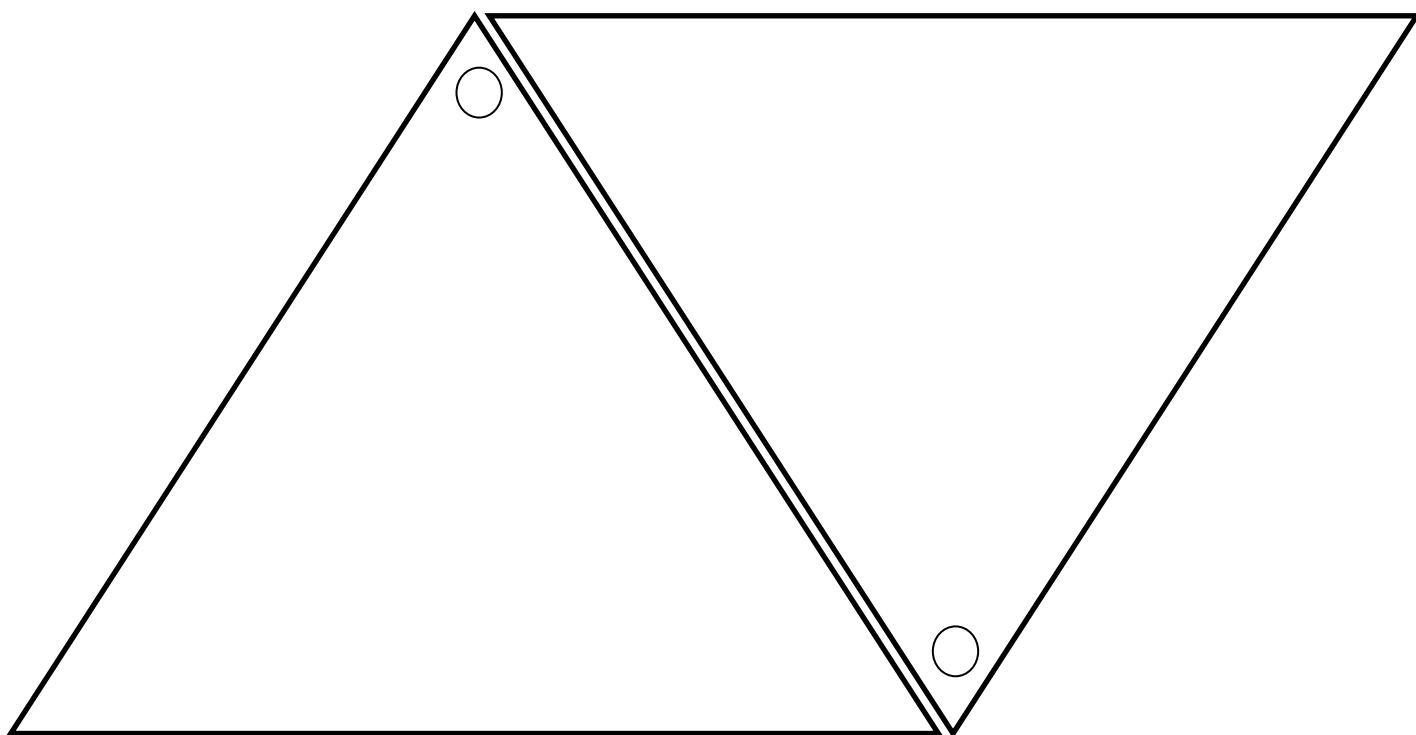
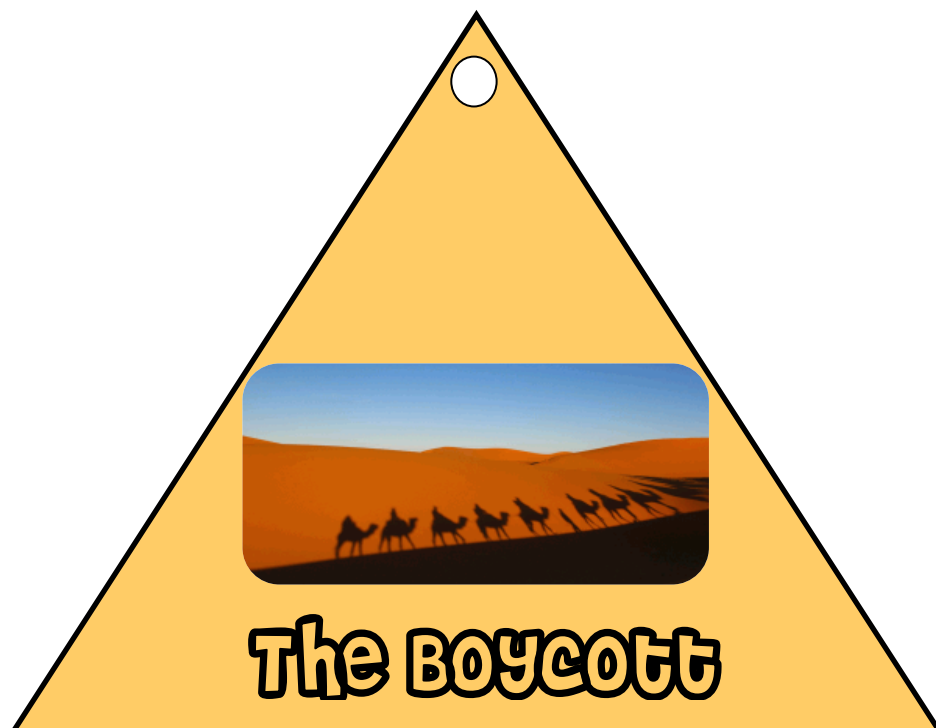
The Quraish began to make life very difficult for the new Muslims, and especially for Prophet Muhammad (saas). They threw stones at him, put thorns in his path and called him bad names. The Muslims would meet secretly in Dar Al Arqam. The Prophet (saas) sent 12 men and four women to the king called Al Najashi in Abyssinia to ask for safety for the Muslims. Al Najashi was a good king and he agreed to protect the Muslims from the Quraish.

hamza and Umar become muslims



At the time when the Muslims were under the protection of Al Najashi, two of the strongest men of the Quraish accepted Islam. One was Hamza (ra), the uncle of the Prophet (saas) and the other was Umar ibn Al Khattab (ra). The Islam of Hamza (ra) and Umar (ra) strengthened the Muslims and gave them the courage to pray at the Ka'bah.





The two tribes, Banu Hashim and Banu Abdul Muttalib agreed together to protect the Prophet (saas) from any assassination attempts by the other tribes of Quraish. This made the other tribes angry so they decided to boycott Banu Hashim and Banu Abdul Muttalib. They wouldn't buy or sell them any food or clothing.

The two tribes moved to a valley called Shi'b Abu Talib in the east of Makkah. Their food and water supply was almost cut off and the people suffered great difficulties. The Muslims lived here for three long years. Some of their family members from the other tribes sent food and water in secret. In the Prophet's 10th year of prophethood the boycott finally came to an end and the Muslims returned to their homes in Makkah.

The year of sadness

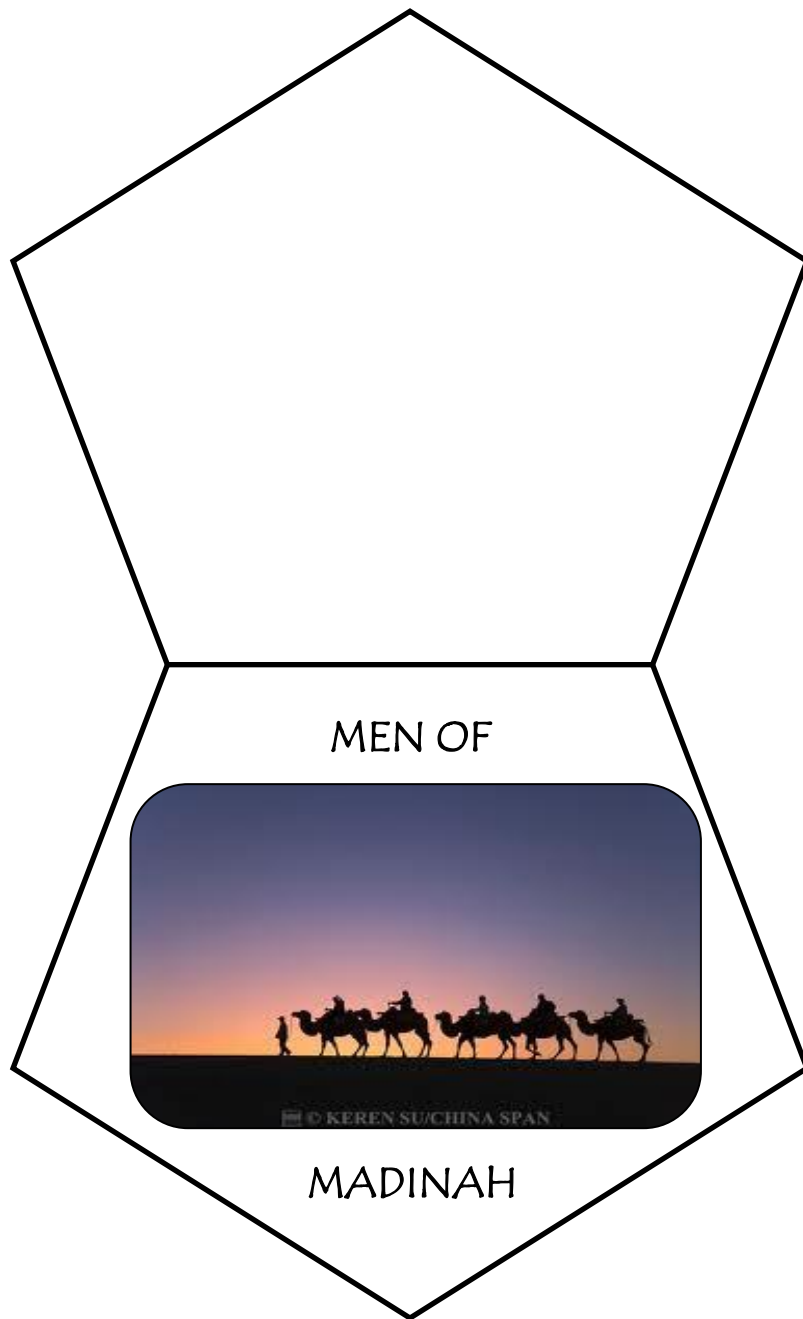
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أنت رب المستضعفين وأنت ربي
إلى من تكلني إلى عنو يتجهمني أم إلى صديق مكنته أمري
إن لم يكن بك غضب علي فلا أبالي ولكن عافيتك هي أوسع لي
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أن ينزل بي غضبك أو يحل علي سخطك
لك العتبي حتى ترضى ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بك

Why was the 10 th year of prophethood called 'The Year of Sadness'?	What happened in the town of Ta'if?	How did the Prophet respond?

- It was called the year of sadness because two of the Prophet's companions, his uncle Abu Talib and his wife Khadijah (ra) died.
- The Prophet (saas) travelled with his slave Zaid to the town of Ta'if to call people to Islam. The leaders did not accept his message and they didn't welcome him. Instead they sent the children of the town to throw stones at the prophet and chase him away. The Prophet (saas) was injured.
- The angel Jibreel asked the Prophet (saas) if he wanted the angel of the mountains to push the mountain down onto the people of Ta'if. The Prophet (saas) said no and asked Allah to forgive the people and bless them with children who would be good Muslims.

What happened when the Prophet (saas) was sleeping?		Al Isra  Wa Al miraj
What animal did the Prophet (saas) ride?		
Where did the Prophet (saas) go?		
What happened when he got there?		
What happened when the Prophet entered the heavens?		
Name the prophets that he met in the heavens.		
What is Sidratul Muntaha?		
What happened when the Prophet reached the 7 th heaven?		
How many times did Allah first ask the Muslims to pray?		
Who sent the Prophet (saas) to ask Allah to reduce the number of prayers?		
What happened when the Prophet returned to Makkah?		

- The angel Jibreel came and woke the Prophet (saas) and told him Allah wanted to meet him above the heavens
- He rode an animal called Al-Buraq. It was white and bigger than a donkey but smaller than a mule. It was very fast.
- He went to Bait ul Maqdis, a masjid in Jerusalem.
- He led all the prophets (as) in salat.
- He knocked on the door of the 1st heaven and an angel welcomed him. He travelled through all the heavens.
- He met Adam, Yahya, Isa, Yusuf, Idris, Harun, Musa and Ibrahim (as)
- It is a tree on the furthest point of the 7th heaven.
- He was shown Bait ul Ma'mur and Allah spoke to him from behind a screen of light.
- Allah asked the Muslims to pray 50 times a day.
- Prophet Musa (as) sent him back to ask Allah to reduce the number of prayers
- The Quraish did not believe he went to the heavens. The only person who believed him was his friend, Abu Bakr (ra).



Soon after the night journey, 12 men from Madinah came to visit the prophet in Makkah.

They all accepted Islam. They loved the prophet so much that they invited him and the Muslims to Madinah.

The prophet sent Musaab ibn Umair (ra) to teach the people of Madinah about Islam.

Soon every house in Madinah had a Muslim living in it.

The 1st Pledge of Aqabah

The 2nd Pledge of Aqabah

12 Muslims came from Madinah to Makkah for Hajj and when they arrived they pledged their allegiance to Islam and the Prophet (saas).

Musaab ibn Umair (ra) returned with them to Madinah to teach them about Islam.

The next year, 73 men and 2 women visited Makkah to meet the Prophet (saas) secretly at Al Aqabah.

They promised the Prophet (saas) and his uncle Al-Abbas (ra) that they would protect him from his enemies. They invited the Muslims in Makkah to migrate to Madinah.

MIGRATION TO MADINAH



1. Many Muslims left in groups for Madinah, leaving behind their families, belongings and homes.
2. The only ones left behind were Prophet Muhammad (saas), his cousin Ali (ra) and his friend Abu Bakr (ra).
3. The Quraish wanted to kill the Prophet (saas). Ali (ra) slept in the Prophet's bed to trick the Quraish so that the Prophet (saas) and Abu Bakr (ra) could escape in the night.
4. The Prophet (saas) and Abu Bakr (ra) hid in the cave of Thawr and Allah made a spider build a web over the entrance of the cave so that the Quraish would not know they were hiding inside.

****UPDATE**** Regarding the story of the spider's web, the scholars differed concerning this hadeeth. Its isnad was classed as hasan by al-Haafiz ibn Hajar in Fath al-Baari and by Ibn Katheer in al-Bidaayah wa'l-Nihaayah (3/222). It was classed as da'eef by al-Albaani in al-Silsilah al-Da'eefah. Ahmad Shaakir said in Tahqeeq al-Musnad (3251): there is some dispute concerning its isnad. The commentators on al-Musnad said (3251): its isnad is da'eef. And Allaah knows best. With regard to the story of the two doves or pigeons, this was mentioned by Ibn Katheer in al-Bidaayah wa'l-Nihaayah (3/223). He said, it was narrated by Ibn 'Asaakir, then he said: This hadeeth is ghareeb jiddan with this isnad. It was similarly classed as da'eef by the commentators

on al-Musnad in the same place referred to above. Al-Albaani said in al-Silsilah al-Da'eefah (3/339): Note that there is no saheeh hadeeth concerning the spider and doves at the cave, despite the fact that this is widely mentioned in some books and lectures which are given on the anniversary of the migration of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) to Madeenah.

You can use the alternative template below to complete the story of the migration to Madinah.

5. The Quraish searched for 3 days until they finally gave up.
6. The Quraish offered a reward of 100 camels to the one who could find and kill the Prophet (saas).
7. A man called Suraqah bin Ju'sham found the Prophet (saas) and Abu Bakr (ra) but everytime he tried to chase them his horse's legs would sink into the sand.
8. After trying 3 times to catch up with the Prophet (saas), Suraqah gave up and the Prophet (saas) and Abu Bakr (ra) made it safely to Madinah, Suraqah later became Muslim.

