

In The Footsteps of The Prophets



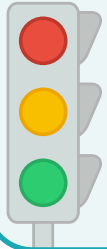
Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:

Define tawaf and sa'y

Identify some of the rituals of hajj

Explain how hajj helps you to become close to Allah



Key Words

Tawaf

Sa'y

Udhiyah

T Thinking Starter

I'm a black cube in a bustling city.

People turn towards me and circle around me all day long. What am I?

Sleeping Under The Stars

"After the sun had set, we started walking from Arafat to **Muzdalifah** - it took two hours. Have you ever slept under the stars?" Grandad questioned. "Nooo, but me and Maryam always ask Mum if we can, but she never gives us permission!" replied Musa. Grandad laughed, "When you get to my age, you will only want to sleep on a bed!"

Grandad looked up at the sky. "The stars were shining that night, and by the time we reached Muzdalifah, the sky was pitch black! There were so many people in one small place; I was worried about stepping on people."

"Did you sleep in a tent there too?" asked Maryam.

Grandad chuckled. "Everyone was sleeping outside on the floor, with no pillow and no blanket, just a small mat and a thin sheet my friend had brought. I was so worried - I thought I wouldn't be able to sleep! But, I lay down, and the next thing I knew, I was woken up by the sound of 'Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar' - it was the adhan of fajr."

"Wow Grandad, you did a Musa!" said Salim, one of Musa's cousins.

Maryam giggled. Everyone knew how much Musa loved to sleep.



A Very Busy Day

"We set off for Mina again, this time to throw stones at the jamarat. It was amazing, everyone was reciting **takbir** loudly," continued Grandad.

"Oooh, this is my favourite part. Grandad, did you hit him really hard?" asked Musa excitedly.

"Not as hard as you would have done! Musa, what is more important is that we don't listen to Shaytan when he whispers to us to do bad things. That hits him even harder!"



Stoning the Jamarat taught me that Shaytan will try to distract us, especially when we are about to do something good for the sake of Allah. We must be like the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام and not be diverted!

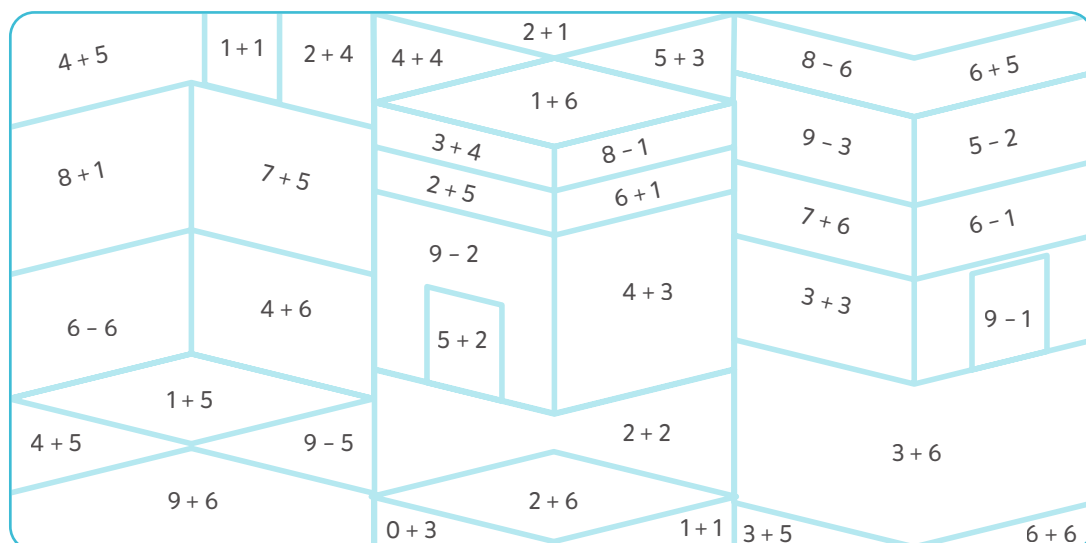
"We then walked to Makkah and we did **tawaf** of the Ka'bah, going around it seven times. It felt so amazing. There were so many people, but I felt like I was alone, just talking to Allah and thanking Him. I kept thinking of Ibrahim عليه السلام and how he built the Ka'bah so that people would come to it and only worship the One True God."

Tawaf taught me to always try to keep Allah at the centre of my life!



Task 1

Colour in the shapes that add up to 7.



Remembering Ibrahim عليه السلام & His Family

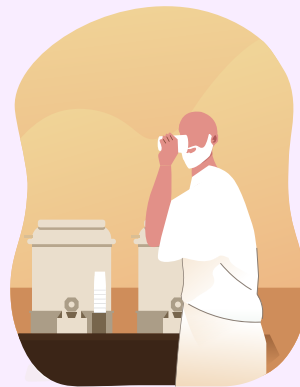
"After tawaf, we did sa'y between Mount Safa and Marwa, just like Hajar عليها السلام did..." said Grandad.

Sa'y reminded me that we should never give up hope in Allah!

"Ohhh yes! I know that story. We learnt the story last year in Madrasah," Musa said excitedly.

"You know children, throughout hajj, I kept thinking of Prophet Ibrahim and his family; and I kept thinking of our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم: how much sacrifices they made for us."

"Did you drink zamzam, Grandad?" asked Maryam.
"Yes! Plenty of it. And I've even brought some for you to drink," Grandad replied.



Task 2

Match the words with the definitions.

Tawaf

Two pieces of white cloth

Sa'y

Special water which came out of the ground

Zamzam

Walking between Mount Safa and Marwah, like Hajar عليها السلام did.

Ihram

To walk round the Ka'bah seven times.

Udhiyah

Animal sacrificed for Allah



Did You Know?

Whoever performs hajj, and does not do any bad things when he's there, he will be like a newborn baby: pure and free from sins. Allah will forgive all his sins.

Eat, Drink & Do Dhikr

Grandad continued with his story: "We spent the next three days in Mina. Every day we would go to stone the jamarat."

"That's awesome. I wish I could have been with you. I would have carried your bag, Grandad and I would have hit the shaytan reeeally hard. What did you do for the rest of the day?" asked Musa inquisitively.

"I spent my time doing lots of dhikr and reciting Qur'an. Sometimes I would take a break and walk around Mina," replied Grandad.

"What about food? What did you eat, Grandad?" asked Hawa.

"You know what Hawa, on one of the days, some Afghani brothers invited us to their tent. I wished you were with me Hawa - you would've loved it. There was a humongous plate with rice and delicious lamb from the **udhiyah** (qurbani); it even had raisins and carrots. And then on the third day, we returned back to Makkah, and it was time to start preparing for the return journey."



Task 3

Explain how hajj brings you closer to Allah.

P Progress Check



1. What is 'tawaf'? What is 'sa'y'?

2. Can you list any 4 rituals of hajj?

3. How does hajj help you to become close to Allah?