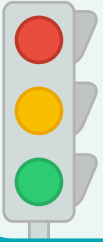


# Hajj: Answering the Call of Ibrahim عليه السلام

## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



- Identify who must perform hajj
- Recall key events from the story of Ibrahim عليه السلام and his family
- Extract lessons from the story of Ibrahim عليه السلام

## Key Words

Hajj (pilgrimage) - حَجٌّ

Determination

Close friend - خَلِيلٌ

## T Thinking Starter

Can you think of a time when you obeyed Allah even though it was hard? How did you feel afterwards?

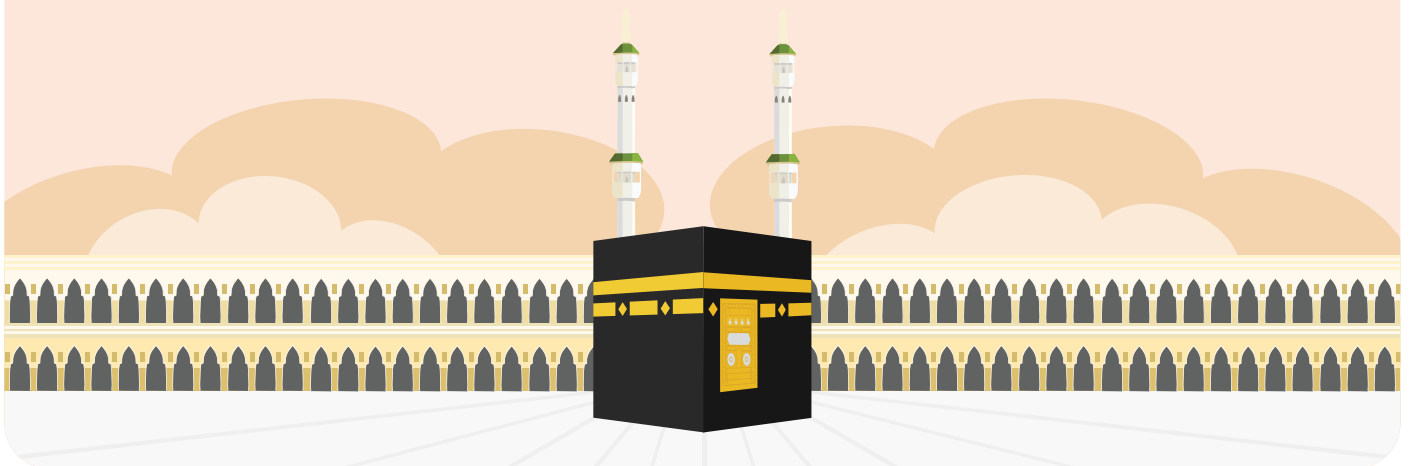


## Hajj: The Fifth Pillar

Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. It is the great pilgrimage to the House of Allah in Makkah which takes place in the month of Dhul Hijjah. Every Muslim must perform hajj once in their life if they are able to. This means they must be healthy, have enough money and the journey must be safe for them. Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا ﴿٩٧﴾

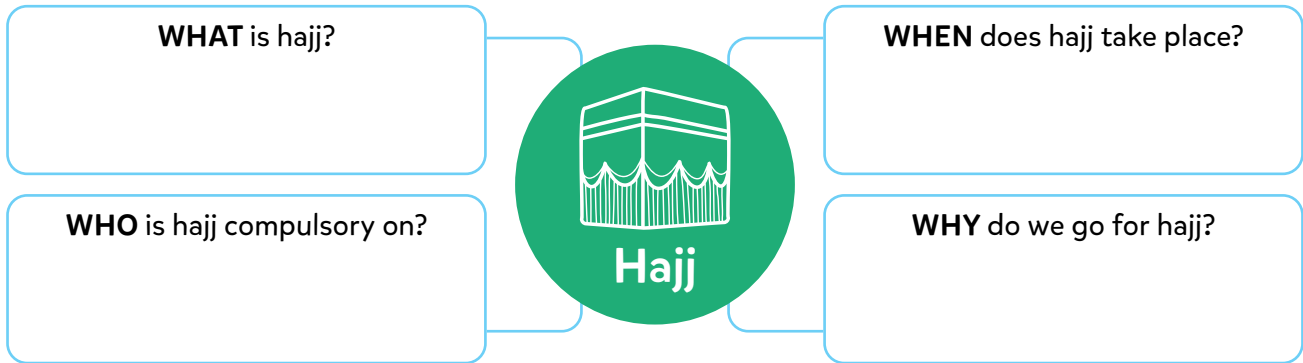
“Hajj to the House is an obligation by Allah upon whoever is able to make the journey.” (Surah Aal ‘Imran:97)





**Task 1**

Complete the mind-map.



**IT'S STORY TIME!**

**Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام: The Khalil of Allah!**

Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام faced many hard tests. His people refused to believe the truth and threw him into a blazing fire. Even his own father threatened to kill him. In the end, Ibrahim عليه السلام had to leave his home and everything he knew. But his iman in Allah never weakened.

He travelled to Sham (Greater Syria) and settled there. “My Lord, grant me a righteous child,” he prayed. Soon, Allah blessed him and Hajar عليها السلام with baby Isma’il عليه السلام.

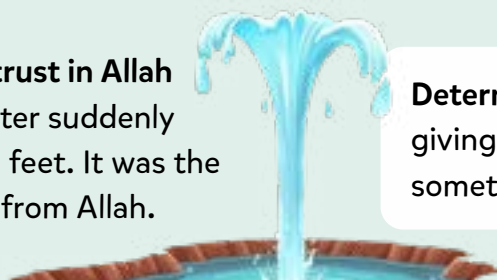
**A Hard Test in the Desert**

Not long after, Allah instructed Ibrahim to take Hajar and their baby son Isma’il عليهم السلام to a dry, empty valley. There were no trees, no rivers, and no people; just scorching desert sands and towering mountains. When they arrived, Allah commanded Ibrahim عليه السلام to leave his family there. As he began to walk away, Hajar عليها السلام asked him a few times where he was going. When Ibrahim عليه السلام didn’t reply, she asked, “Did Allah command you to do this?” Ibrahim replied, “Yes.”

“In that case, **Allah will certainly take care of us!**” declared Hajar عليها السلام confidently.

Even though Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام loved his family deeply, he put his trust in Allah and followed His command. Hajar stayed behind with baby Isma’il. Soon, their water ran out. The baby cried from thirst, and Hajar ran between two hills – Safa and Marwah – again and again, desperately searching for water.

Her **determination** never faded, and her **trust in Allah** remained strong. Then, by Allah’s will, water suddenly gushed forth from beneath baby Isma’il’s feet. It was the miraculous Zamzam water: a blessed gift from Allah.



**Determination:** not giving up, even when something is hard.

## The Greatest Sacrifice

Years passed. Isma'il grew into a strong, kind young boy. He and his father were very close.

One night, Ibrahim had a strange dream. In it, he was sacrificing his son. The next few nights, Ibrahim عليه السلام had the same dream again and again, until he realised: this wasn't a dream. It was a **command from Allah**.

"My dear son," Ibrahim عليه السلام asked Isma'il. "I had a dream that I am sacrificing you. What do you think I should do?"

"My dear father," Isma'il answered confidently. "Do what you have been commanded. You will find me patient, if Allah wills."

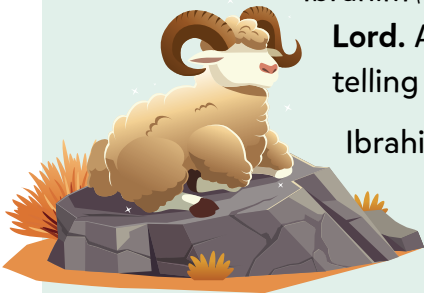
So they set off together. But Shaytan wasn't happy. He wanted to stop Ibrahim عليه السلام from obeying Allah, so he came to Ibrahim عليه السلام in the form of a man, whispering to him and trying to make him change his mind.

Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام picked up seven pebbles and threw them at Shaytan, saying 'Allahu Akbar' with each throw. Shaytan came back a second time, trying his luck again. Ibrahim عليه السلام threw stones at him a second time. After a third time, Shaytan left defeated.

Ibrahim عليه السلام then laid his son down and raised his knife, **ready to obey his Lord**. As he put the knife to his son's neck, Allah سبحانه وتعالى called out to him, telling Ibrahim عليه السلام that this was a great test.

Ibrahim عليه السلام had passed with flying colours!

Allah سبحانه وتعالى didn't want Isma'il to be harmed. He just wanted to see if Ibrahim and his son loved Him more than anything else. And they did. So Allah sent a **ram from Paradise** to be sacrificed instead.



## Special Mission: Building the House of Allah

When Isma'il عليه السلام grew older, Allah gave Ibrahim عليه السلام another important mission. Together with Isma'il عليه السلام, he was to build the **Ka'bah**: the House of Allah, dedicated to worshipping Allah Alone. Together, they carried stones, built the walls, and made heartfelt du'as:

**"Our Lord, accept this from us... Make us both fully submit to You..."**

(Surah al-Baqarah:127-8)

Once they had completed the Ka'bah, Ibrahim عليه السلام was assigned another mission: to call people for **hajj**. Though Ibrahim عليه السلام stood in a **barren** land, he obeyed. And Allah made his voice reach through time. Now, people travel across deserts, seas, and skies to answer that call.



Why do you think Allah سبحانه وتعالى describes Ibrahim عليه السلام as His **khalil**: His close friend?

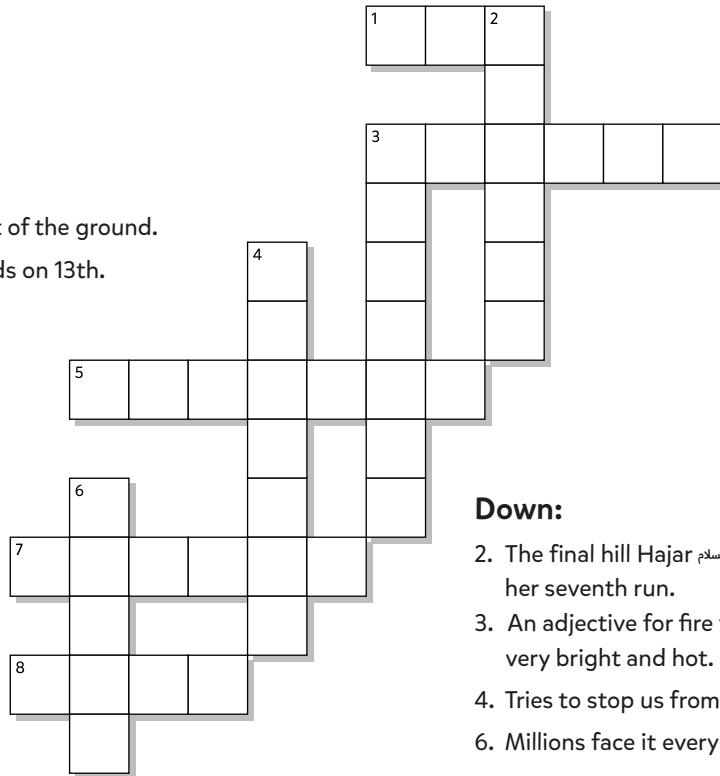


## Task 2

Complete the crossword below.

### Across:

1. Sent from Paradise.
3. Dry and empty.
5. The Khalil of Allah.
7. The miraculous water which came out of the ground.
8. Begins on the 8th Dhul Hijjah and ends on 13th.



### Down:

2. The final hill Hajar عليه السلام reached in her seventh run.
3. An adjective for fire that means very bright and hot.
4. Tries to stop us from obeying Allah.
6. Millions face it every day in salah.



## Task 3

Write an article for your school magazine titled 'Ibrahim عليه السلام: The Ultimate Hero!' Inspire your readers to choose him as their role model.



## I Act On What I Learn

I will be brave and submit to Allah like Prophet Ibrahim and his family عليهم السلام.

## P Progress Check



1. Who must perform hajj?
2. Why did Allah سبحانه وتعالى instruct Ibrahim عليه السلام to sacrifice his son?
3. What lessons can you learn from the story of Ibrahim عليه السلام and his family?