

The Journey of a Lifetime

Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:

State a virtue of hajj

Define 'miqat'

Explain the secrets of ihram and talbiyah

Key Words

Ihram - إِحْرَامٌ

Miqat - مَيْقَاتٌ

Talbiyah

T Thinking Starter

What would you pack in your suitcase if you were going for hajj?



The Hidden Treasure in the Attic

It was a cold winter afternoon. Grandpa sat near the fireplace in his big armchair, wrapped in a cosy blanket. Meanwhile, Musa and Maryam were exploring Grandpa's house, and today, their adventures had taken them to the attic.

Suddenly, something caught Maryam's eye. Inside a dusty, green suitcase, she found some folded white cloths and a book neatly placed on top. "Look at this!" she whispered, "I think it's a diary!" Musa read the faded cover: *My Hajj Journal*.

They hurried downstairs, holding their find. "Grandpa! Look what we found!" they cried.

Grandpa smiled. "Ah, you've found my hajj treasures," he said, patting the seat beside him. "Come and sit. This journal contains all the **secrets** of my hajj journey. Maryam, you may read first."



Like the other pillars, hajj also has deep meanings and secrets.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"Whoever performs hajj for Allah's pleasure and does not commit any sin or speak badly, will return free of sin like the day they were born."

(Bukhari)

Task 1

Unscramble these letters to summarise the hadith from the previous page.

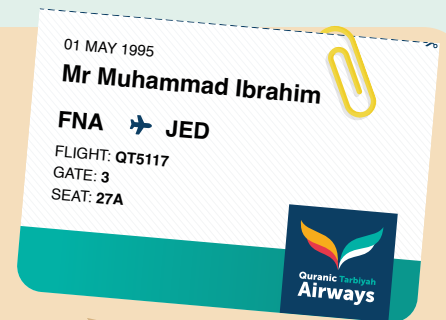


Maryam began to read:

Journal Entry #1 30,000 Feet High in the Sky

I'm writing this on the aeroplane! I'm feeling a little sad about leaving my family behind, but I'm excited too. I've been making du'a and saving for years for this special journey.

I was just reciting and reflecting on the verses about hajj in the Qur'an. In Surah al-Baqarah, Allah says: **“Complete hajj and ‘umrah for Allah.”** It reminded me of the importance of **sincerity**: throughout the journey I must always remind myself why I am doing hajj.



What intentions might Grandpa have had for doing hajj?

Journal Entry #2 The Miqat and Talbiyah

We've been flying for about seven hours now. Just a short while ago, the pilot made an announcement telling everyone to enter the state of **ihram**, as we are about to fly past the **miqat**!

I wore my ihram and made my **intention**. Allah is so Kind! Alhamdulillah, I didn't have to put on the ihram from my house, as that would have been really difficult and uncomfortable.

I then performed **two rak'ahs for the ihram**. It was a surreal experience: my first time praying in the air! I was a bit worried as the plane was shaking, but as soon as I put my head down in sajdah, I felt all my worries vanish.



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Right now, I'm looking around the plane and feeling amazed. All the men have changed into their white ihram. As everyone recites the **talbiyah** loudly, I'm thinking about what Shaykh Ahmad told us about 'ubudiyyah and **tawhid**: two special secrets of hajj.

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I am here at Your service, O Allah; I am here at Your service, I am here at Your service; You have no partner whatsoever; I am here at Your service. Truly all praise, favour, and kingdom is Yours; You have no partner whatsoever.

“Oh! I know what 'ubudiyyah is! We studied it last week with Ustadh Adam!” said Maryam excitedly.



Did You Know?

Once we enter the state of ihram, we cannot cut our nails, remove our hair, or wear perfume!



Memorise the talbiyah.

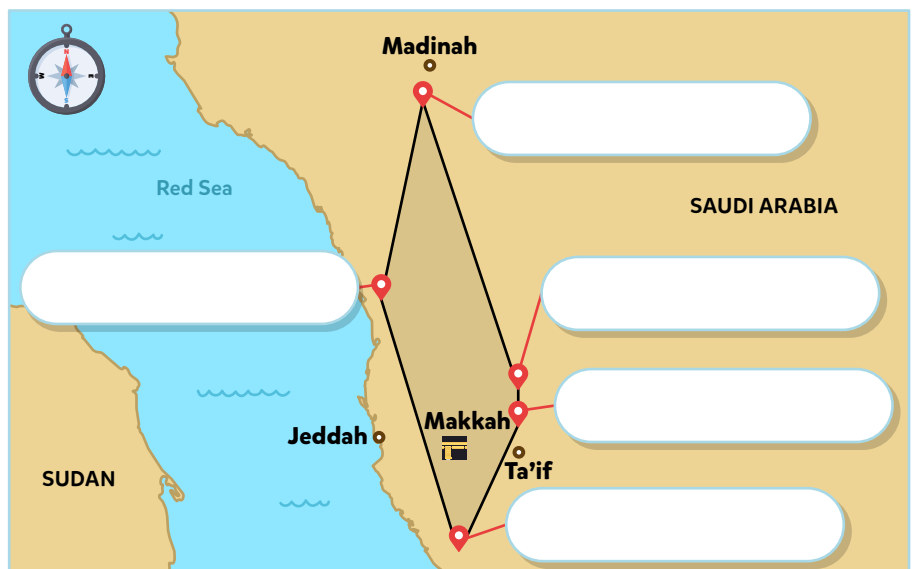


Task 2

The **miqat** is a special place where we get ready to start hajj or 'umrah. At the miqat, we put on the **ihram**, make an **intention**, and begin saying the **talbiyah**.

Find the names of each **miqat** point using the hints below:

- 1 Muslims in **Juhfah** see a lot of ships.
- 2 **Yalamlam** is the southern-most miqat.
- 3 Muslims in **Dhul Hulayfah** love praying in the Prophet's Mosque!
- 4 **Dhat 'Irq** is North of **Qarn al-Manazil**.





Task 3

Fill in the blanks to discover the secrets of ihram and talbiyah.

actions

obey

white

Allah

God

life

When we enter ihram...

We remember death. Ihram is like the plain _____ cloth we will wear when we die.

We are reminded to be **humble**. By standing before _____ in simple clothes, we show that we need Him.

We are reminded that we are **equal**. Allah cares about our hearts and _____, not our clothes or money.

When we say the talbiyah...

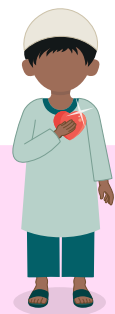
We promise to _____ and **love** Allah more than anyone else.

We say that Allah is our only _____ and we won't worship anything else.

We tell Allah, "You are my only focus, and my _____ is for You Alone!"



Why did Grandpa write 'I'm thinking of what Shaykh Ahmad was telling us about **'ubudiyyah** and **tawhid**: two special secrets of hajj'?



I Act On What I Learn

I will make my heart shine by reminding myself that I am a servant of Allah.

P Progress Check



1. Mention one virtue of hajj.



2. What does 'miqat' mean?



3. What are the secrets of ihram and talbiyah?

