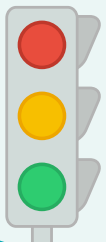


At the House of Allah



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Describe the importance of the Ka'bah

Explore the secrets of tawaf

Reflect on the secrets of sa'y



Key Words

The Yemeni Corner

Maqam Ibrahim - مَقَامُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Symbols - شَعَائِرُ

T Thinking Starter

Why did Allah instruct Ibrahim عليه السلام to build the Ka'bah?



Journal Entry #3 Tawaf Around the Ka'bah

I just finished my first **tawaf**! When I stepped foot into al-Masjid al-Haram, I knew I was in the most special place on Earth.

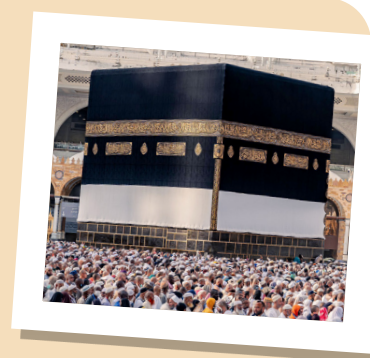
As I walked through the crowds of people, I kept my head down. I wanted the first time I looked at the Ka'bah to be extra special.

My heart started racing as I slowly lifted my head. There it was. The beautiful black Ka'bah towering over me. I couldn't hold back my tears as I raised my hands and made du'a, thanking Allah for giving me this blessed opportunity to visit His House.

I looked for the Black Stone to start my tawaf. I would have loved to kiss it, just like the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had done, but there were too many people. So I raised my hands and said takbir to start my tawaf. As I walked past it, I thought about how it was a special stone from Jannah; how it had once been whiter than milk, but turned black over time because of people's sins.

I completed all seven rounds of tawaf! It was one of the most incredible experiences of my life. My heart overflowed with love for Allah. I kept glorifying Him, praising Him, and thanking Him. Even though there were so many people around me, I felt completely absorbed in talking to Allah – like it was just me and Him.

I felt so honoured that, despite all my sins, My Lord allowed me to come here. Just as the Ka'bah is the centre of Islam, I made a pledge to make Allah سبحانه وتعالى the centre of my life and to focus on pleasing Him.



As I sent lots of salawat on the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, I kept thinking about how blessed this land was. It felt incredible knowing that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم himself had once walked on this very ground.

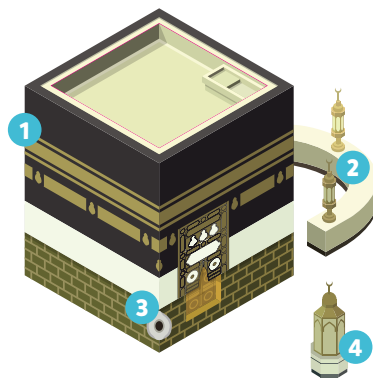
I made lots of du'a: for myself, my family, and the entire ummah! Between the **Yemeni corner** and the Black Stone I kept repeating the following du'a just as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
 "Our Lord! Grant us goodness in this world and the Hereafter, and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."
 (Surah al-Baqarah:201)

Once I finished the tawaf, I prayed two rak'ahs behind **Maqam Ibrahim**; the place where Ibrahim عليه السلام had stood whilst building the Ka'bah...

Task 1

Fill in the blanks to complete labelling the different parts of the Ka'bah.



- 1 The Yemeni _____
- 2 Hatim _____
- 3 The Black _____
- 4 Maqam _____

What do you think went through Grandpa's mind as he saw Maqam Ibrahim?

Task 2

Why is the Ka'bah one of the most important **symbols** of Islam?

Try to include these words in your answer:

Oneness of Allah

Ibrahim عليه السلام

Tawaf

Salah

Qiblah

Ummah

Hajj

Journal Entry #4 Between Safa and Marwah: In the Footsteps of Hajar

After the two rak'ahs of tawaf, I drank Zamzam and poured it over my head, just like the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had done! I remembered how Shaykh Ahmad told us that we should try our best to **follow the sunnah** as much as we can throughout hajj.



Then I made my way to perform sa'y between the mountains of Safa and Marwah!

I started by climbing Safa. I faced the Ka'bah, glorified Allah, and made du'a for a long time. Then I began walking towards Marwah, speeding up under the green lights.

Throughout the sa'y, I kept myself busy with **remembering Allah** and **talking to Him**. I kept thinking about Hajar عليها السلام! She must have been so beloved and close to Allah that, thousands of years later, millions of people still copy her exact actions.

She put her full trust in Allah and tried her best. Allah loved her sacrifice and strong iman. I need to try and do the same, inshaAllah.



By the end, I was very tired. Imagine Hajar عليها السلام running this entire distance back and forth seven times despite being thirsty and all alone with baby Isma'il عليه السلام!

Today was definitely exhausting, but has felt so rewarding. There's a special feeling in my heart that I'm struggling to describe.

إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةَ مِنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ

“Indeed Safa and Marwah are among the symbols of Allah.”

(Surah al-Baqarah:158)



Task 3

The Secrets of Tawaf and Sa'y

Write at least seven secrets of tawaf and sa'y based on the above paragraphs.

The Secrets of Tawaf

1

2

3

4

The Secrets of Sa'y

1 Safa and Marwah are symbols of Allah. They should remind me of Allah and I should respect them.

2

3

I Act On What I Learn

I will put my complete trust in Allah like Hajar عليها السلام.

P Progress Check



1. Why is the Ka'bah very important?

2. What are the secrets of tawaf?

3. What are the secrets of sa'y?