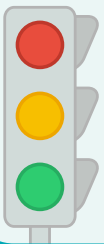


# The Best Day: 9th Dhul Hijjah

## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



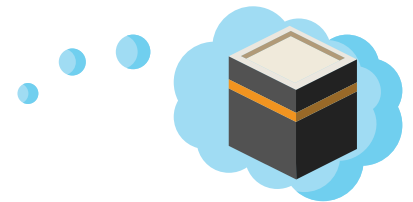
- Identify what pilgrims do on the 8th and 9th of Dhul Hijjah
- Explain the significance of the Day of 'Arafah
- Reflect on the secrets of staying in Mina, 'Arafah, and Muzdalifah

## Key Words

Mina  
'Arafah  
Muzdalifah

## T Thinking Starter

What is the greatest thing that you've asked Allah سبحانه وتعالى for?



### Journal Entry #5 *The Day of Tarwiyah: 8th Dhul Hijjah*

We left Makkah this morning to go to **Mina**. After two hours of walking, I could not believe what lay in front of me. Tents, tents, and more tents. I was stunned. I had never seen this many tents in my entire life!

After weaving through rows of tents, we finally found ours and settled in. The air buzzed with noise and heat, but I stayed focused on making dhikr, du'a, and reciting Qur'an. Shaykh Ahmad's words echoed in my mind: "Prepare for the greatest day: the **Day of 'Arafah**." Tomorrow is that day, inshaAllah, and I want to be ready.



### Journal Entry #6 *The Best Day: The Day of 'Arafah*

Allahu Akbar! Wow! What a day, subhanallah!

Today, I stood on the plain of **'Arafah**, the most special day of my life. The heat was intense, the ground was dusty, and I was surrounded by thousands of people from all over the world. We were all dressed in the same clothing and begging Allah for **forgiveness**. I raised my hands and made **du'a** like never before.

I thought about all the sins I've done. I felt so small. But I also remembered that today is a day of mercy, the day Allah frees the most people from the **Hell-fire**. My heart **overflowed with love** when I thought of how Allah boasts about us to His angels, "Look at My servants; they came to me dishevelled and dusty."



I stood beneath the blazing sun and remembered the **Day of Judgement**, when we will all stand before Allah. No clothes, no money, no power: just us and our deeds.

A kind Palestinian man gave me fresh watermelon. It had never tasted so delicious and refreshing. I smiled thinking of my granddaughter Hawa: watermelon is her favourite fruit!

My legs ached, but I didn't want to sit down. I thought of our beloved Prophet ﷺ, standing in this very place over 1,400 years ago, raising his hands in du'a for hours and not even stopping when his camel's reins fell. That gave me strength. If he could make du'a for hours, with all his responsibilities, surely I could too.



Tears streamed down my face. I felt like a beggar asking his Lord for everything: for **forgiveness**, for protection from Jahannam and for entry into the highest level of Jannah.

As the sun began to set, a cool breeze swept over us. The peace I felt was unlike anything I've ever experienced. It felt like my heart had been washed clean.



How is the Day of 'Arafah similar to the Day of Judgement? Think about the weather, how people look, and what they are doing.



### *Journal Entry #7 Muzdalifah: Pebbles and Prayers*

Last night, we set off for **Muzdalifah** after maghrib. When we arrived, we prayed maghrib and 'isha together. I then collected 70 small pebbles and stored them in a little leather pouch.

There were no tents, and I felt a bit worried about how I would sleep in the open. As I lay on the ground, I started thinking about how one day I'll be lying under the ground in my **grave**. Will I be able to answer the angels when they question me? But I was so tired that, before I knew it, I drifted into a deep sleep. And guess what? Apparently, I was snoring loudly too!

In the morning, we woke up early, prayed fajr, and **stood making du'a** and doing dhikr until just before sunrise. Then we set off for Mina again.





### Task 1

Circle the correct answer.

- 1 The Day of 'Arafah is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the year, for pilgrims and non-pilgrims.
 

longest
best
busiest
  
- 2 The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "The best \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Day of 'Arafah."
 

tawaf
du'a
shaving the hair
  
- 3 The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "There is no day in which Allah sets **free more servants** from \_\_\_\_\_ than the Day of 'Arafah."
 

Hell-fire
Paradise
the grave
  
- 4 On the Day of 'Arafah, Allah سبحانه وتعالى gave our Ummah the best gift: He perfected the **din** of \_\_\_\_\_ and completed His favour upon us.
 

Christianity
Judaism
Islam



### Task 2

Write the name of each location and then write a secret under it.

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9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah

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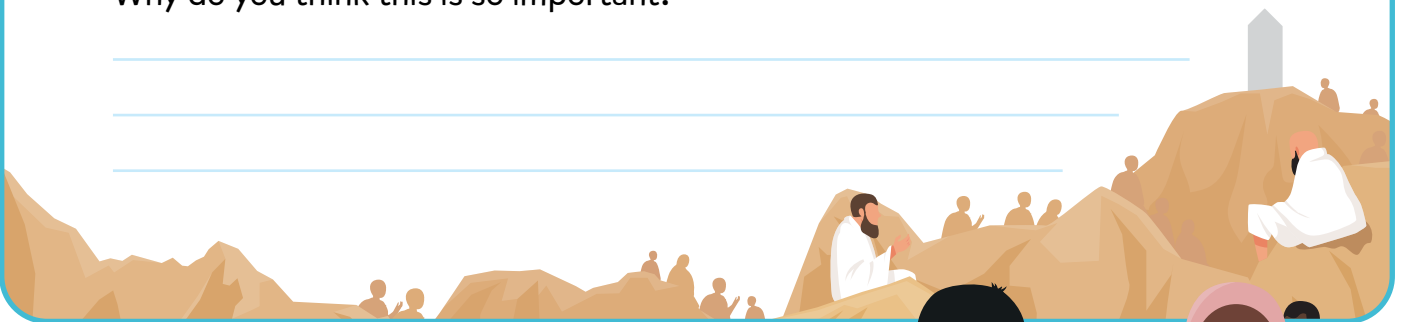
**Task 3**

Read the ayah below and answer the following questions.

فَإِذَا أَقْضَيْتُمْ مِّنْ عَرَفَاتٍ فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ عِنْدَ الْمَشْعَرِ الْحَرَامِ وَاذْكُرُوهُ كَمَا هَدَيْتُمْ  
وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مِّنْ قَبْلِهِ لَمِنَ الضَّالِّينَ

“...When you surge down from ‘Arafat, **remember Allah near al-Mash‘ar al-Haram** (i.e. Muzdalifah) and remember Him, as He has guided you, for surely before it, you were among the astray.” (Surah al-Baqarah:198)

- 1 Where are the people coming from in this verse?  
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- 2 What does the verse tell us to do when we reach Muzdalifah?  
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- 3 In this ayah, what does Allah سبحانه وتعالى want us to thank Him for?  
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- 4 One of the key purposes of hajj is **dhikr: remembering Allah**. Why do you think this is so important?  
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**I Act On What I Learn**

I will make as much du'a as I can on the Day of 'Arafah.



**P Progress Check**



1. What do pilgrims do on the 8th and 9th of Dhul Hijjah?
2. Why is the day of 'Arafah so special?
3. Mention a secret of staying in Mina, 'Arafah, and Muzdalifah.