

# The Big Day: 10th Dhul Hijjah

## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:

- List the actions of Yawmun-Nahr
- Reflect on the significance of udhiyah
- Summarise the secrets of the actions of Yawmun-Nahr

## Key Words

Udhiyah - أُضْحِيَّةٌ

Yawmun-Nahr (The Day of Sacrifice) - يَوْمُ النَّحْرِ

Tawaf al-Ifadah

## T Thinking Starter

What is your favourite thing in the world?  
Would you give it away to make Allah happy?



### Journal Entry #8 *Stoning the Jamarat: Saying No to Shaytan*

As we walked towards the jamarat in Mina, the atmosphere was buzzing. Everyone was saying the talbiyah and takbir loudly. My feet ached, but I could taste the sweetness of iman, and this kept me going. This was definitely one of the moments of hajj that will stay with me forever.

When we reached the **large jamrah**, I took out my leather pouch. As I threw each pebble saying 'Allahu Akbar,' I remembered Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام and how he stood firm against Shaytan. It reminded me that Shaytan is my enemy, and I must never forget that. I thought of how Shaytan is an evil sneak and is always out there to get me. Instead of listening to his whispers, I need to obey Allah and be a true and humble servant.

As I threw each stone, I felt like I was saying 'Allahu Akbar' not just with my tongue, but with my whole heart: Allah is greater than my bad habits, my sins, and my desires.



### Journal Entry #9 *Udhiyah: Submitting to God*

We then walked a mile towards an area where I sacrificed a goat. I said Allah's Name just as my beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم did when he carried out his sacrifice. I felt so grateful to Allah that I was able to carry out his sunnah



more than a thousand years later! I thought of Ibrahim عليه السلام: how **obedient** he was to Allah and how he **submitted** to Him without hesitation, even when the command was super hard. That's what it really means to be a true Muslim: putting Allah first, no matter what.

I thought about the times when I had struggled to truly **submit** to Allah. I asked Allah to help me love Him just like Ibrahim عليه السلام did, and to make me a true Muslim.

I gave some of the meat to the poor and kept some to cook for dinner. My tummy is rumbling!

**Udhiyah** is to sacrifice an animal for the sake of Allah. Pilgrims do this on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah which is Eid al-Adha. It is the greatest day of the year and is also called the **Day of Sacrifice (Yawmun-Nahr)**.

### *Journal Entry #10 Shaving My Head + Tawaf al-Ifadah*

Next, we went to the barber to **shave our heads**. I imagined every hair falling was wiping away a sin and adding a reward, just like the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said.

I was now out of my ihram! I then took a long bath. I really needed it after all the walking and sweating! I felt so fresh. I put on some perfume a friend had gifted me and wore a clean thobe. Then we started walking again – this time, back to Makkah!

There, I did **tawaf al-ifadah, the most important tawaf of hajj**. It was a mesmerising sight!

I saw so many people going around the Ka'bah, all praising Allah, declaring His Oneness, and making du'a.

My heart felt like it was bursting with love and awe for Allah. I had never felt this close to Him before. I prayed two rak'ah after the tawaf, drank some cool zamzam, and then did sa'y. After resting in the masjid for an hour, we set off once again – back to Mina!

In the middle of all this, I almost forgot it was Eid! I borrowed a Chinese brother's phone and called my family to say 'Eid Mubarak.' I spoke to some of them, but the twins sounded too excited with their presents to come to the phone.



"Finally we get a mention! I thought you forgot about us, Grandpa!" exclaimed Musa. Grandpa laughed. "Of course not! You were in every single du'a I made."



### Task 1



#### What am I?

Which action or place do these clues describe?

Sleep on the ground with stars above.

I'm not a game, but stones are thrown.  
I am where Shaytan is enraged.

Meat given to family, friends, and those with less to eat.

Snip, snip; my head is bare!

Tents stretch out as far as you can see.



### Task 2

Fill in the gaps using the words below:

blood

Allah

hearts

udhiyah

obey

The main purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ is to develop **taqwa**. Taqwa means being mindful of \_\_\_\_\_ and trying your best to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. This is also one of the most important goals of hajj. Allah asks us to worship Him in special ways so that our \_\_\_\_\_ become stronger, and we stay away from doing wrong.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهَ لُحُومُهَا وَلَا دِمَاؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ

“Their meat or their \_\_\_\_\_ never reaches Allah, but what does reach Him is your taqwa.” (Surah al-Hajj:37)



Udhiyah reminds us to ‘sacrifice’ (give up things) for Allah, for example giving up sleep by waking up early to pray fajr salah. What else can you sacrifice to please Allah?

 **Task 3**

Shaykh Ahmad is preparing a hajj coursebook for the pilgrims this year. He has reached the 10th of Dhul Hijjah and would like your help! Help him complete his research by writing down the secrets of these actions from the paragraphs above.



**The Secrets of Stoning the Jamarat**

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**The Secrets of Sacrifice**

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**The Secrets of Shaving**

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**The Secrets of Tawaf**

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**I Act On What I Learn**

I will make sacrifices to make Allah happy and be His true servant.



**P Progress Check** 

1. What do pilgrims do on Yawmun-Nahr?

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2. What is the purpose of udhiyah?

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3. List three secrets of the actions of Yawmun-Nahr.

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