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# Zainabi Kids Magazine

Opportunities slide away like clouds.

~Saying of Prophet Muhammad  
(S.A.W)

# Asalaamualaikum!

Welcome to the fifth issue of Zainabi Kids Magazine! Did you look at the cover picture? There are clouds, but don't they look like words? If you know how to read Arabic, the clouds say the word Allah! Isn't that a miracle? Allah has so many miracles! They are all so pretty to hear about and see. Just like color!



If you love color, you're in luck! This month's theme is Rainbows and Color! Learn how to make a real rain stick that sounds like the rain, and read

a story about making a color box. Read a poem about all the colors too.

Then meet 3 children, Zainab, Zaynab, and Zain who will lead you to a whole lot of fun!

All this any much, much more when you turn the page!



# A colorful poem

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Here's a Poem I made. See if you can find all the colorful things in this poem! Enjoy!

*What is a rainbow? What is a rainbow?  
What is the colorful beam of light?  
It has reds, and yellows, and purple too!  
It also has green orange and blue!  
Let's see the colors of a rainbow:*

*Red for the apples, red for the ants, red for a beautiful  
evening sky*

*Orange, for an orange! Orange for a pumpkin, orange for a  
basketball too*

*Yellow for the sun, yellow for the stars, yellow for shining  
light so that you can see*

*Green for the grass, green for the tree, green for the thumb  
that plants flowers with glee*

*Blue for the sea, blue for the clear sky, blue for blueberry  
pie!*

*Purple for the grapes, for some flowers too, purple for  
squished berries too.*

*Now we all know, how colors go,  
From red and green  
And everything in between  
And then we thank  
We thank Allah  
For blessing our world with beautiful color*

# Colorful Art!

You need:

A blank white or sky blue piece of paper

Cotton

Pieces of scrap paper in all colors of the rainbow.

Glue

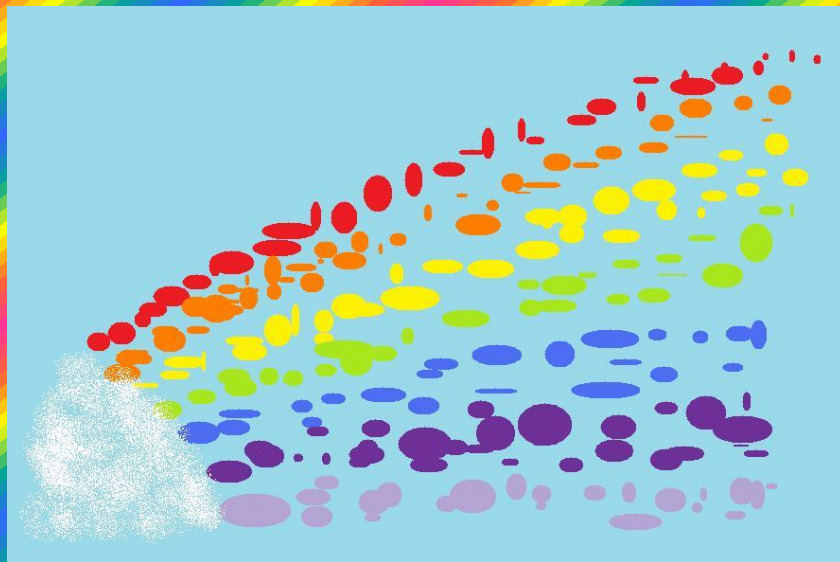
Directions:

First you need to roll the small pieces of scrap paper in small balls.

Glue the red ones in one arched line, the orange ones below, the yellow ones next, and so on in the sequence of a rainbow.

Below, put pieces of cotton on the bottom for clouds. If you want, you can put some glitter glue on for a nice sparkly addition.

Enjoy your rainbow!



# Meet Zain, Zaynab, and Zainab!

Zain, Zaynab, and Zainab are three brother and sisters who are as curious as you are! The love sharing stories, activities with their friends! Here's a little about them:



**Zainab** Asalaamualaikum, my name is Zainab! I'm 11 years old. I love to write and draw! I really love making books! I'm really smart, and love a great challenge! I like figuring things out and learning new things. That's my special talent. And I love to share with everyone what I learn! Thanks for meeting me!



**Zain** Salaam! I'm Zain! I love learning about my religion! And I'm so glad to be part of this magazine! I'm 9 years old. I love science and writing reports. I love making up fun games too. I really love playing sports. That's why I love making up my own games! It was a pleasure meeting you!



**Zaynab** Asalaam! My name is Zaynab, spelled with a Y! I'm 7 years old and I'm the youngest of my family. I love to make crafts, create recipes, and draw! I'm really good at making people feel good about themselves. Just because I'm small, doesn't mean that I have a small heart. I love animals, and great humans alike! I hope we meet again! See you later!



Zainabi Studios Presents...

# Rainbow in a Box

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*Asalaamualaikum! My name is Zainab, and this is my sister Zaynab, and this is my brother Zain. We would like to tell you a story about a box that made our friend Maryam's teacher happy. Read and enjoy!*

Maryam stared blankly at the shoebox that was set out in front of her. Her teacher had said to create this shoebox into a piece of art, but what? Her friend Sonya said that she would turn it into a terrarium and her neighbor Muhummad said that he would make a science experiment with it. But she needed an idea that was different. She needed something creative to win first place!

Then a girl named Mina said, "Maryam can't do this project! She'll never find an idea!"

Mina was not very nice. She pushed kids and said mean things. Maryam tried to not listen to Mina but her words kept ringing in her head!

Maryam sighed. This was a really hard assignment. How would she ever find something good? Just as she was walking, a red flash flickered from the sky to the ground. Maryam bent down and picked it up. It was a small red leaf. Maryam stroked it and admired its beauty. She put it in the box. She could use it to decorate her art project. Maryam

scouted around and found more of them and put them all in the box.

Then, Maryam walked on home.

Then, she felt something fall on her head. *Ping!* It made small noise. Maryam scratched her head. On it was something really small and hard. She picked it up and it was a small orange acorn. It was so shiny and so beautiful! Maryam picked some more from the tree where it had fallen from and put it in her shoebox. It would come in handy one day!

Maryam continued on her walk. Suddenly, she tripped! Maryam fell face flat on the ground! She moaned and rubbed her head. Between the cracks in the sidewalk was when she noticed some yellow dandelions. Maryam picked a few and admired all the small specks of yellow. She picked a few more and put them in her little box.

Maryam had so many things in her little box. She could use a bit more, Maryam stuffed some beautiful clovers shaded to just the right shade of green and some spiky green grass too. She packed in some blue flowers and purple violets on her way home. They were all so beautiful and each one unique made by Allah.

Then, out of breath, Maryam reached home. She opened the door and sat on the chair. She put her box on the table and sighed. This art project would be a failure! How could she finish this assignment? Maryam dumped out the objects on the marble countertop. She had red leaves, orange acorns, green clovers as well as green grass too. Yellow dandelions, and purple and blue violets too.

Suddenly an idea popped to her head. This was great!



Maryam grabbed some glue and scissors and started to make something great...

Maryam walked to school the next day with the small shoebox in her arms. She had a big wide grin on her face and couldn't wait to show the class what she had made. Then she saw someone on the streets. It was a small girl with short brown hair sitting and crying to herself. Maryam raced up to her. The girl stood up. It was Mina! What would Mina do to her now?

Maryam thought Mina looked really angry but Mina was actually sad.

"My pet fish died yesterday and I'm really sad," Mina sniffed.

Maryam who was about to run away sat down next to Mina. She felt a tinge of kindness rush through her. "That's okay Mina, I used to have a cat and she died to."

"Really?"

"Yes. Then I looked at the rainbow and I felt better again.

"Rainbow?"

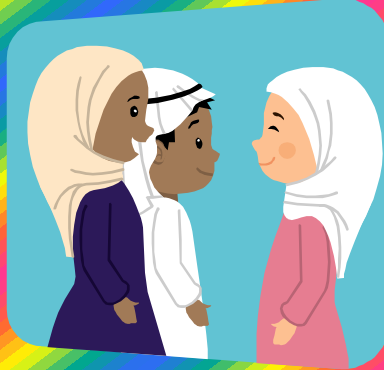
Maryam just remembered something! She quickly took out her homework...

"The winner is... Maryam!"

Maryam smiled and thanked Allah. She looked at her beautiful shoebox which had been painted blue and had been covered with the things she had found, all of them placed in rows to look like little rainbows! But her prize was making Mina's day special and winning her friendship.



# Question and Answers!



**Zainab:** Asalaamualaikum! How did you like the story?

**Zaynab:** It was great! I loved how she made the shoebox in the end!

**Zain:** Let's go and ask Maryam some questions about the story!

**Maryam:** Asalaamualaikum, Zainab, Zaynab, and Zain!

**Zain:** Walaukum Salaam! We have some questions. So is Mina your friend now?

**Maryam:** Yes, Mina is my friend, we play a lot together! Mina is actually is a good girl. She isn't mean to me anymore. She was just pretty lonely.

**Zaynab:** Awesome! So what did you get when you won?

**Maryam:** I didn't get anything much, a little candy from the teacher, but I *did* get a new friend!

**Zainab:** Yup, that is a really great prize! So why did you want to tell this story?

**Maryam:** I wanted to tell everyone that Allah has put beauty into everything and that every small detail, is so important! Thanks for reading!

**Zain, Zaynab, Zaynab:** Allah Hafiz!



# Make Way for Rain!

Tons of fun stuff to do in the rain! All in the next page!



In winter, spring, fall, or maybe, just maybe even in summer, you'll find some rain some day. Most people don't like rain. But here are some rainy day activities to brighten up your day!

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# Rainy Day Fun!



**Buckets of Rain Game** You need two or more friends for this. Each player needs one bowl. Each player puts the bowl out in the rain. The first bowl to fill up wins!

**Catch Those Drops** This game can be played alone or you can play it with a friend or two. Set the timer to one minute and try to catch those raindrops in your mouth. Count each drop. The one who has the most wins! Or you could try to beat each other's records or set a record of your own!

## *Ice Art*

All you need to do is go out to go out and find some rain water. Put some rainwater in a small **clear** glass. Then, put a pretty green leaf or a flower in the water. Then put it in the freezer for a few hours. When you take it out, you'll see a beautiful ice sculpture with a pretty leaf or flower on the top or inside!



## **Walking in the Rain**

Go for a walk in your neighborhood and carry a pencil and paper with you. Draw all the things you see that are wet with the rain such as trees and grass and roads. Then, take a walk again another day when it is sunny again. Draw the same things again. Did your drawings change?

## **Rainbow Watch**

The easiest and the best thing you can probably do is watch for a rainbow after all that rain. See who finds it first. A rainbow is the award after all the rain!

You can also read books about rain and rainbows in your local or school library. You'll learn so much about these interesting topics!

*You can always make some comics, or write a story or draw a picture for Zainabi Magazine too! Or you could play an adventure game with you being trapped in a rainy island! There's so much to do!*

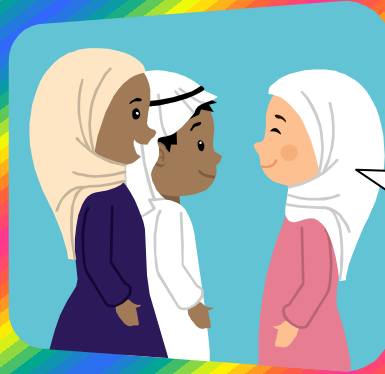
# Cover Picture Cover Picture



The picture above is the cover for next month. Do you have any sayings for next month you would like to have on the cover? They have to be said by the 14 Masumeen or have to be religious. If you have one of your own, you can still tell us, but it has to be Islamic related or a really encouraging saying.

Email your sayings to  
[zainabmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:zainabmagazine@gmail.com)

# Colorful Cooking!



I'm hungry after reading about all these colorful things. Hey, let's cook something colorful!!!

## Magical Rainbow Cookies!

### You Need:

M&Ms

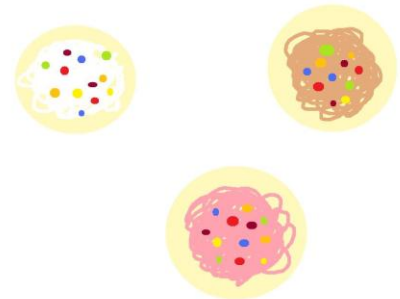
Ready made sugar cookies (or you can make your own!)

Cake frosting

Butter knife (ask parents for help if you're under 9)

### Directions:

1. Spread frosting on the sugar cookie. With the butter knife. Try to even out the frosting. You can have any color of frosting you'd like! In the end, it will look a rainbow!
2. Choose different colors of M&Ms and stick them onto the frosting. It is good to have a variety of colors!
3. You can put the cookies in the fridge to make it nice and cold, or eat it fresh! Enjoy this DELICIOUS rainbow treat!



# Make a rainstick!

“This stick is magical!” Zain told Zaynab  
He tilted the stick.”

*Pittttttter Pitter* a noise came out of the stick!

“That sounds just like rain!” said Zaynab. She was amazed!

“That’s because it’s a rainstick!” said her sister Zainab

“Can you show me how to make one?” she asked.

## You need:

1. The empty cardboard filling of a paper towel roll.
2. Two small paper circles that cover a little more than the area of the top of the paper towel roll filling
3. Dry Beans or Macaroni.
4. Tape

## Directions:

1. Put one of the two small circles on the base of the cardboard paper towel roll. Tape it there.
2. Put some beans or macaroni on it.
3. Tape the other circle on the top of the cardboard paper towel roll. Tape it.
4. Make sure that the circles are safely secured before slowly moving the rainstick back and forth. Or else, the beans or macaroni may come out.
5. You can draw on the cardboard too. Enjoy your rainy day surprise for any day!







Zainabi Studios presents...

# The Color Wall

**Hi, it's me, Zaynab! I'll tell you a story about my mom. Her name is Zayna. Enjoy!**

*"Guess what! We made a colorful mural on the brick wall at school today!" said Zaynab happily to her mother.*

*"Why, that reminds me of the time we did the same thing!" said her mother. "Let me tell you a story..."*

Zayna was walking from school one day. She tried taking a different path to home, thinking it was a shortcut.

Zayna grew further from the colorful city and arrived to see coal black buildings, gray streets and absolutely no plants! Just dead weeds.

"Where am I?" Zayna whispered.

Just then, from behind her came a shout. "BOO!"

"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!" Zayna screamed. She looked behind her. It was a girl with a torn dress and a worn out grey hijab.

"W-Why is it so d-d-dull here?"

"Colors. We don't need colors. Our mayor banned colors and happiness a long time ago."

"Banned colors?"

"Yes. He didn't like it. It hurt his eyes. He hated fun and joy."

Even the girl's voice was dull. There was no joy in this town.

She quickly changed the subject. "Do you know how I can get to school? I've lost my way."

"Oh, the colorful building. It's that way."

Colorful? Her school was only brown and red with bricks.

It was true this girl had never seen color before.

\*\*\*\*\*At home\*\*\*\*\*

School had ended and Zayna had spent the entire day thinking about the dull gray town. It was like a fairytale. Was she dreaming? This just couldn't be true. As for her friend, all the emotions had drowned out of her. She stared at the bucket of paint. An idea came to her. A light bulb flashed in her mind as yellow as the tin of sunny yellow paint.

\*\*\*\*\*Walking to school\*\*\*\*\*

Zayna took the shortcut again to school, this time she knew exactly where to go. The girl was still there, churning some moldy butter.

"Asalaamualaikum," she said briskly, trying to juggle the cans of paint behind her back.

"Hi," said the girl feeling no emotion.

Zayna set the paint cans down in front of her.

The girl sucked in some air. "What are you doing. Wait until I tell the mayor what you are going to do."

Zayna sent her hand across her lips as fast as lightning.

"Ssssh! You'll like it!"

Zayna dabbed colors onto the dull moldy wall. First red, then orange, yellow, green, and blue. Indigo and finally Violet. And sky blue for the background.

The girl watched amazed at the color. "It-it-it's amazing!" her voice said amazed. It wasn't dull anymore! "Wait till I show the mayor!"

Zayna's heart throbbed in her chest. Was she in trouble?

The girl brought the mayor, jumping excitedly. The mayor balled a fist, but when he looked at it, his face turned into something like a smile.

"Amazing! Astonishing! I now break my father's old rule and make a set of new rules. Let's put some color into our town!"

The town awoke and children, adults, young and old, boy and girl, rich and poor started to take the cans and color the town.

Now when Zayna passed the town every day to and from school, she passed with a smile on her face. The town she passed

every day smiled too. It was the most colorful town she had ever been to! Just a while ago, it was the dullest!

Zayna went forward to school passing a marble sign. Crossed out were the words: *Grey town. Grey speaks for itself.* Plastered onto those words were the words: *Color town! Proud to be united with Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet!*

**Moral: Either a town, or a person, if someone is feeling grey and dull, unhappy and sad, brighten up their day! It's like making a rainbow of colors.**

*"Mother? Was that story actually real?" asked Zaynab eagerly.*

*"It wasn't, but somewhere in the world, some good person is making someone else's life, a little more colorful. And that's real!"*

*"Just like you are right now, mom!" said Zaynab happily.*



# Coming Up Next Month!

**I didn't do it!** A kid in Zain's class keeps on blaming things on Zain. But it wasn't Zain's fault! How can he tell the teacher without breaking his friendship with that boy?

**I wish I could be...** Zaynab loves animals, and she wants to feel how to be one and stay out of homework and chores. What happens when she turns into one?

Zainab, Zaynab, and Zainab have gotten an airplane for their birthday! Watch as they travel around Islamic cities! The first destination is Makkah! Read what adventures they will have!

It's the holy month of Muhurram! Come and read more about this holy month and what happened!

***This and much more next month!***

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# Help us out



A good idea is how everything starts. For example, a small story you wrote for no reason can become a best selling story! A piece of art you drew in art class can be in a museum!

We need your ideas! Send us your stories, crafts, recipes, poems, art, comments, questions or other creations to our email address at

[zainabmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:zainabmagazine@gmail.com)

Please make sure they are appropriate for children that are ages 6-11. Ask your parents to email us your work of art! I would love to put in your entry!



# Zainabi Kids Corner

Done reading already! Have you zipped through all the crafts and suggestions and given me some too? Want some more? Check out the Zainabi Kids Corner at Zainab.org where you can check out some cool games and learn how to do wudhu too! Do you attend Zainab Islamic School? You can check out some of *your* presentations from school! It's so neat! Have some fun while you wait for my next magazine to come out. You can also find a link to my magazine too!

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Thank You for reading! I'll See you next month!



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