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“He Whose Conducts are bad is tormenting himself.” – Imam Sadiq (a.s)

Asalaam Alykum Readers!

Maybe you're reading this issue in Rajab, or maybe Muharram! Or maybe perhaps even in Ramadan! Well, I'd like you to know that the theme of this issue is Ramadan and Fasting! Yes, I wrote this magazine a while before Ramadan, and we can't wait till you enjoy this as much as you enjoy the holy season of Ramadan! Also, for a fun fact, I started Zainab Magazine around this time last year. So let's wish a Very Happy Birthday to Zainabi Kid's Magazine!



In this issue we will chat with the month of Ramadan itself, read a story about fasting, and even visit the city of Medina! So sit back and relax and read!

Zaynab Zainab Zain

Zehra Jafri

Interviewing: Ramadan!

Zainab: Asalaam Alaykum everyone! Today, we've invited a special guest named Ramadan! Ramadan is one of the 12 special Islamic months. So let's get started! Asalaam Alaykum Ramadan!



Ramadan: Walaykum Asalaam Zainabi Kids Magazine and Zainab!

Zain: Walaykum Asalaam to you too. Ramadan, I was wondering, why do you consider yourself a special month?

Ramadan: I consider myself special, because Allah made me such a wonderful month! In Ramadan, children, adults, everyone fasts and I think that fasting is a very wonderful thing indeed!

Zaynab: I think so too! I'm going to be fasting for the first time in your glorious month Ramadan! What

else besides fasting is very special to you, Ramadan?

Ramadan: One night, in this holy month, the Holy Quran was revealed. That is why Ramadan is such a special month! The Quran is special too!

Zainab: Yes, that is certainly very special! Ramadan, I think that you are very special. Can you tell us about fasting?



Zaynab: Yes, tell us about fasting! I'd love to learn about that, and when I was little, I thought fasting is just starving yourself!

Ramadan: It is certainly *not* starving yourself! Fasting is much more! When I fast, I think more about Allah. I feel closer to Allah. I give thanks to Allah for giving me food. I think of how hungry Imam Hussain and his family and companions must have been at Kerbala. Fasting makes me not only become a better Muslim, but actually makes you feel like a better Muslim.

Zain: Those are some words of wisdom Ramadan! Now when I'll fast, I'll think of what you said today.

Zainab: Yes, me too! I can't wait until Ramadan starts tomorrow!

Zaynab: Me too! I'll be so excited! Let's keep watch for the new moon everyone! Also, I'll be fasting for the first time tomorrow! I can't wait!

Ramdan: Fasting for the first time is a very great time indeed! I've seen *many* people fast for the first time, and they have had many pleasant experiences too! You'll have one too, Zaynab. For now, I have to go. Allah Hafiz!

Zaynab, Zainab, and Zain: Allah Hafiz!



Salaam To Ramadan!

Salaam to Ramadan, Salaam to Ramadan
Salaam to Fasting, Salaam oh Salaam!
Salaam to Praying, Salaam oh Salaam!
Salaam to Ramadan, Salaam to
Ramadan!

Say Salaam to Ramadan! Let's
say Salaam
Let's say Salaam, everyone,
Come on!

Salaam to Ramadan, Salaam to
Ramadan

Salaam to Allah, Salaam oh Salaam
Salaam to the Quran, Salaam oh Salaam
Salaam to Ramadan, Salaam to Ramadan

Salaam everyone! Say Salaam to Ramadan!
Salaam is coming, give a cheer, say Salaam
We'll be fasting, every day, every time!
We'll be praying, every day, it'll be fine!
We'll recite Quran, it'll be great!
Ramadan is here, don't be late!



Ramadan Word Search

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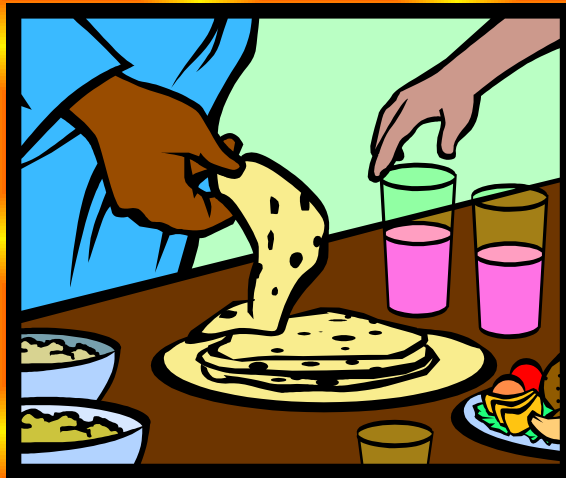
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Zaynab's First Fast

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Hello! My name is Zaynab! Today, I fasted for the very first time! I was very excited! Read my story to find out more!



“Wake up Zaynab! Today is the first day of Ramadan!” said Zaynab’s mother.

Zaynab mumbled in her sleep and tossed and turned. Finally she woke up. “Mother! I’m sleepy!” she yawned.

Zain and Zainab tried waking Zaynab up. “Wake up Zaynab! It’s time to wake up!”

Finally, Zaynab tossed her blanket away and woke up. She looked outside. It was very dark! “You all woke me up very early!” she moaned.

Zain and Zainab and mother laughed. “Don’t you want to fast? If you want to fast, you have to wake up early!”

Zaynab thought about that for a moment. She wanted to fast.

Every year she tried, but she never quite did it. She'd always been hungrier and hungrier! "Fine I'll fast." She said.

Mother got her food for her as she brushed her teeth. Then she ate every morsel and crumb on her plate. She didn't want to be hungry the whole day, after all!

The day went by slowly and slowly. Zaynab moaned. "Mom, what if I drink a *little* bit of water!" she asked.

Her mother shook her head. "Well, if you want to break your fast..."

Zaynab shook her head. "No, I want to keep my fast!"

Zaynab's mom smiled. "Then you shouldn't drink or eat at all. This is a test from Allah."

Zaynab nodded solemnly. "Okay mother." Her mother smiled wider. "Good job Zaynab. Allah will be very happy!"

Zaynab felt motivated, and fought off the urge to drink or eat food and water. It reminded her of Imam Hussain (A.S) in Kerbala, without any water. She felt like she was in the desert, but she had to do it for Islam. This powered her up, almost like a delicious cookie!

The sky was getting darker, and hours had passed by without Zaynab knowing it!

Zaynab's parents smiled. "It's time!"

Zaynab looked up from the Quran that she was reading.

"What do you mean?" Zaynab asked.

"Why, it's time for prayer!" Zaynab's mother smiled.

After praying Maghrib and Isha prayers, it was Iftaari time! That meant eating! Zaynab sat down and read the dua. For once, she felt so thankful for food! Zaynab wondered about the poor children who didn't have food. That made Zaynab very sad, and thanked Allah for food, a wonderful family, and a home. The list could go on! As Zaynab crunched down on her bread, she thought of how hard it was for Imam Hussain (A.S.) in Kerbala, without food and water.

"Mother, I am very glad that I fasted today!" Zaynab smiled.

Mother nodded. "how come?"

Zaynab smiled and everyone listened. "Because it brings me closer to Allah, and I see the world a little differently now, and it's a great thing!"

Everyone laughed humbly. "Oh Zaynab, you are such a kind girl, Alhamdulillah."

Zaynab smiled. "Mom, I can't believe I'm saying this, but I can't wait until tomorrow, I want to fast again!"

Art Corner

This wonderful art was sent by Zainabi Kids Magazine readers like you!



Ramadan Mubarak!



Makkah



Ramadan

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More works of art

Here is some poetry written by Zainabi Kids Magazine viewers like you!

*Dil ki aankhoon se kaam leta hon
Us kay daman ko thaam leta hon
Door hoti hain sari Mushkalain
Jab bhi Mola Ali ka naam leta hon*

*Ali ka martaba kia hai Nabi jaany Khuda jaanay
Hamar aqal hai mehdood Hum jaanain to kia jaanay
Lahad me mujh ko sonay do Farishtoo mujh se mat poocho
Sar e Mehshar mera kia ho mera Mushkil Kusha jaanay
Agar sunana hai kuch mujh se to bus Naad e Ali sun lo
Phir is kay baad tum jaano mera Hajat Rawa jaanay*

~Sent from S M Kabeer

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Destination Medina!

Part 2

*Asalaam Alaykum! I'm Zaynab. Guess what? For my birthday a really long time ago, I got a toy airplane. I never opened it until today. It was just a toy, right? That's what I thought. Until a few days ago when I opened it! It was actually a **real airplane!** My sister and brother and I flew to the holy city of Makkah, but this time, we're going to Medina! Join us for an adventure of a lifetime!*

"Where are we going now?" I asked Zain.

Zain started the plane. "Why, we're going to go to Medina of course!"

Zainab smiled. "Oh Medina! We learned about that in Islamic School! I think it's a great place, and I'd love to go there!"

The plane flew higher and higher. "Well we're going there right now! Fasten your seatbelts everyone, because our next destination is...MEDINA!" Zain said happily.

I looked out the window, as the wonderful landscape flew past. First a dry scorching desert flew past and the sky was a vivid blue. Then buildings popped up as if someone had sprinkled seeds, and put instant fertilizer on them to grow. The streets were really busy as grocers sold their fresh produce to eager buyers. My mouth watered as I stared at the dates a girl popped in her mouth. It was such a unique city, full of life!

Zain pulled out a tourist guide, labeled

THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF MEDINA

This wonderful city is one of the wonderful holy cities in Islam! The Holy Prophet (SAW) was buried here. Medina was known as Yathrib before, but is still a wonderful city as it was back in the times of the Holy Prophet! Why, Medina itself means City! Madinatun Nabi means city of the prophet, which it truly is. As you tour Medina, see the wonderful sights and smells as all your senses enlighten in this wonderful city!

“Aha! I knew it was a great city!” Zainab said.

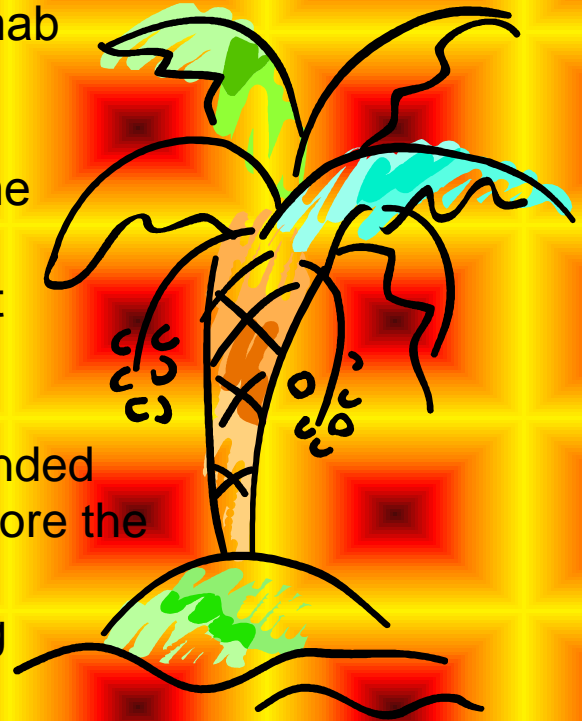
“Well, it is, of course! Where do you want to go?” Zain asked, scanning the area.

“Let’s go to...” I looked around. “That mountain!” I pointed to a towering mountain.

Zain flew to the mountain, and we landed near the bottom. Then we set to explore the mountain.

Zainab flipped the tour guide, looking for where we her. “Aha!” she said.

“Mount Uhud! I knew it looked familiar! We learned about this in Islamic School too!”



Mount Uhud—Medina

Mount Uhud’s features are as captivating as its history. This is where the Battle of Uhud took place on 3rd Shawwal 3 AH. The battle was between Abu Sufyan’s army and Prophet Muhammad’s (SAW) army. Located 5 miles from Medina, this mountain is about 142 meters high, and is a great attraction in Medina! If you have time, it is a must see for all tourists visiting Medina.

Zain smiled. “Mount Uhud is certainly a great mountain, and that’s a fact!”

I looked at the dirt hills of Mt. Uhud. “To think...the holy

prophet was here at one time! This mountain has a special meaning to it! No doubt!”

Zainab nodded her head. “That is very true Zainab! This mountain is one of Allah’s magnificent bounties, and is a very wonderful one too!”

“Well, where should we go next?” asked Zain.

“Well, let’s eat something first!” Zainab laughed. “I certainly am hungry!”

“Agreed!” I laughed.

We flew to the city, and landed in an open area. Then, we raced to a man selling fresh dates. My mouth watered instantly!

“That will be 11,000 dinars please!” The man said. “Thank you for coming, and may Allah bless.”

We said Allah Hafiz to the man, and ate our dates. I started with “Bismillah!” and ended eating with “Shukran Alhamdulillah!”

The dates were energy packed and juicy, motivating us to go see more places. After we were all done, we started the plane again.

“How about going to a mosque?” Zainab asked.

“Yeah... which one? There are tons of mosques!”

I looked around, and indeed there were many mosques!

Finally, we looked by foot and aimed to go to the first mosque we saw, which was masjid-e-nabawi! It had a beautiful green dome, and was an amazing site! We went inside and prayed. It was so big and so wonderful!

“In Islamic School, we learned that this is the 2nd most holiest place! The first being the Holy Kaaba. This is the



home of the prophet too, which makes it really special!”
Zainab said.

I nodded. “This is certainly a wonderful place! Just like the rest of Medina!”

As we climbed into the airplane, I buckled my seatbelt, viewing Medina from above.

“Where to next?” I asked Zain.

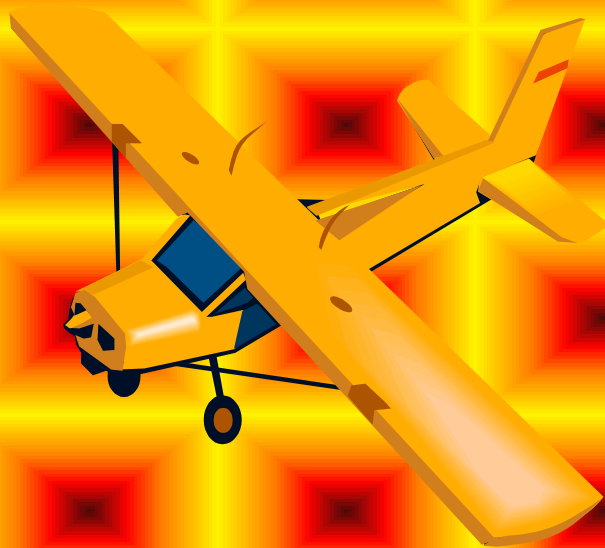
“Next stop...I don’t know?” Zain thought a moment.

Zainab smiled. “I know just where to go!”

Zain and Zainab switched seats, and Zainab prepared to pilot the plane.

“Next stop, Kerbala!”

To be CONTINUED...



Next Time...

It's almost Muharram! The next issue is all about Muharram! Join us in commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (A.S.), his family, and his companions.



Join our fictional friends, Zain, Zainab, and Zaynab as they set off to their next destination, Kerbala! Learn more about Kerbala, and what qualities make it so special and unique.



Look forward to many poems, and stories relating to Muharram!

All this and many more in the next issue!

Thank You!

The image shows the Arabic word 'شكرا' (Shukra) written in a bold, black, stylized calligraphic font. The word is centered within a yellow rectangular frame that has a decorative border with small yellow dots and wavy lines. The entire frame is set against a background of a repeating pattern of red and yellow squares.

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