

Activity 1. The Amazing Journey

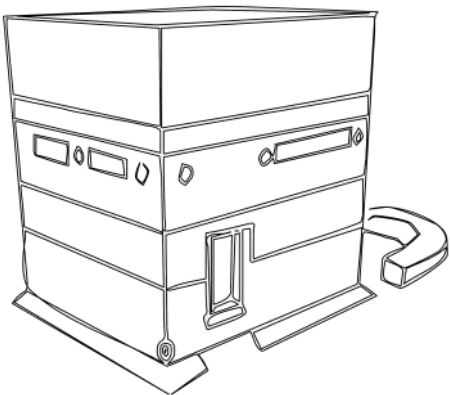
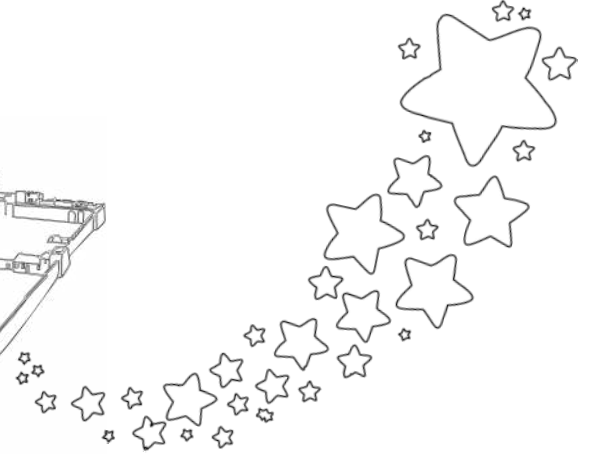


Jannah

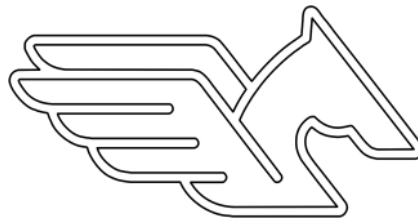
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Jerusalem



Makkah



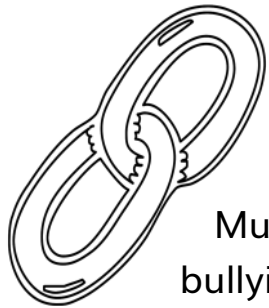
The Buraq is a special animal from Jannah which can travel as far as the eye can see with one single leap.

Al-Isra wal-Miraj was our Prophet Muhammad's amazing night journey. He travelled from **Makkah** to **Masjid Al-Aqsa** and then ascended up to the **heavens** before returning back to **Makkah!**

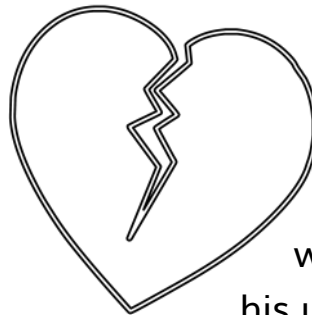
Before the Journey Began...

Al Isra wal Miraj took place during a time when our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was facing great hardship and pain.

BULLY



The people of Makkah were hard to the Muslims. They were bullying, hurting, and imprisoning the Muslims. Some of the Muslims even died!



SADNESS

Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ wife Khadija ﷺ and his uncle in the same year passed away. This was known as The Year of Sadness.



TA'IF

Our Prophet ﷺ travelled to Ta'if to teach them about Islam. The leaders of Ta'if rejected the message and ordered some people to chase out and hurt him our Prophet ﷺ.

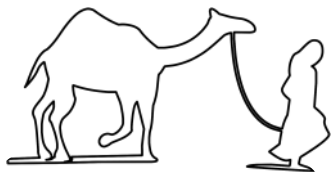


It was during these hard times that Allah Taala showed His power and mercy to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ by taking him on the most amazing and incredible journey of Al-Isra wal-Miraj.



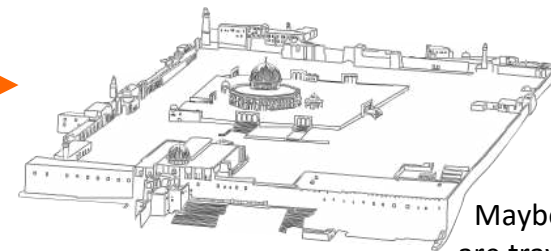
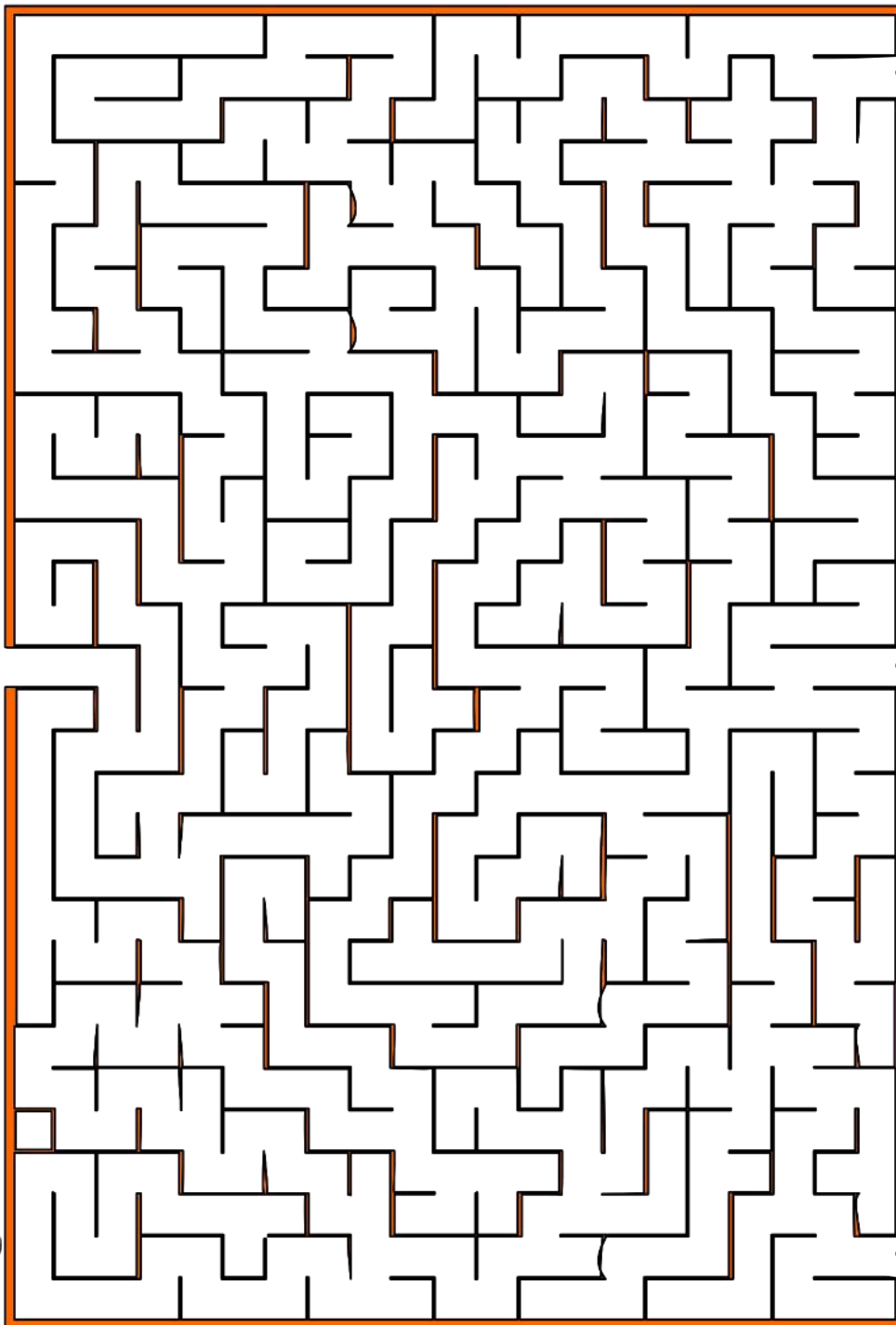
WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

In the past, people travelled through the desert together as a 'caravan' with camels carrying their goods.



The camels were ideal for travelling through the hot dry desert but it took a long time to travel because camels are slow.

They were not as quick as the Buraq! **Can you do this Puzzle quicker than the Buraq?**

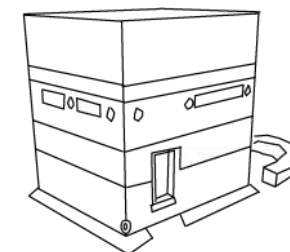


Maybe they are travelling to visit the beautiful Masjid al-Aqsa.



They may stop over in Madina for rest before they travel on.

They may even eat some delicious dates.

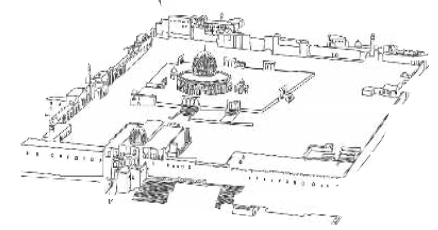


Are they travelling to Makkah? Maybe they want to perform Hajj or Umrah.



I would love to visit **Masjid Al-Aqsa**. Can you draw me a picture and tell me about it?

Al Isra Wal Miraj



About Masjid Al-Aqsa

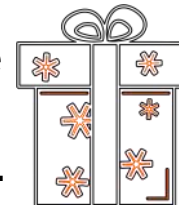
On the journey of Al-Isra wal-Miraj, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ did and saw some wonderful things. This included



He visited Masjid Al-Aqsa, a place he loved very much.



He met Allah who gave him a wonderful gift of the five daily Salah.

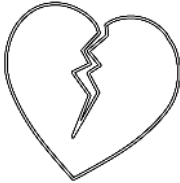


He met many prophets.



Al-Isra wal Miraj

It had been a tough time for the Muslims in Makkah. They were suffering many difficulties and hardships. The people of Makkah were being particularly bad to them.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had also suffered some personal tragedy with the death of Khadija ؓ, his beloved wife and friend. His uncle, Abu Talib, who had provided him protection and support, had also passed away in the same year.

Our story begins with the Angel Jibrael ؑ waking up our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Jibrael ؑ took him to Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem.



Muhammad ﷺ travelled on the Buraq which was a special animal from Jannah.

They travelled to Masjid Al-Aqsa where our beloved Prophet ﷺ performed Salah with all of the prophets from the past. Our Prophet ﷺ was the Imam while all the prophets followed him.



After this miraculous meeting, Muhammad ﷺ continued the journey by ascending through the heavens. On the way, he met many prophets and the angels that guarded each heaven.



Passing the last heaven, they reached the Lote tree (Sidratul Muntaha). Prophet Muhammad ﷺ continued the journey on his own as Jibrael ؑ could not go any further.

Muhammad ﷺ spoke with Allah and was given a gift of the five daily Salah.

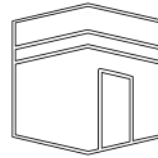


Initially, it was fifty Salah but on his return journey through the heavens, Musa ؑ advised him that fifty was too many for the people. He advised our Prophet ﷺ to go back to Allah ﷻ to have it reduced.

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Our Prophet went back to Allah and the Salah was reduced to forty-five.

Again Musa ؑ advised our Prophet ﷺ to have the Salah reduced. This happened a number of times until it was reduced to five daily Salah.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ saw many sites on his journey through the heavens. He saw the people of Jannah and Jahannam.

He saw some of the people of Jahannam receiving punishment for the bad things they did.

On his return journey, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ travelled back to Makkah. He saw the caravans travelling to Makkah, their camels laden with goods to sell at the markets.

When Muhammad ﷺ returned, he told the people about this journey that he had made in only a short part of the night.

They were surprised and some even mocked Muhammad ﷺ about this journey.



They said that no one had travelled to Masjid Al-Aqsa so quickly, it would take many weeks not a small part of a night!



They asked him to describe Masjid Al-Aqsa. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ described the Masjid Al-Aqsa in perfect detail.

He told them about the caravans that were coming to Makkah soon. He even described the content of one of the caravans.



A few days later, when the caravans began to arrive, they were amazed because it was exactly as Muhammad ﷺ had described them.