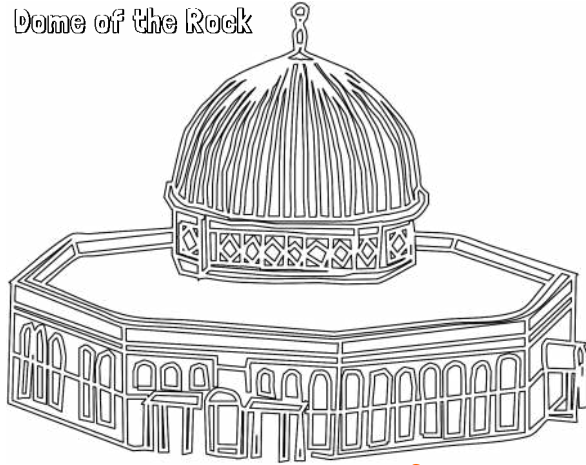


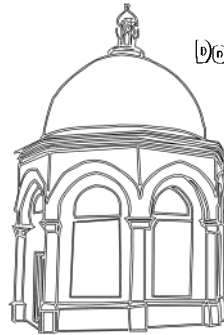
Activity 4. MASJID AL-AQSA

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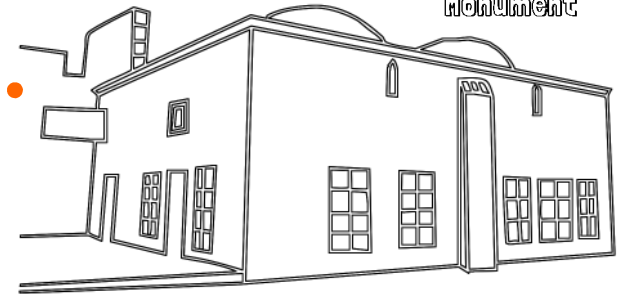
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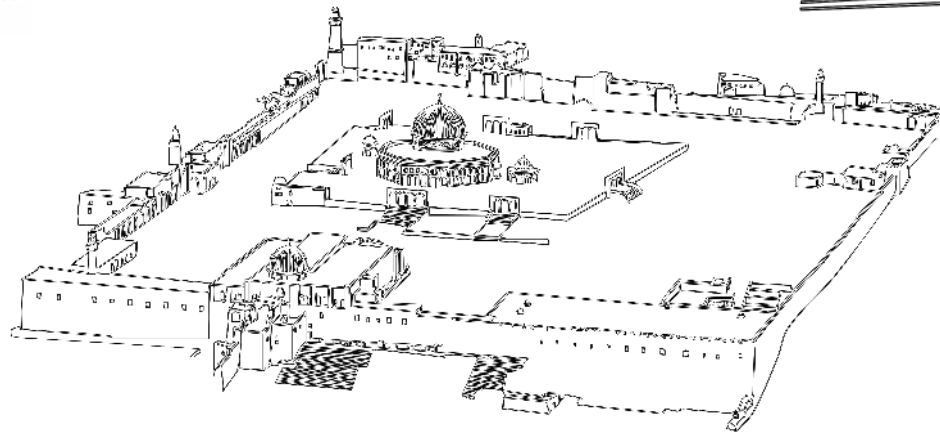


Sulaiman's Monument



Masjid Al-Aqsa is the **third** most holy place in Islam.

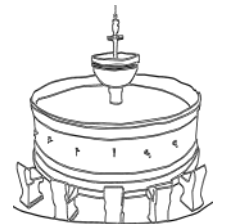
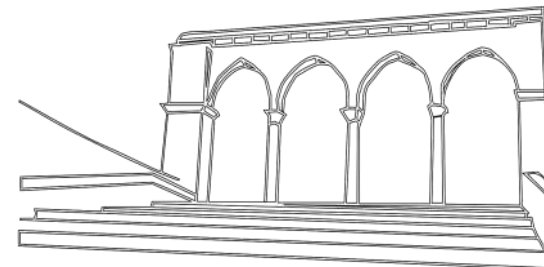
It is located in the city of Jerusalem.



- Masjid Al Aqsa is
- not a single
- Masjid but
- there are **44**
- main buildings
- in the Al-Aqsa
- Sanctuary



Masjid Qibly



Fountains, Wells
Archways,
Schools...

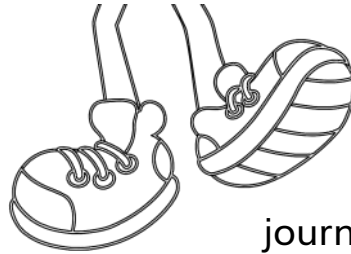
LOVE FOR MASJID AL-AQSA

Masjid Al-Aqsa is the **Second Masjid** built by Prophet Adam عليه السلام and also the **first Qibla**. Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم spoke of it with great love and fondness.

VIRTUE



".... a prayer in Al-Aqsa Sanctuary is worth 500 times more reward than anywhere else" (Bayhaqi)



VISIT

"Do not undertake a journey to visit any Masjid, but three: this Masjid of mine, Masjid Al-Haram and Masjid Al-Aqsa" (Sahih Muslim)



BLESSED

Allah tells us in the Qur'an that the precinct (the area within the walls) is blessed.



Our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم had **great love** for Masjid Al-Aqsa. He used to remind his companions رضي الله عنهم how **special and blessed** Masjid Al-Aqsa is. Our Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم also encouraged people to **go to visit and pray in** Masjid Al-Aqsa.

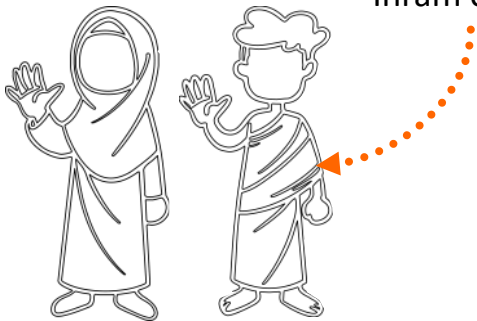


VISITING MASJID AL-AQSA

I love Masjid Al-Aqsa because....

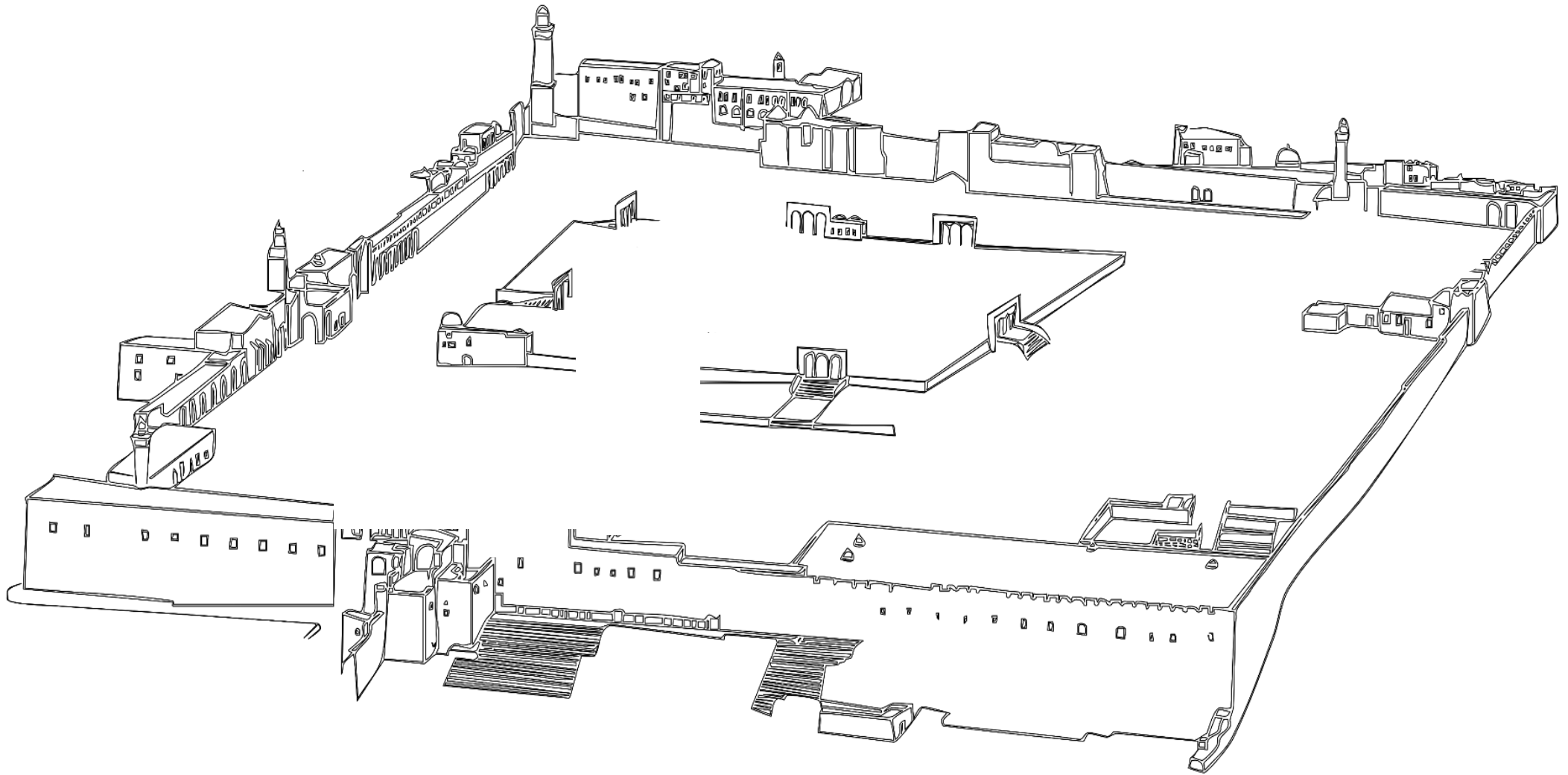
WHY IS AL-AQSA SPECIAL TO YOU?

Draw different ways we can travel to **Masjid Al-Aqsa** so we can put our Ihram on for Hajj.



"If anyone puts on ihram for Hajj or Umrah from Masjid al-Aqsa and then proceeds to the sacred Masjid (Ka'bah), their past and future sins will be forgiven, or will be guaranteed Jannah." (Abu Dawud)

Activity: Draw in the missing buildings and write their names next to them



The whole land of the Masjid Al-Aqsa sanctuary and its buildings are precious and blessed.



History of Masjid Al-Aqsa

Prophet Adam عليه السلام was commanded by Allah to build the Ka'bah. Forty years later, Prophet Adam عليه السلام was told to build Masjid Al-Aqsa.

These were the first two sacred places of worship dedicated to the worship of Allah.

Over time, people forgot about Allah and stopped worshipping Him. They began to worship idols and other things. Both Masajids became ruins.

After a long time, Allah sent another great Prophet, Ibrahim عليه السلام who rebuilt the Ka'bah and Masjid Al-Aqsa. He rebuilt the Ka'bah on the original foundations and also rebuilt Masjid Al-Aqsa in its original place.

Ibrahim عليه السلام had rebuilt the Ka'bah with his first son, Ismael عليه السلام. Ismael عليه السلام had been living here with his mother since he was a baby. Allah had gifted them Zamzam water and a town called Makkah had developed here.

Ibrahim's second son, Ishaq عليه السلام helped rebuild Masjid Al-Aqsa. Allah sent many prophets to Masjid Al-Aqsa to look after it and pray there.

So there were communities in both these sacred places, praying to Allah.

Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام was a son of Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام. As a youngster, Yusuf عليه السلام had been thrown into the well by his brothers. He had been rescued by travellers and taken to Egypt. He was sold into slavery then went to prison as an innocent man. Later on, he was given an important role in Egypt during the difficult years of famine.

During this time, his brothers came to Egypt for food and supplies. Yusuf عليه السلام forgave them and soon his brothers and father came and settled in Egypt.

As time went on, there was no one to look after Masjid Al-Aqsa and pray in it. Soon it became a ruin and forgotten about. The people that

had lived there from the earliest time, the Palestinians, continued to live on these lands.

After many years, the political leader of Egypt called the Pharaoh became angry with the offspring of Yaqub عليه السلام, the Jews. He made them into slaves and forced them to work for him. The Pharaoh was a very cruel tyrant.

After a while, Allah sent Musa عليه السلام to free the Jews and take them back to Jerusalem and Masjid Al-Aqsa.

When they got there, they refused to fight the native Palestinians who lived there. The Jews spent forty years in the desert.

Soon a brave youngster, Prophet Dawud عليه السلام, came and he helped to fight and take over Jerusalem. He then started to work very hard to rebuild Masjid Al-Aqsa

After Dawud عليه السلام passed away, his son, Prophet Sulaiman عليه السلام finished rebuilding Masjid Al-Aqsa. Sulaiman عليه السلام was a great prophet and Allah had given him the power to control animals and Jinn. He used the Jinn to help him build Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Many years passed with people praying and looking after Masjid Al-

Aqsa. There were many great prophets including Prophet Isa عليه السلام during this time.

After Prophet Isa's time, Masjid Al-Aqsa was destroyed by the Romans and again became ruins. The Romans used Masjid Al-Aqsa as a dumping ground for rubbish.

The Romans banned the Jews from entering Jerusalem for many centuries.

When Prophet Muhammad ﷺ came, he advised the Muslims to look after Masjid Al-Aqsa, to protect it, and pray in it.

A few years after Prophet Muhammad ﷺ passed away, the Sahabah went to Jerusalem and took over it. They cleaned the rubbish from the grounds of Masjid Al-Aqsa and built a Masjid on the grounds.

The Muslims were kind-hearted and allowed the banished Jews to come into Jerusalem. The Christians were also allowed to live and worship in Jerusalem.

Recently, it has been very hard for the Muslims in Jerusalem but they still try hard to pray in Masjid Al-Aqsa and look after it.