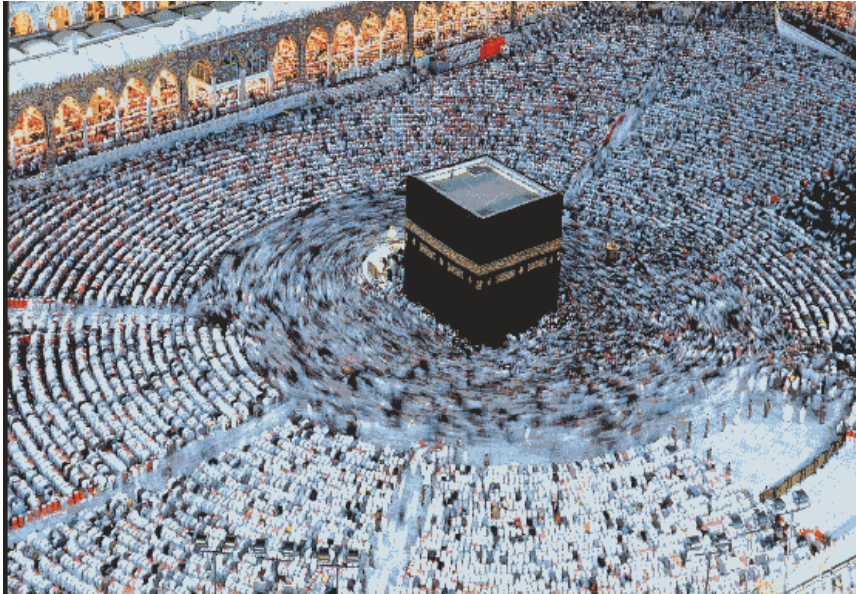


Hajj

A dhikr play for children of all ages



PART 1: THE HISTORY BEHIND HAJJ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Narrator: reminds everyone of what you say when the Prophets are mentioned:

Sayyiduna Muhammad (children reply: `aleihis-salam)
Sayyiduna Adam (children reply: `aleihis-salam)
Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children reply: `aleihis-salam)
Sayyiduna Isma'īl (children reply: `aleihis-salam)
Sayyiduna Muhammad (children reply: `aleihis-salam)

Prophet Sayyiduna Adam (`aleihis-salam)

Episode 1: In Paradise

In a lush and pleasant place, e.g in a garden. Fruits and refreshments are served.

Narrator:

The first human being that Allah *SubhanaHu wa ta'ala* created was Sayyidana Adam (children reply: `aleihis-salam). He was a Prophet, an Allah loved him.

All human beings are children and grandchildren and great grandchildren of Sayyiduna Adam (children reply: `aleihis-salam).

From Adam's spine Allah took out all the people who would live later and asked everyone - you and you and you and me: "*Alsastu bi Rabbikum?* Am I not your Lord?" And all the people - you and you and you and I - replied "*Bala* –Yes indeed!"

Narrator + chorus: sing

[Ref 2]

شَهِدْنَا أَنَّكَ رَبُّنَا وَالْهَيْئَةُ، لَا رَبَّ لَنَا غَيْرُكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ لَنَا غَيْرُكَ

*Shahidnaa annaka Rabbunaa wa ilaahunaa,
laa rabba lanaa ghayruk, wa la ilaaha lanaa ghayruk*

**We witness that that You are our Lord, we witness that You are our God,
we have no other Lord than You, we have no other god but You**

Children + all join in singing:

La ilaha illa Allah (5x)

Muhammadun Rasulu Allah – *salla Allah `aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam*

Narrator: And Allah told us to obey Him – and we said – you and you and you and me:

Narrator + chorus: sing (with a tune similar to the Talbiyya)

[Ref 1]

أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma labbayk!

**We obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah we obey –
oh Allah here we are at Your service**

Children repeat

أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma labbayk!

We obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah, here we are at Your service

A helper brings a beautiful crystal. During the dhikr he lifts it and turns it around, admiring it from all side. Finally he places it in a high, well visible place.

Narrator:

Allah *subhanaHu wa ta`ala* gave Sayyaduna Adam (children reply: `aleihs-salam) a beautiful stone. It was white and shiny - a precious jewel from Paradise. In it the witnessing of every human being was inscribed:

Narrator + chorus: sing

We witness that that You are our Lord, we witness that are our God,
we have no other Lord than You, we have no other God but You

All: **La ilaha illa Allah** (5x)

Muhammadun Rasulu Allah – salla Allah `aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam

Episode 2: Allah turns to Sayydiuna Adam in forgiveness

Narrator:

But then one day, Sayyiduna Adam (children reply: `aleihs-salam) was tricked by shaytan to go against Allah's command. But Allah turned to him and he repented, so Allah forgave him. Allah always turns to us in forgiveness, He the Most Merciful.

Reciters: (emphasized part may be recited by several children in unison)

Surat al-Baqara 2:35-37

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ
الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَأَزَلَّهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ عَنْهَا فَأَخْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ ^ط وَقُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ
وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٣٦﴾ فَتَلَقَىٰ آدَمُ مِنْ رَبِّهِ كَلِمَاتٍ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ ^ج

إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٣٧﴾

Allah subhanaHu wa ta`ala says:

We said: "O Adam! you and you wife may live in the Garden of Paradise, and eat at ease from (all that you find) in it, as much much you wish;

but do not go near this tree, for you will be unjust (if you disobey)."

Then shaytan made them slip, and got them out of (the state of bliss) in which they were.

We said: "Go down, all of you (children of Adam),

and may there be enmity between you (as you abuse each other's rights).

On earth will be your dwelling place and your means of livelihood - for some time."

Then Adam heard some words from his Lord, and (his Lord) turned towards him; Indeed

He is At-Tawwab, always turning (to us) in forgiveness, Al-Rahim the Most Merciful.

All: **AstaghfiruAllah** (repeated)

Narrator:

Human beings are weak, we fail and commit sins. Because of the sins of the children of Adam `aleihissalam, the stone began to lose its brightness, and gradually became black because of all the sins.

A helper takes away the crystal, and gives a plain dark stone to the narrator, who takes it into his/her hand.

Narrator:

Sayyiduna Adam (children: `aleihs-salam) took the blackened stone with him, and left from Paradise to settle on earth.

Episode 3: On earth: building the Ka`ba

[Possible change of location, and gathering with tahl]

All: *La ilaha illa Allah* (repeated until all are gathered)

Muhammadun Rasulu Allah – salla Allah `aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam

Two helpers set up Models of Safa and Marwa (e.g two large pillows).

Two helpers set up a model of the Ka`ba (e.g. a black cloth spanned over two chairs, or a square carton box)

Narrator + chorus: sing

We witness that that You are our Lord, we witness that are our God,
we have no other Lord than You, we have no other God but You

All: *La ilaha illa Allah* (repeated)

Muhammadun Rasulu Allah – salla Allah `aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam

Narrator:

Sayyiduna Adam (**children:** `aleihis-salam) built a house of stone in the valley between the hills called Safa and Marwa. The name of the house is Ka`ba, because its shape is like a cube. He took the black stone and placed it at one of the corners of the Ka`ba.

Narrator gives the black stone to **one of the helpers**, who attaches it to the model of the Ka`ba.

Narrator:

Sayyiduna Adam (**children:** `aleihis-salam) performed the Pilgrimage (Hajj) with his sons, and told them to sacrifice to Allah *subhanahu wa ta`ala* by slaughtering an animal.

A few children (hajjis) start walking around the model of the Ka`ba reciting *Labbayk*

All children join in:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

Labbayk Allahumma, Labbayk

Here we are to serve You, Allah, here we are at Your service

Hajjis sit down

Two helpers remove the model of the Ka`ba, while everyone are doing the dhikr.

Narrator:

Time passed, and people forgot about all this. The Ka`ba decayed. People began to worship other things than Allah, and forgot that they promised to obey Him.

Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (‘aleihis-salam)

Narrator:

After many years, Allah *subhanahu wa ta‘ala* sent a prophet, whom He loved: Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children: ‘aleihis-salam). Allah gave him a wife, Sayyida Hajar, and a son: Sayyiduna Isma‘il (children: ‘aleihis-salam).

They believed only in Allah and obeyed Him.

Narrator + chorus: sing

We witness that that You are our Lord, we witness that are our God,
we have no other Lord than You, we have no other God but You

All: **La ilaha illa Allah** (5x)

Muhammadun Rasulu Allah – salla Allah ‘aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam

Episode 1: Settling in the desert and discovering Zem-zem

Narrator:

Allah told Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children: ‘aleihis-salam) to take his wife Hajar and baby Isma‘il out to the desert. They obeyed and did as Allah told them, and settled in the place where Ka‘ba once had stood.

An older child (“Hajar”) a baby (or a doll) in her arms, standing where the Ka‘ba stood before.

Narrator:

Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children: ‘aleihis-salam) left Hajar there alone in desert with baby Isma‘il (children: ‘aleihis-salam).

But she wasn’t afraid. She knew that Allah had commanded them to be alone in the desert, and they all obeyed Allah, and Allah loved them.

Helper dims the light in the room

“Hajar” first, then Children join in:

أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma labbayk!

We obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah, here we are at Your service

Helper turns on lights in the room

Narrator:

Baby Isma‘il (children reply: ‘aleihis-salam) became thirsty, and his mother Hajar was running between the two hills Safa and Marwa, looking for water.

Baby cries and “Hajar” moves swiftly between the models of Safa and Marwa

An Angel showed them a source of water, right in the middle between Safa and Marwa. The source was called Zam-zam. Sayyiduna Isma‘il (children reply: ‘aleihis-salam) kicked his foot in the ground, and water began to flow, and they both drank until they were no longer thirsty.

A helper brings a container of Zam-zam water, and serves Hajar and the baby a drink from it, then serves the other children

Episode 2: The sacrifice

Narrator:

The child Sayyiduna Isma`il (children: `aleihis-salam) grew up in the valley between Safa and Marwa. Sometimes his father Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children: `aleihis-salam) came to visit. He taught his son to show gratitude to Allah for His gifts, by sacrificing animals to His honour. And he taught Isma`il to always obey Allah.

Narrator + chorus then Children repeat the takbira:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is great, Allah is great, Allah is great, no deity is worth worship but Allah
Allah is great, Allah is great, Allah is great, praise be to Allah
Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar, lā ilāha ill'Allāh.
Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar wa lillāhi al-ḥamd.

Narrator:

One day Allah *subhanaHu wa ta`ala* said to Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children reply: `aleihis-salam): "I want you to sacrifice your own son Isma`il." Young Isma`il (children reply: `aleihis-salam) said to his father: We must do as Allah has commanded. We must obey Allah.

Narrator + chorus then Children repeat:

أَطَعْنَا ، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا ، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا ، اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

aTa`naa, Allhumma aTa`naa, Allhumma aTa`naa, Allhumma labbayk!

We obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah, here we are at Your service

Narrator:

So Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children: `aleihis-salam) prepared to slaughter his own son Sayyiduna Isma`il (children: `aleihis-salam).

Allah loved them both dearly. Did He really want Prophet Sayyiduna Ibrahim (children: `aleihis-salam) to slaughter his son Sayyiduna Isma`il (children: `aleihis-salam)?

Children: yes/no

Narrator:

No, but He wanted everyone to know the obedience of the people He loves. – So He sent a beautiful animal to be slaughtered instead of the boy.

This is why we perform Hajj and celebrate Eid:

- Testifying nothing is worth worshipping except Allah
- Remembering the obedience of Prophets Sayyiduna Ibrahim and his son Sayyiduna Isma`il - `aleihis-salam.
- Asking forgiveness
- Sacrificing to thank Allah for His gifts

Narrator + chorus: sing

"We witness that that You are our Lord, we witness that are our God,
we have no other Lord than You, we have no other God but You"

All: **La ilaha illa Allah** (repeated)

Muhammadun Rasulu Allah – salla Allah `aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam

Episode 3: Rebuilding the Ka`ba

Narrator:

When Sayyiduna Isma`il (children: `alehis-salam) grew up to be a man, Allah
subhanahu wa ta`ala said to his father Ibrahim (children: `alehis-salam):
"Go with your son and rebuild the Ka`ba!"

Two helpers: bring back the model of Ka`ba

Narrator:

So they rebuilt the house Ka`ba. While they were looking for stones to build it with,
they found the Black from Paradise, and placed it at of its corners.

A helper: brings the black stone and attaches it to the model of the Kaaba

Narrator: And they made du'a for the generations to come

Reciters: (emphasized part may be recited by several children in unison)

Surat al-Baqara 2:127-129

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١٢٧﴾

رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِن ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً لَّكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٢٨﴾

رَبَّنَا وَأَبْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٢٩﴾

Then Abraham and Isma'il raised the foundations of the House (Ka'ba), (praying to Allah):

"Oh Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us: For You are the All-Hearing, the All-knowing.

"Oh Our Lord! make us Muslims, (obedient to You),

and make our descendants a community of Muslims (obedient to You);

and show us how to celebrate the rites (of Hajj); Turn to us (in Mercy); Indeed,

You are At-Tawwab, ever turning (to us) in forgiveness, Al-Rahim the Most Merciful.

"Oh our Lord! send amongst them a Messenger of from their own (people), who shall
recount Your Signs to them and instruct them in Book and In wisdom, and purify them.

Indeed You are the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

Narrator:

They were praying for a Prophet to be sent after them, to teach their children the Quran, the Book of Allah, teaching them to be obey the commands of Allah, and to purify them when they fail and sin.

A child: Who is he?

Some children *timidly respond:* Sayyiduna Prophet Muhammad, `aleihis-salatu was-salam)

Narrator:

Now the Ka`ba stood in the valley between Safa and Marwa, and people were coming from all over to do Hajj. They showed thankfulness for Allah's gifts by going round the Ka'ba and sacrificing animals in His honour.

A few children (hajjis) walk around the model of the Ka`ba reciting *Labbayk*:

All children join in:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

Labbayk Allahumma, Labbayk

here we are to serve You, Allah, here we are at Your service]

Hajjis sit down

Narrator + chorus then **Children** repeat the takbira:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is great, Allah is great, Allah is great, no deity is worth worship but Allah
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Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar, lā ilāha ill'Allāh.
Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar wa lillāhi al-ḥamd.

Narrator:

Time passed, and people forgot about all this. The Zam-zam well was covered with sand, and later no one knew where it was.

People also forgot their promise to obey Allah and began to worship other things than Him.

A helper covers the Zam-zam water with a cloth while the children are doing the dhikr.

Prophet Muhammad (aleihis-salatu was-salam)

Episode 1: Zam-zam rediscovered

Narrator:

Many years later, lived a man called `Abdul-Muttalib. He was a descendant of Sayydiuna Prophet Isma`il (children: `aleihis-salam), from the tribe of Quraysh.

`Abdul-Muttalib dreamt of a source of fresh water. It was Allah *subhanaHu wa ta`ala* who showed him the Zam-zam well in the dream. He dug out the well so that it again began to flow with fresh water.

Two helpers approach the container with Zam-zam water, curiously look at what is under the cover, and uncover it. They serve water to some of the children closest in the circle.

Narrator:

More and more people came to visit Ka`ba and drink Zam-zam water in the valley between Safa and Marwa, and the city around it flourished.

A child: recites Surah Quraish, **another child** narrates the meaning

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

لَا يَلْفُ قُرَيْشٍ ﴿١﴾ إِلَّا فِيهِمْ رِحْلَةَ الشِّتَاءِ وَالصَّيْفِ ﴿٢﴾

فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ ﴿٣﴾ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِنْ جُوعٍ وَءَامَنَهُمْ مِنْ خَوْفٍ ﴿٤﴾

The Quraysh were protected by Allah, when they travelled for trade to Yemen and Sham. They should worship Lord of this House, the Ka`ba; Him who gives them food, so need not be hungry, and safety, so need not be afraid.

Narrator + chorus then **Children** repeat the takbira:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is great, Allah is great, Allah is great, no deity is worth worship but Allah

Allah is great, Allah is great, Allah is great, praise be to Allah

Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar, lā ilāha ill'Allāh.

Allāhu akbar, Allāhu akbar wa lillāhi al-ḥamd.

Episode 2: Ka`ba attacked by an army with elephants

Narrator:

Those who lived further away became jealous and wanted to destroy the Ka`ba. A King Abraha came for Yemen to attack the Ka`ba with an army of huge elephants.

But Allah *subhanaHu wa ta`ala* protected the Ka`ba.

The elephants knelt down in front of the Ka`ba, and turned away. They did not want to destroy it. They wanted to obey Allah.

Narrator + chorus then Children repeat:

أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَطَعْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma aTa`naa, Allahumma labbayk!

We obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah we obey, oh Allah, here we are at Your service

Narrator:

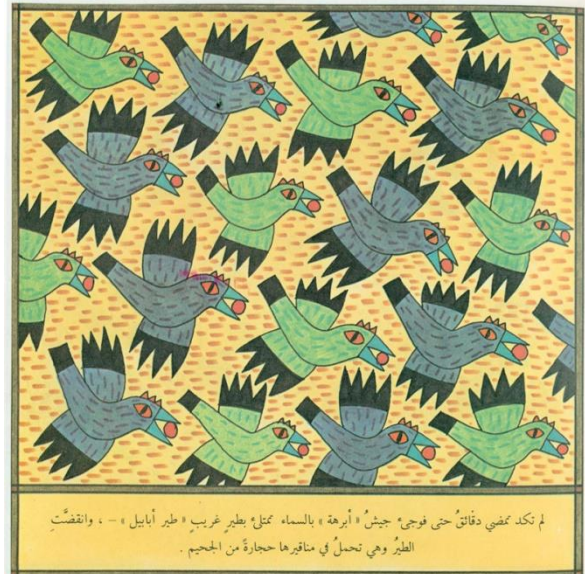
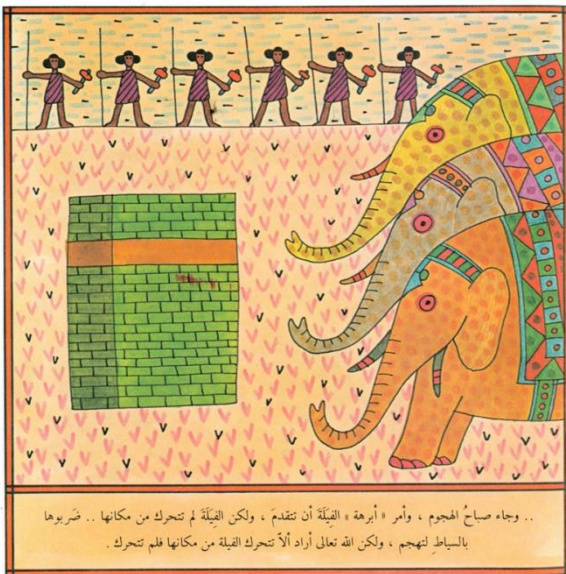
Allah sent a swarm of birds to bombard the attackers with lethal stones, so that the brave warriors fell down like cut-off grass straws.

A child: recites *Surat al-Fil*, another child narrates the meaning

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ ﴿١﴾ أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ ﴿٢﴾ وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا
أَبَابِيلَ ﴿٣﴾ تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ﴿٤﴾ فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ ﴿٥﴾

Did you not see how your Lord dealt with those who came with elephants?
How He frustrated their plans?! He sent swarms of birds, throwing stones of clay at them;
thus He reduced them to straws, such as remain after cattle have grazed.



Episode 3: The birth of Prophet Muhammad (‘aleihis-salatu was-salam)

Narrator:

That same year, a prophet was born. He was the grandson of ‘Abd al-Muttalib, and a descendant of Sayyiduna Prophet Ibrahim (children: ‘aleihis-salam) and his son Sayyiduna Prophet Isma‘il (children: ‘aleihis-salam).

A child: Who is he?

Narrator:

Allah *subhanahu wa ta‘ala* sent him with the Quran, the Book of Allah, teaching us to obey the commands of Allah. When we fail and sin, He intercedes for us and asks Allah, the Most Merciful, to forgive us.

Reciters: (emphasized part may be recited by several children in unison)

Surat al-Baqara 9:64

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۗ

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ

لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

Never did we send a messenger, but to be obeyed, by the leave if Allah.
If only, when they were unjust to themselves,
they had come unto you to ask Allah's forgiveness,
and for the Messenger to ask (Allah's) forgiveness for them,
indeed they would have found Allah

Tawwab, always turning (to them) in forgiveness, Rahim Most Merciful.

A child: Who is he?

Narrator:

Allah *subhanahu wa ta‘ala* sent him to remove all things people worship other than Allah, and remind the whole world that Allah is our only Lord.

A child reciting: Surat al-Ikhlās, another child narrates the meaning

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قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٣﴾ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٤﴾

Say: He is Allah, the Unique; Allah the Eternal, Selfsubstisting;
He was not born nor does he give birth; nothing is like Him.

A child: Who is he?

Narrator:

He is the one most beloved to Allah, and the best of all human beings.
He is our Prophet Sayyiduna Muhammad (children: `aleihis-Salatu was-salam).

Narrator + chorus: sing

"We witness that that You are our Lord, we witness that are our God,
we have no other Lord than You, we have no other God but You"

All: ***La ilaha illa Allah - Muhammadun Rasulu Allah*** (repeated)

– *salla Allah `aleihi wa Alihi wa sallam*

Helpers through confetti over the gathering, or make light effects to simulate the lights appearing at the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (s). They go round serving sweets

Some Children singing:

Stand up and sing a song to greet Sayyiduna Muhammad, `aleihis-salatu was-salam (e..g Tala`al Badru `aleina)

Tala'al badru 'aleyna

طَلَعَ الْبَدْرُ عَلَيْنَا <i>Tala'al-Badru 'alayna</i> Upon us the fullmoon rises	مِنْ ثَنِيَّاتِ الْوَدَاعِ <i>min thaniyyatil-Wada'</i> from the valley of the path
وَجَبَ الشُّكْرُ عَلَيْنَا <i>wajaba al-shukru 'alayna</i> Gratefulness is our duty	مَا دَعَا لِلَّهِ دَاعٍ <i>ma da'a lillahi da'</i> As a caller calls upon us
أَيُّهَا الْمَبْعُوثُ فِينَا <i>Ayyuha al-mab'uthu fina</i> O you who was sent upon us	جِئْتَ بِالْأَمْرِ الْمَطَاعِ <i>ji'ta bi-al-amri al-muta'</i> With commands to be obeyed
جِئْتَ شَفَّتِ الْمَدِينَةَ <i>Ji'ta sharrafta al-Madinah</i> You have honored our city	مَرْحَبًا يَا خَيْرَ دَاعٍ <i>marhaban ya khayra da'</i> O you caller, welcome to us!



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