Ages 7-9



Muharram Workbook

Remember the thirst of KARBALA!







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Children need to learn Islamic teachings in a way which takes into consideration the mind of a child. Learning about religion is sometimes taken as serious and even boring. In order to change that negative conception, educators and parents need to use more appealing methods to put the message of Islam across to the younger generation. This book has been designed with that purpose in mind, and we hope that both parents and educators will enjoy going through it.

For the parent

Our experience shows that no book or teacher can take the place of a parent when it comes to teaching children religious beliefs and practices. We urge that parents use this book as a tool in their efforts to help their children understand and appreciate Islam. The following points are suggested.

- 1. The activities in this book cater for young children, around the ages of 7-9. Some of these children may require a little help with some activities. Work together with your child through these pages to encourage an enthusiasm for learning and thinking about Islamic teachings. Rather than providing all the answers, help him/her to think and answer.
- 2. There are many aspects of Muharram which cannot be covered in a workbook like this. Please help your child learn more about the sacrifice at Karbala by narrating to him the stories of Karbala, encouraging him to participate in children's programs during Muharram, and getting some of the children's material available on Karbala. The story of Karbala holds great fascination for children, and it is a good way to inspire and boost the faith of children.
- 3. This workbook would be very useful for the children's programs which take place in many communities during Muharram. We request that parents and teachers buy these books from us rather than photocopying pages, so that future production of such books continues to be possible. Please contact us regarding discounts for bulk copies.

Please continue to encourage your child to learn more about Islam. To instill an appreciation for religious beliefs and practices in a young mind is the most rewarding thing you can do for your child. The effects could last a lifetime.

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A Name Chart

The chart below has some names of people who were present in Karbala. The description beside each name in the first chart is mixed up. Rewrite the descriptions besides the correct name in the second chart.

lmam Husayn	son of Imam Hassan
Bibi Zaynab	friend of Imam Husayn
Habib Ibn Mazahir	Commander who came to Imam's side
Qasim	sister of Imam Husayn
Hurr	grandson of the Holy Prophet(s)

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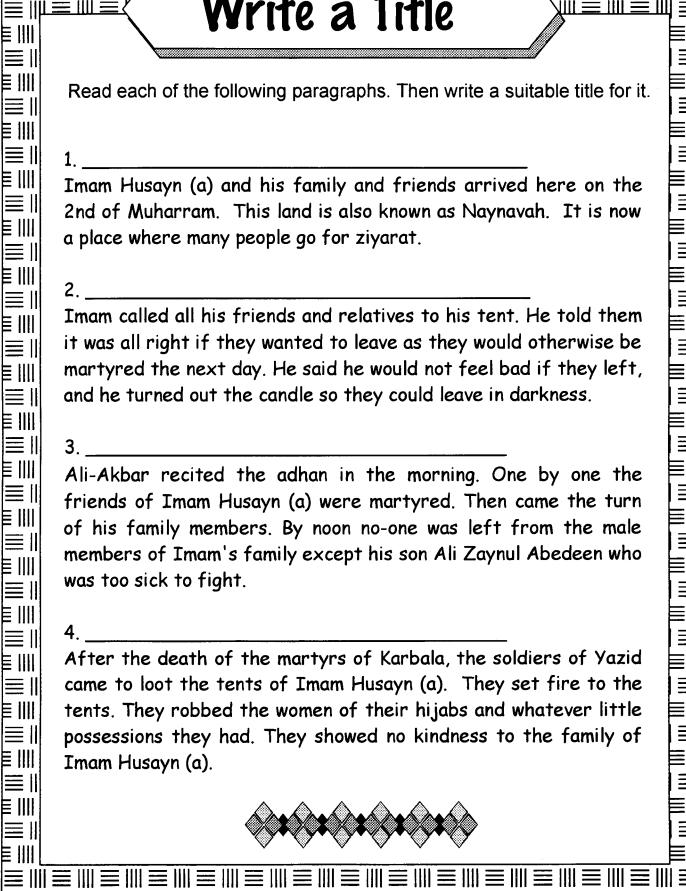
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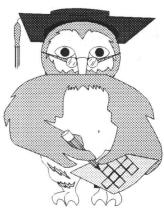
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- 1. The Holy Prophet (s) loved his grandsons, Hasan (a) and Husayn (a) very much. Prophet Ibrahim (a) built the Ka`ba. The Holy Prophet (s) used to carry his grandsons on his back on the streets of Madinah.
- 2. Yazid called himself the Khalifa of the Muslims. Yazid wanted Imam Husayn (a) to accept him as the Khalifa. Imam `Ali (a) is buried in Najaf.
- 3. The Holy Prophet (s) was born in the year of the elephant. Imam Husayn (a) left Madinah for Makkah. From Makkah Imam Husayn (a) left for Kufa, but was forced to change his way to Karbala.
- 4. Imam Husayn (a) arrived at Karbala on the 2nd of Muharram. Bibi Aasiya is one of the four great women of Islam. Imam Husayn (a) came to Karbala with a small group of devoted friends and family.

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Muharram Crossword



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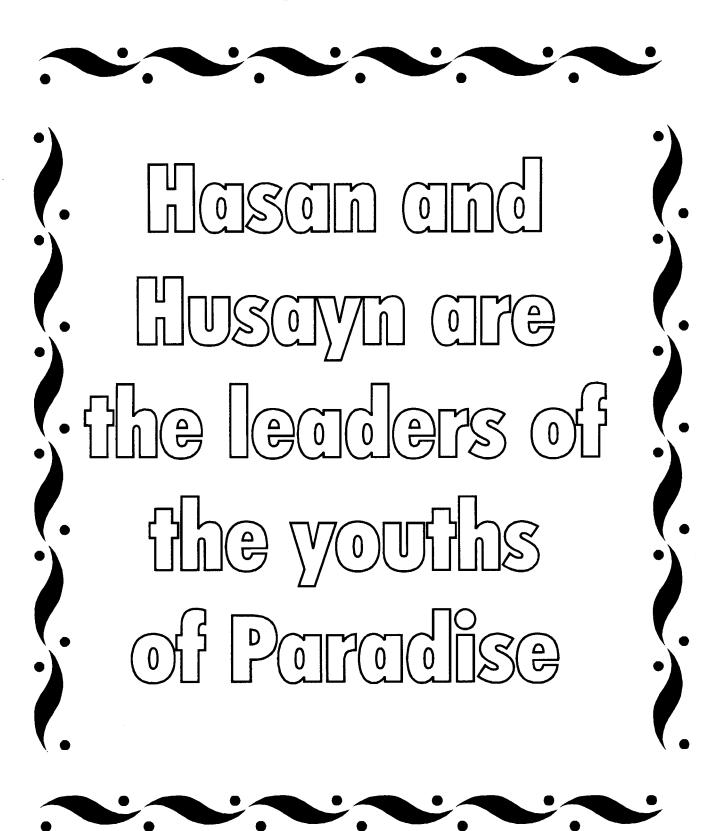
- 2. The mother of Ali-Asghar and Sakina.
- 4. The governer of Kufa was Ibn

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- 1. ____ bin Aqeel was sent to find out if the letters inviting Imam Husayn (a) were really true.
- 2. Imam Husayn(a)left Madinah in the month of
- 3. The brother of Imam Husayn(a) who also died in Karbala.

Color a Hadith

Color and learn the following Hadith of the Holy Prophet(s)



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Where are the following activities taking place? Read each paragraph carefully and then choose a city from the ones given below.

1. Waleed calls Imam Husayn (a) to his court. Imam comes with some of his frends and relatives. Waleed says that Yazid has ordered to take the oath of allegience from Imam. Imam refuses to give the oath.

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2. Muslim bin Aqeel is at the mosque. He asks the people if they will support Imam Husayn (a) if he comes to their city. He reminds them of the thousands of letters they wrote to invite the Imam to come to

them. The people say they will welcome the Imam if he comes to them.

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3. Imam and his family arrive here on the 2nd of Muharram. They camp at the shore of the river Euphartes. He calls the owners of the land, a tribe called the Banu Asad. He asks them to bury them after their martydom.

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4. After Karbala the women of Imam's family and Imam `Ali Zaynul `Abideen are taken to the court of Yazid. They are forced to enter the court, even though the ladies do not have their hijabs. It is very difficult time for the holy family. They have to stand in front of Yazid and listen to him boasting about his evil deeds.

Madinah

Karbala

Who was he?

Each of the following paragraphs describes a person in Karbala. Read the sentences and then choose the correct name for that person from the box below.

1. He had been a friend of Imam Husayn (a) since they were children. Imam loved him very much and sent him a letter to tell him he was going to Karbala. Imam was very happy when he left Kufa and came to Karbala to fight with Imam.

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 2. He was the son of Imam `Ali (a) and Ummul Baneen. He was very devoted to Imam Husayn (a). He was so brave that even the enemies were afraid of him.

His name is _____

3. He was a commander in the army of Yazid. On the night of `Ashura he could not bear to hear the cries of the young children in Imam Husayn's tents. He asked himself how he could fight the grandson of the Holy Prophet (s). He went over to Imam's side and died for Islam.

His name is _____

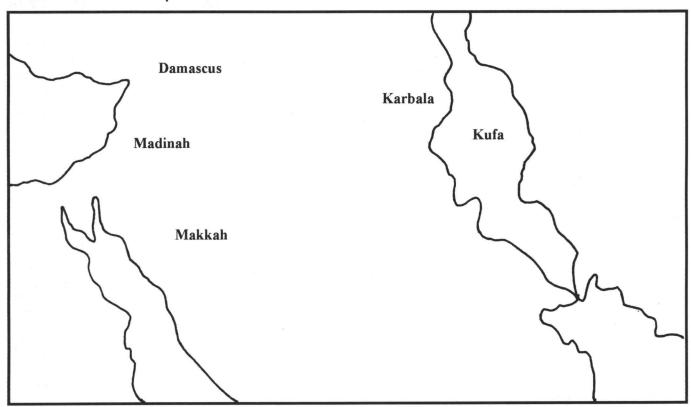
4. He was the son of Imam Husayn(a) and Shehrbaanu. He was too sick to fight on the day of `Ashura. After Karbala he was tied in chains and forced to walk on the hot sand of the desert. He always remembered his father when he saw water.

His name is _____

Ali-akbar Ali Zaynul Abideen Hurr Abbas Qasim Habib Burayr Muslim

Journey of Imam Husayn(a)

In the map below, draw the route of Imam Husayn(a)'s journey to Karbala. Then answer the questions below.



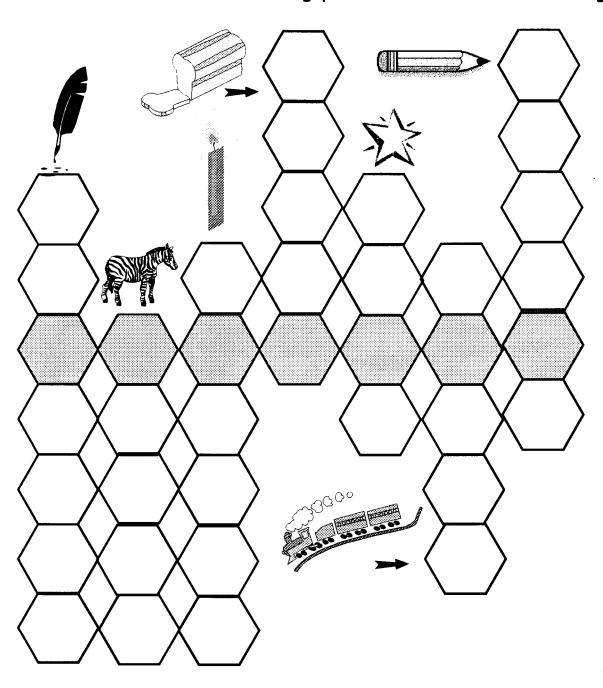
- 1. In which month did Imam Husayn(a) leave Madinah?
- a) Ramadhan
- b) Rajab
- c) Muharram
- 2. Why was Imam Husayn (a) forced to leave Makkah?
- a) It was too hot there.
- b) Yazid's army was waiting for him at Karbala.
- c) Yazid had sent men as Hajis to kill Imam Husayn(a) during Hajj.
- 3. The people of Kufa wrote many letters to Imam inviting him to go there. Who did Imam send there first?
- a) His cousin Muslim bin Aqeel.
- b) His son Ali-Akbar
- c) His brother Abbas.
- 4.Imam was stopped from entering Kufa by the soldiers of Yazid. Who was the leader of those soldiers?
- a) Amr Saad.
- b) Ibn Ziyad.
- c) Hurr



Find the secret word

Every year in Muharram, Shias remember the tragedy of Karbala. They listen to Majlises on Imam Husayn(a), weep for him and do matam. These actions of remembering the tragedy of Karbala have a special name. Do you know the name? It is from the Urdu and Farsi languages, but is used by most people for the process of mourning during Muharram.

To find out the word, fill in the following puzzle. The secret word is in gray.



Who said that?

Match each famous saying to the person who said it. (Please note that the sayings are not the exact words)

1. It is my great desire to be killed, live again, and again put to death. This may be repeated a thousand times if the tragedy is removed from you and your family.

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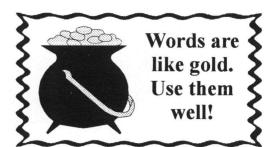
Imam Husayn (a), when he was told he would be killed, if he refused to give the oath to Yazid.

- 2. Am I not the grandson of your Prophet? Tell me why you want to kill me?
- Zuhayr bin Qayn, on the night of `Ashura, when Imam told them they could leave Karbala if they wanted to.

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- 3. Death in the way of Islam is sweeter to me than honey.
- Imam Husayn (a), to the army of Yazid on the day of `Ashura.
- 4. To die is better than a life of humiliation.

Qasim, son of Imam Hasan (a), when he asked for permission to fight on the day of `Ashura.



What do you think?

Read the sentences below. Each paragraph gives you an idea about something. Read the paragraph and then write what you think.

1. Qasim, the young son of Imam Hasan (a) asked his uncle to let him fight on the day of `Ashura. He was not afraid of death. He said that death was sweeter than honey.

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 2. Imam Husayn (a) asked permission from the soldiers of Yazid for one night before the day of `Ashura. He said the soldiers should leave them alone that night. He wanted to spend the night in worship of Allah as it was their last night in this world. The whole night was spent in prayers and tasbih.

I think that Imam Husayn (a) _

3. The brave Muslims of Karbala showed us how important the daily prayers are. Even on the day of `Ashura, when the soldiers of Yazid were waiting to fight them, they prayed the Dhuhr prayers behind their Imam. Imam Husayn (a) even prayed the `Asr prayers just before he died although he was greatly hurt.

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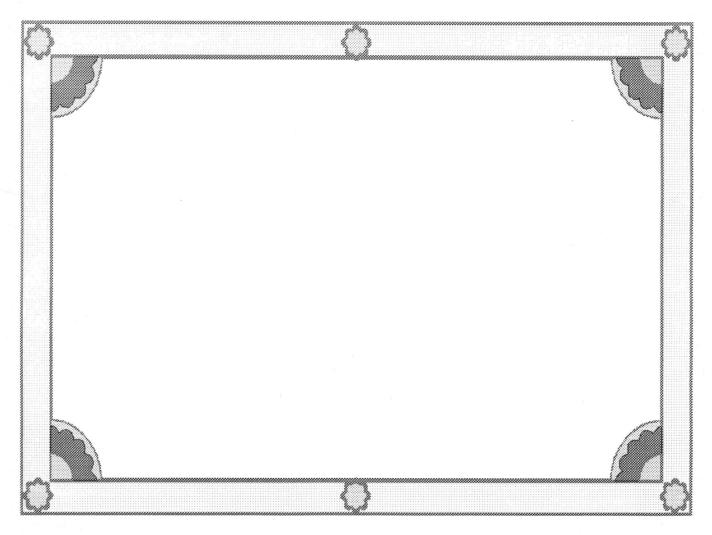
4. The young children of Karbala taught us how to be brave and strong for Islam. Allah loves those who are strong and not afarid to follow the truth. A true Muslim is a very strong person and will always follow Islam no matter what people think or do.

I think _____

Hurr Ibn Yazid al-Riyahi

The sentences in the story below are not in order. Put the correct number beside each sentence and then re-write the story in the second box.

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 _Hurr asked Imam to forgive him and accept him on his side.	
 _On the 10th of Muharram Hurr left the army of Yazid and	
went over to the camps of Imam Husayn (a).	
 _Hurr had met Imam Husayn (a) while Imam was on his way to	
Kufa, and he had stopped Imam from going to Kufa. Instead	
Imam had to go towards Karbala.	
 _Hurr Ibn Yazid al-Riyahi was a commander in the army of Yazid.	
 _ Hurr was among the first people to die on the side of Imam	
Husayn (a).	
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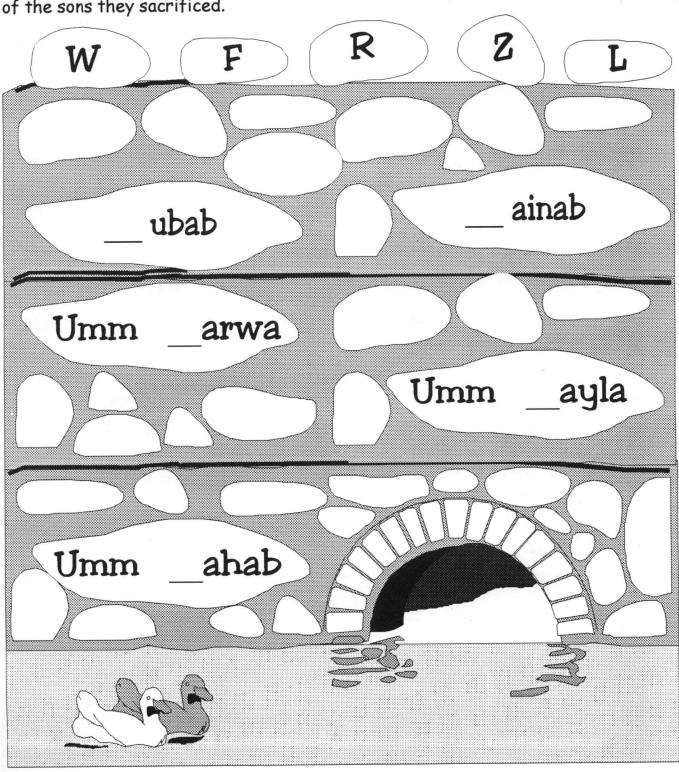
Some Companions of Imam Husayn(a)

The boxes below contain information on two of the companions of Imam Husayn(a) who were martyred in Karbala. However, the person writing them has made many mistakes in spelling and grammar. Rewrite the information correctly on the space provided.

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fight. He teld I blood of othre	imam Husayn(a) he wo Shuhada.	ould likes his black	blood to mixes w	ith the
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Brave Mothers of Karbala

In Karbala, there were some very brave mothers. They encouraged their sons to fight and die for Islam. They were ready to sacrifice their children for Islam. The wall below is dedicated to those mothers. Use the letters in the bricks at the top to make the names of five brave mothers in Karbala. Learn their names. On a separate piece of paper write the names of the mothers with the names of the sons they sacrificed.



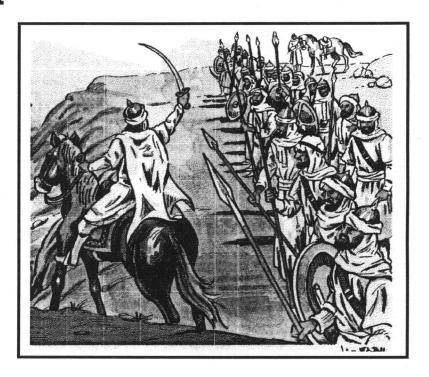
The sons of Imam Husayn (a)

Imam Husayn (a) had three sons in Karbala. Their names are given below. Besides each name of Imam's sons there are a few words which describe him. Use those words to write a few sentences about each of Imam's sons.

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		Young Holy Prophet(s) Brave Fought
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Abbas Ibn Ali

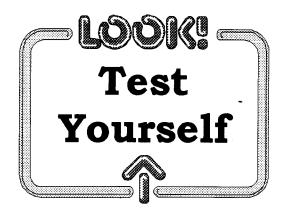
Hadhrat Abbas is the son of Imam Ali (a) and Ummul Imam Ali Baneen married Ummul Baneen after the death of Bibi Fatima (a). She bore him four sons, Abbas, Uthman, Jafar, and Abdullah, All four brothers were martyred in Karbala. From childhood, H.Abbas was very devoted to his older brother, Imam Husayn (a).



In Karbala, H. Abbas was the standard bearer of Imam's army. That is why he is known as Abbas Alamdar, the one who held the Flag. He is also known as Qamare Bani Hashim, or the moon of the Banu Hashim. H. Abbas was very handsome and brave, and was thus known as the moon of the family. He went to get water for his niece Sakina, and is thus also known as Saqqae Sakina.

On the day of Ashura, Imam did not want H.Abbas to go and fight. But H.Abbas could not bear to see the thirst of his niece Sakina. So he asked for permission to fetch some water. He took his Mashk, or water-bag, and went to the river. The enemies were very afraid of him, for they knew of his bravery. H.Abbas filled his mashk with water and turned towards the tents.

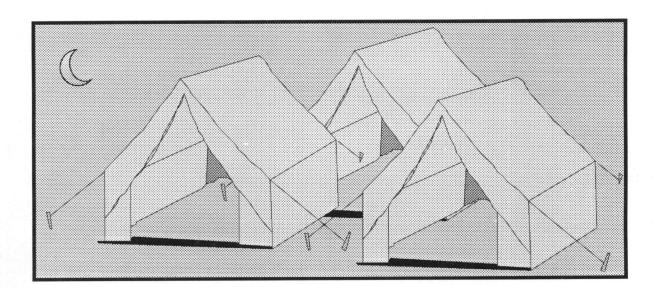
The enemies did not want him to take water to the tents. They followed him, throwing spears and arrows at him. His right arm was cut off, and then his left. Finally an arrow pierced the Mashk and water spilled out of it. H.Abbas fell to the ground and called for Imam Husayn (a)'s help.





	Who were the parents of H.Abbas? Father
	Mother
2.	Who was the niece for whom H.Abbas went to fetch water?
	H.Abbas had three other brothers who died with him in Karbala. Do you know their names?
	,and
4.	H.Abbas had many titles. Write two of them together with the meanings
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5.	Where is H.Abbas buried
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The Night of Ashura



Imam Husayn (a) and his friends and family passed the night of `Ashura in prayer and worship. They had asked the soldiers of Yazid for one night before the battle began. They knew that for many of them it was the last night in this world. The mothers talked to their sons and told them to be brave on the next day. It would be the most difficult day of their lives.

Around midnight Imam Husayn(a) called all the men (except for Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen who was too sick) to his tent. He told them that the next day he and all those who were with him would be killed. The enemies were only after him, so the others were free to leave if they wished. You may go away from Karbala, he told them. I would not mind at all. Because he knew some of them would be shy to leave the tent, he blew out the candle. Anyone who wanted to leave could do so in darkness, without anyone seeing him.

No-one left the tent. When Imam lit the candle again, he saw that many of his friends and relatives were weeping. "We will never leave you" they told him. "Even if we had to die many times over, we would still stay with you." They asked him what they would tell his grandfather, the Holy Prophet (s) if they left him all alone in the middle of so many enemies.

Imam wept at the devotion of his friends and family. He told them they were the best companions anyone could have, and he promised them a great reward from Allah.



1. Yazid's army was eager to attack Imam Husayn (a) and didn't they start on the 9th of Muharram, even though already come?	
2. Imagine a conversation which may have taken place be son on the night of `Ashura. What would they have said	
Mother:	
Son:	
3. What do you think the following people were thinking	
Bibi Zaynab	
3.: In the boxes below, draw two tents. In one draw a cout. In the other draw a candle which is lit.	candle which has been put

The Day of `Ashura

Ashura is a very sad day. Shiahs all over the world remember the tragedy of Karbala and mourn for Imam Husayn(a). They perform special A` maal on this day. Here are some things you should remember on this day.

1. Please remember not to on this sad day.
Wear simple black clothes and go to the majlis of `Ashura.
Do not or have fun on this day.
2. It is Mustahab to keep a Faqa (like a half-fast) on this day. If you can, please stay away from and until `Asr.

3. Recite the following as many times as possible.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ الِ مُحَمَّدٍ O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family

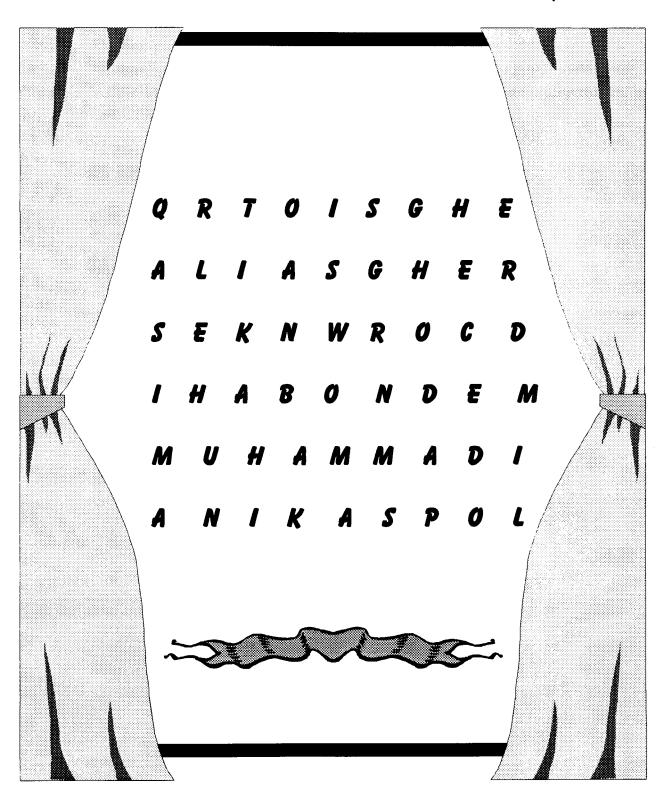
If only I had been with you and had achieved a great success

O Allah, curse those who killed Husayn, his children, and his friends

The children of Karbala

In Karbala there were some very brave children. They were not afraid of the enemies and were very eager to fight. They had to bear a lot of hardship.

In the wordsearch below find the names of 5 children who were present in Karbala.



Correct Numbers

Put the correct number beside each of the following sentences. You may choose from the numbers at the bottom.

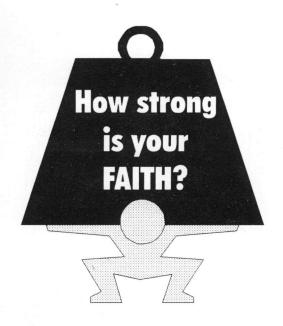
1. _____ people were martyred in Karbala.

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- 2. Water was not allowed into the tents of Imam Husayn (a) from the _____th of Muharram.
- 3. Ashura is the _____th day of Muharram.
- 4. The tragedy of Karbala took place in A.H.
- 5. Imam Husayn (a) had _____ faithful friends who died with him in Karbala.

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= 1111 === 11111 In Order 国田 ≣∥ The sentences in the paragraphs below are not in the correct order. Number $\equiv \parallel$ the sentences 1,2, 3. and 4 to show the correct order. $\equiv \parallel$ H. Abbas asked permission to fetch water for the children. $\equiv \parallel$ The enemies came after him and cut off his right and left **|||||** hands. $\equiv \parallel$ He reached the river, filled his water bag and left to return to the tents. ≣Ⅱ H.Abbas was the commander of Imam Husayn(a)'s army. $\equiv \parallel$ ≡∥ Both of them died in Karbala. _ Bibi Zaynab (a) had brought two sons to Karbala, Awn and ≣∥ Muhammad. ≣ || Imam Husayn (a) did not want to let them fight, but Bibi ≣∥ Zaynab told him it was her wish that they go and fight. On the night of `Ashura she told them to be brave the next ≡∥ day. ≣ || $\equiv \parallel$ Sakina, the daughter of Imam Husayn (a) died in Damascus. ≡∥ The women and children were kept for a long time in the ≣ || prison of damascus. ≡∥ 티 On the 11th off Muharram the ladies and family of Imam ≣∥ Husayn (a) were taken as prisoners. They were tied onto the backs of camels and taken to the $\equiv \parallel$ courts of Kufa and Damascus. $\equiv \parallel$

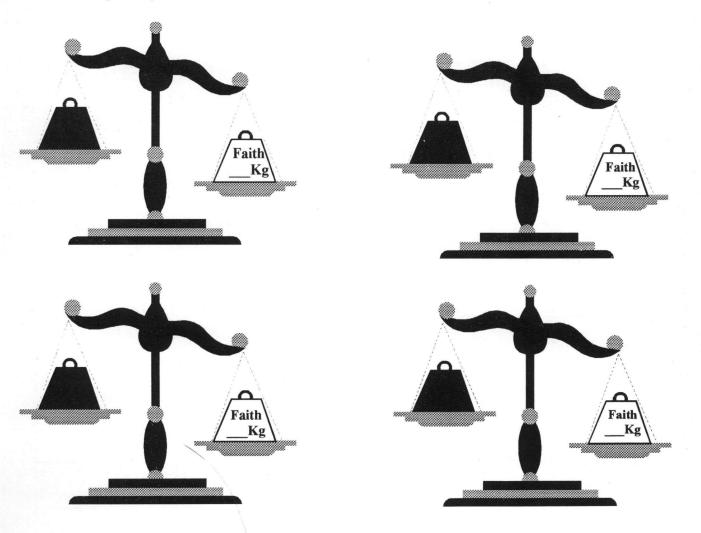


The people of Karbala had a lot of faith. They went through many difficulties for the sake of Islam. They were not afraid of anything, not even death. Their faith must been very strong indeed!

Some things that Allah wants you to do needs very strong faith. If you could weigh faith, how much do you think would be needed for the following actions?

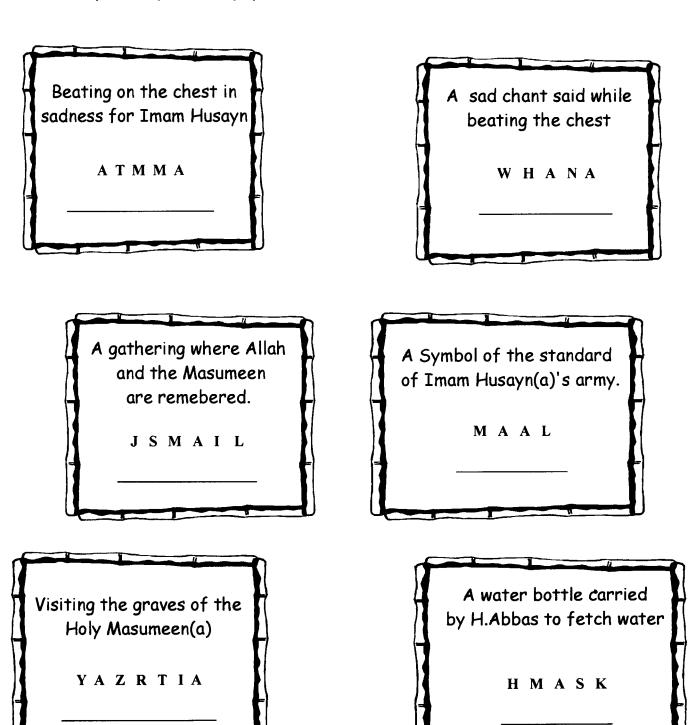
- 1 Praying on time
- 2 Fasting in Ramadhan
- 3 Staying away from Haram food
- 4 Not listening to music
- 5 Wearing Hijab (for girls)

In each of the weighing scales below, weigh one action from the list above On one side put the number of the action you are weighing. On the other side put the amount of faith needed for that action. You can put your numbers between 1-10 Kg, with most difficult action needing 10Kg of faith.



Jumbled Words

Each of the following squares has a word which is jumbled.
Unscramble the letters to get a word which means the same as the sentence above it. Color each frame in a different color.
On a separate piece of paper, make a sentence with each of the words.



A Class Discussion

The Grade four class in Madrasah is having a discussion on the tragedy of Karbala. Each of the students wants to speak as they have learnt a lot about Karbala. However some of them do not say the right things. Circle the names of the students who make a mistake.

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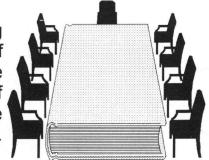
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Teacher: Do you know what led to the tragedy of Karbala?

Salim: Well, after the death of Abu Sufyan, his son Yazid said he was the leader of the Muslims.

Hasan: Yazid wanted all the Muslims to give him an oath of allegience, accepting him as their leader.

Abida: Imam Husayn (a) refused to give him that oath.

Sabira: Yazid was a good Muslim but Imam Husayn (a) was the righful leader of the Muslims.

Ali: Waleed the governer of Kufa called Imam Husayn (a) and asked him to give the oath, but Imam refused.

Farhana: Waleed then ordered the Imam to go to Karbala to fight the soldiers of Yazid.

Muhammad: Imam Husayn (a) prepared his army and went from Madinah to Karbala.

Word Detective

<u>⊨∭</u> $\equiv \parallel$ EIII Use the clues in the sentences below to help you understand the meaning ≡∥ of the word in bold. Put a tick beside the correct meaning. E IIII ≡∥ 1. Each of the young boys at Karbala wanted to become a Shaheed. To be a shaheed is a great honour. A shaheed is: One who fights for Islam 目Ⅲ One who dies in the way of Islam. $\equiv \parallel$ One who prays all the five daily prayers. ≡∥ 2. Yazid called himself the Khalifa of the Muslims. He wanted all the Muslims to accept him and give him an oath of allegience. A Khalifa is: ≡∥ A leader of the Muslims after the Holy Prophet (s) A person who leads the prayers in the Mosque. $\equiv \parallel$ ___A commander of the Muslim army. ≣∥ 3. Imam Husayn (a) asked his family to have sabr after the day of `Ashura. He told them they would be greatly troubled by the soldiers of ≣∥ Yazid. He asked them not to curse the soldiers or say anything in anger. 三川 Sabr is: ≡∥ _Not saying anything. Being patient at the time of difficulty. ≡Ⅱ _Hating people with all your heart. **|** | | | | | $\equiv \parallel$ 4. The soldiers of Yazid's army took away the hijab of the women of Imam's family after `Ashura. The women and girls covered their faces $\equiv \parallel$ with their hair. Hijab is: 目川 A dress for women. ≣∥ _Jewels and pins which women put in their hair. A covering for women which covers their hair and body. $\equiv \parallel$

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A Shaheed

A shaheed, or a martyr, gives up his life for Islam. He or she has a great position with God. The Holy Qur'an says:

And do not think that those who are killed in Allah's way are dead; Nay, they are alive, being provided sustenance with their Lord (3:168)

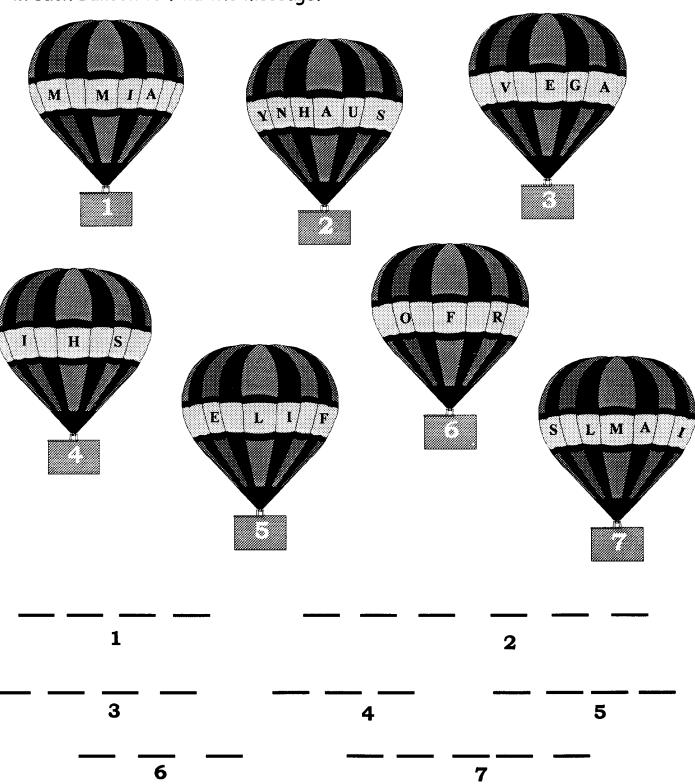
Throughout the history of Islam, there have been many Shuhada (plural of Shaheed). Shahadat started with the early Muslims who gave up their life to help spread Islam. Many Muslims were also martyred during the battles fought with the disbelievers. Upto the present age, many Muslims throughout the world give their lives for Islam. In the chart below, fill in each square with three names of Shuhadah who belong to that category. You can choose from the plaque below.

Shuhada during the time of the Prophet (s)	
Shuhada of Karbala	
Shuhada of this century	

\triangle	Martyrs in the way of God	\triangle
U	Syed Baqir al-Sadr, Hamza,	U
	Habib Ibn Mazahir Ammar,	
	Burayr Hamdani,	
\wedge	Murtadha Mutahhari , Sumayya Jawn, Bint al- Huda	\wedge
()	Jawn, Bint al- Huda	U

Secret Message

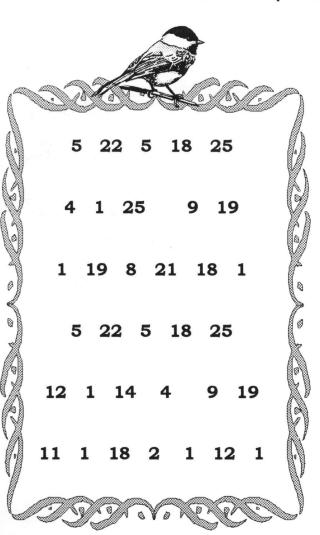
In the first week of Muharram a Muslim company releases the following seven balloons. The balloons have a secret message. Unscramble the words in each balloon to find the message.

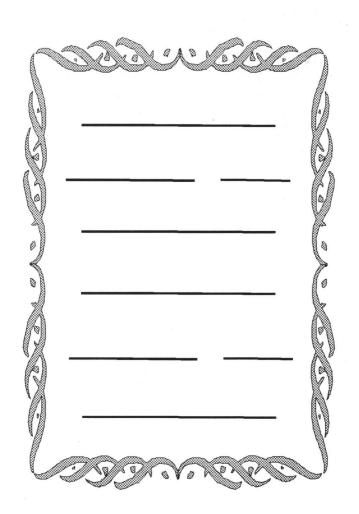


A Secret Code

Use the code below to find out a Hadith of the sixth Imam (a) about Karbala. On a separate piece of paper, write what you understand from the Hadith. How does it apply to you?

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