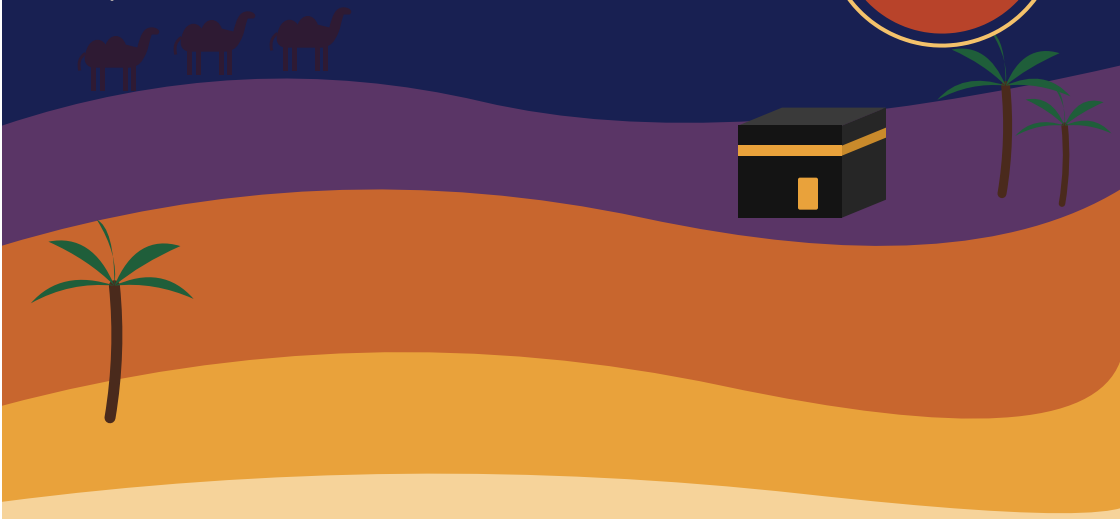
SEERAH STORIES · PART 1 OF 32

The Light of Makkah

The life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, from the Year of the Elephant to a young orphan in Makkah

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Assalamu alaikum, young explorer!

This is the first of 32 little books about the life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, called the **Seerah**. Read a chapter, stop at the special boxes, and talk about them with your family. Whenever you see ﷺ, say: *ṣallallāhu ʿalayhi wa sallam*.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

"And We have sent you not except as a mercy to all the worlds."

Surah Al-Anbiya 21:107

Look out for these 3 boxes

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CHAPTER 1

A Valley, a Well and a House



Long before the Prophet ﷺ was born, Allah told Prophet Ibraheem *(ʿalayhis-salām)* to leave his wife Hajar *(raḍiyallāhu ʿanhā)* and baby Isma'eel *(ʿalayhis-salām)* in a dry, empty valley called Makkah. When their water ran out, Hajar *(raḍiyallāhu ʿanhā)* ran seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwah. Then water burst from the ground by the baby's feet: the well of **Zamzam**! Later, Ibraheem and Isma'eel *(ʿalayhimas-salām)* built the **Ka'bah** for worshipping Allah alone. Centuries later, people filled it with idols.

TAWHEED SPOTLIGHT

قُلْ هُوَ ٱللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

"Say: He is Allah, the One" (112:1). **Tawheed** means believing that Allah is One and worshipping Him alone. The Ka'bah was built for Tawheed. Idols of stone cannot hear, see, help or harm. Only Allah can.

Little Explorers

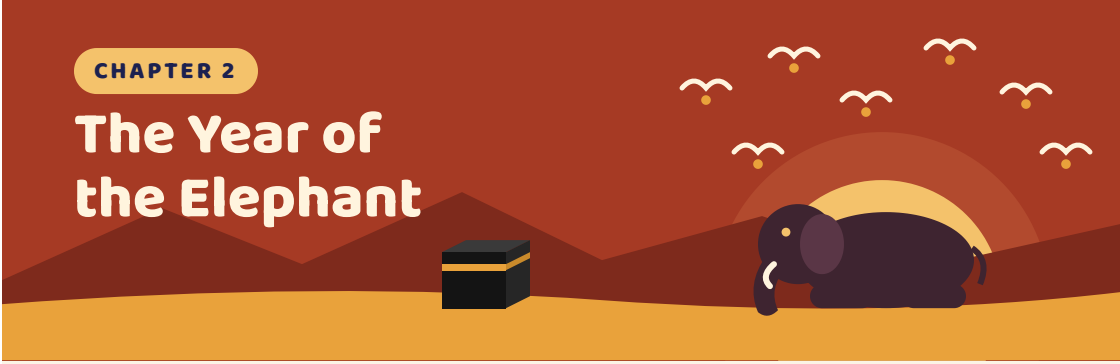
Count it! Hajar *(raḍiyallāhu ʿanhā)* ran between Safa and Marwah **7 times**. Pilgrims still walk it in Hajj and Umrah.

Deeper Dive

The Prophet ﷺ descends from Isma'eel *(ʿalayhis-salām)*. His mission: to restore the pure faith of Ibraheem *(ʿalayhis-salām)*.

CHAPTER 2

The Year of the Elephant



A proud ruler called Abraha wanted the Arabs to visit his grand church in Yemen instead of the Ka'bah. So he marched on Makkah with a huge army and a giant elephant. His soldiers seized 200 camels from Abdul Muttalib, the chief of Makkah. Abdul Muttalib calmly asked for his camels back, saying: **"I own the camels. The House has its own Lord, who will protect it."** Near Makkah, the elephant knelt and refused to move. Then Allah sent flocks of birds with stones of baked clay, and the army was destroyed.

TAWHEED SPOTLIGHT

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ ٱلْفِيلِ

"Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with the people of the elephant?" (105:1). Hundreds of idols stood around the Ka'bah and did nothing. It was **Allah alone** who protected His House. When we are afraid, we turn to Him.

Little Explorers

Big armies are tiny before Allah. Can you find **Surah Al-Feel** (Surah 105) in your Qur'an?

Deeper Dive

This happened about 50 days before the Prophet ﷺ was born. All Arabia saw Allah defend His House.

CHAPTER 3

A Baby Named Muhammad ﷺ

Abdul Muttalib's son Abdullah married Aminah. Sadly, Abdullah fell ill on a journey and passed away before his baby was born. On a **Monday** in the month of Rabi' al-Awwal, in the Year of the Elephant (about 570–571 CE), Aminah gave birth to a baby boy. She had seen a light shine from her that lit up the palaces of Syria. His grandfather was overjoyed. He carried the baby to the Ka'bah, thanked Allah and named him **Muhammad**: "the one who is praised."

TAWHEED SPOTLIGHT

عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ

In those days, many people were named after idols, like 'Abd al-'Uzza ("servant of Uzza"). The Prophet ﷺ later taught: **"The most beloved of your names to Allah are 'Abdullah and 'Abd ar-Rahman."** (Muslim). We are servants of Allah alone.

Little Explorers

Who's who? Father: Abdullah · Mother: Aminah · Grandfather: Abdul Muttalib · Nurse: Umm Ayman

Deeper Dive

Monday is special! The Prophet ﷺ fasted on Mondays and said: "That is the day I was born." (Muslim)

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CHAPTER 4

Haleemah's Blessed Home



Families in Makkah sent their babies to the desert to grow strong and learn pure Arabic. Women from the tribe of Banu Sa'd came looking for babies to nurse, but nobody wanted Muhammad ﷺ. He was an orphan, and they hoped for rich fathers. **Haleemah** had found no other baby, so she took him. Then wonderful things happened! Her weak donkey raced ahead of the caravan. Her thin she-camel filled with milk. In a year of drought, her goats came home full.

TAWHEED SPOTLIGHT — اَلرَّزَّاقُ

Rain, milk and green grass do not come from luck or from idols. Allah is **Ar-Razzaq**, the Provider. He sends *barakah* (blessing) wherever He wills, and He placed it in Haleemah's home.

Little Explorers

Haleemah chose the baby nobody wanted, and Allah blessed her home. Be kind to those others leave out!

Deeper Dive

The Prophet ﷺ said: "I and the one who cares for an orphan will be in Paradise like this," joining two fingers. (Bukhari)

CHAPTER 5

The Day the Angel Came



When Muhammad ﷺ was about four, he was playing with friends near Haleemah's tents. Suddenly the angel **Jibreel** came. He laid him down, opened his chest and took out his heart. He removed a small clot and said, "This is Shaytan's share of you." Then he washed the heart with Zamzam water in a golden basin and put it back. The children ran to Haleemah crying, "Muhammad has been killed!" But they found him safe and well. Soon after, Haleemah took him home to his mother.

TAWHEED SPOTLIGHT

آمَنْتُ بِٱللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ

"I believe in Allah and His angels." Angels are created by Allah from light. They never disobey Him and do exactly as He commands. Believing in angels is one of the six pillars of **Iman**. Jibreel came only because Allah sent him.

Little Explorers

Keep your heart clean and shining: remember Allah, tell the truth and forgive others.

Deeper Dive

Anas, a Companion, said he later saw the stitch marks on the Prophet's ﷺ chest. (Muslim)

CHAPTER 6

Alone, but Never Alone



When he was six, Muhammad ﷺ travelled with his mother and Umm Ayman to Yathrib (later called Madinah). On the way home, Aminah fell ill and passed away at a place called **Abwa**. Umm Ayman brought the little boy home. His grandfather Abdul Muttalib loved him dearly: by the Ka'bah, only Muhammad ﷺ could sit on the old chief's special carpet. But when Muhammad ﷺ was eight, his grandfather died too. His kind uncle **Abu Talib** took him in and loved him like his own sons.

TAWHEED SPOTLIGHT

أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ

"Did He not find you an orphan and give you shelter?" (93:6). Family is a gift from Allah, but the One who truly looks after us is Allah, **Al-Wali**, the Protector. He never dies and never leaves us.

Little Explorers

Age 0 · Born in Makkah
Age 6 · Loses his mother
Age 8 · Loses his grandfather
Then · Lives with Abu Talib

Deeper Dive

Surah Ad-Duha came to comfort the Prophet ﷺ after a pause in revelation, reminding him how Allah cared for him as an orphan.

Explorer's Challenge

How much do you remember? Circle the right answer.

1. What does the name "Muhammad" mean?

(A) The strong one
(B) The one who is praised
(C) The traveller

2. Which well burst out near baby Isma'eel *(ʿalayhis-salām)*?

(A) Zamzam
(B) Badr
(C) Rumah

3. What did Allah send against Abraha's army?

(A) A storm
(B) Flocks of birds
(C) A flood

4. Who nursed Muhammad ﷺ in the desert?

(A) Khadeejah
(B) Haleemah
(C) Fatimah

5. On which day was the Prophet ﷺ born?

(A) Friday
(B) Monday
(C) Thursday

6. Who cared for him after his grandfather?

(A) Abu Talib
(B) Abu Lahab
(C) Abu Bakr

Unscramble the words

MZAMZA	HAKBA	HANIMA	MAHLEEAH
_____	_____	_____	_____

DU'A TO LEARN

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

"My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

Surah Ta-Ha 20:114

Draw it!

The Ka'bah and the birds of Surah Al-Feel

Answers: 1B · 2A · 3B · 4B · 5B · 6A · Zamzam · Ka'bah · Aminah · Haleemah

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