









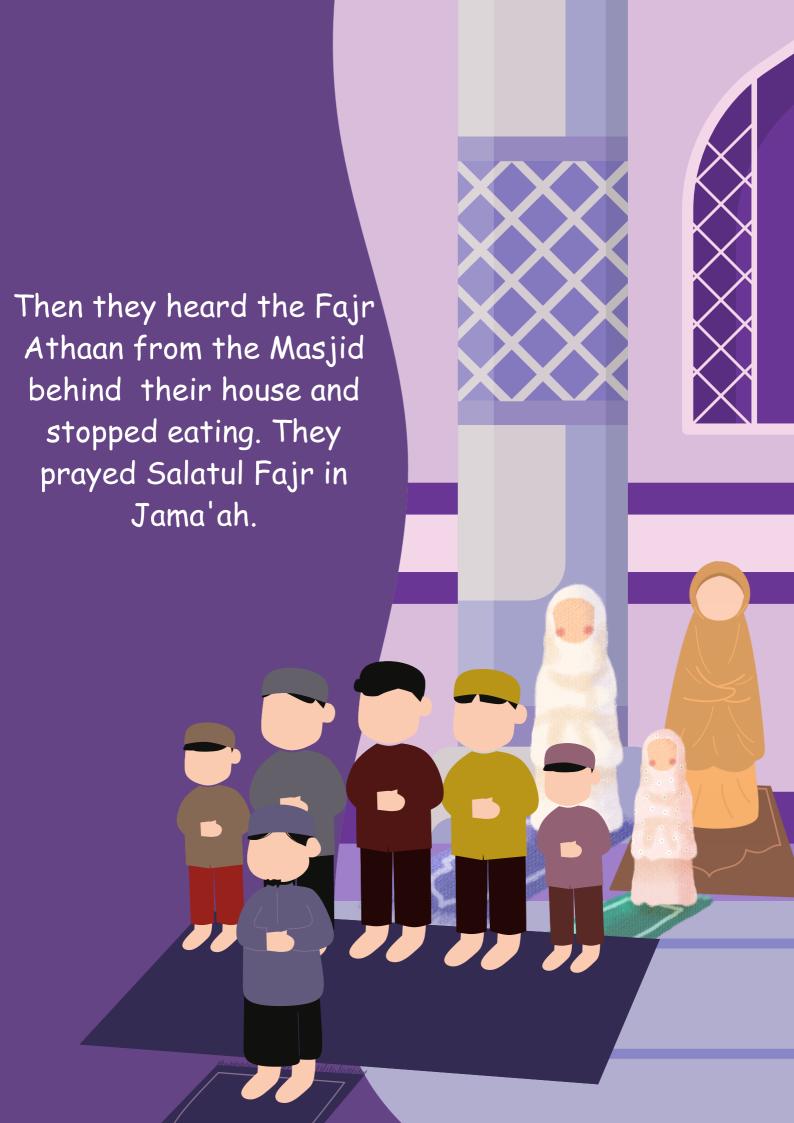
Adam and Maryam announced to their family that they were going to fast tomorrow. They had a quick dinner. They brushed their teeth all by themselves, and jumped into their beds without any protests.



When their mother woke them up for Suhoor before Fajr, it was pitch black outside and peacefully quiet.



They didn't feel like eating anything at all. But their grandmother said, "Adam and Maryam, remember Rasulullah, صلى الله عليه وسلم said تَسَحَّرُوا فَإِنَّ فِي السَّحُورِ بَرَكَةً "Take Suhur as there is a blessing in it." So they had some dates, milk and eggs.

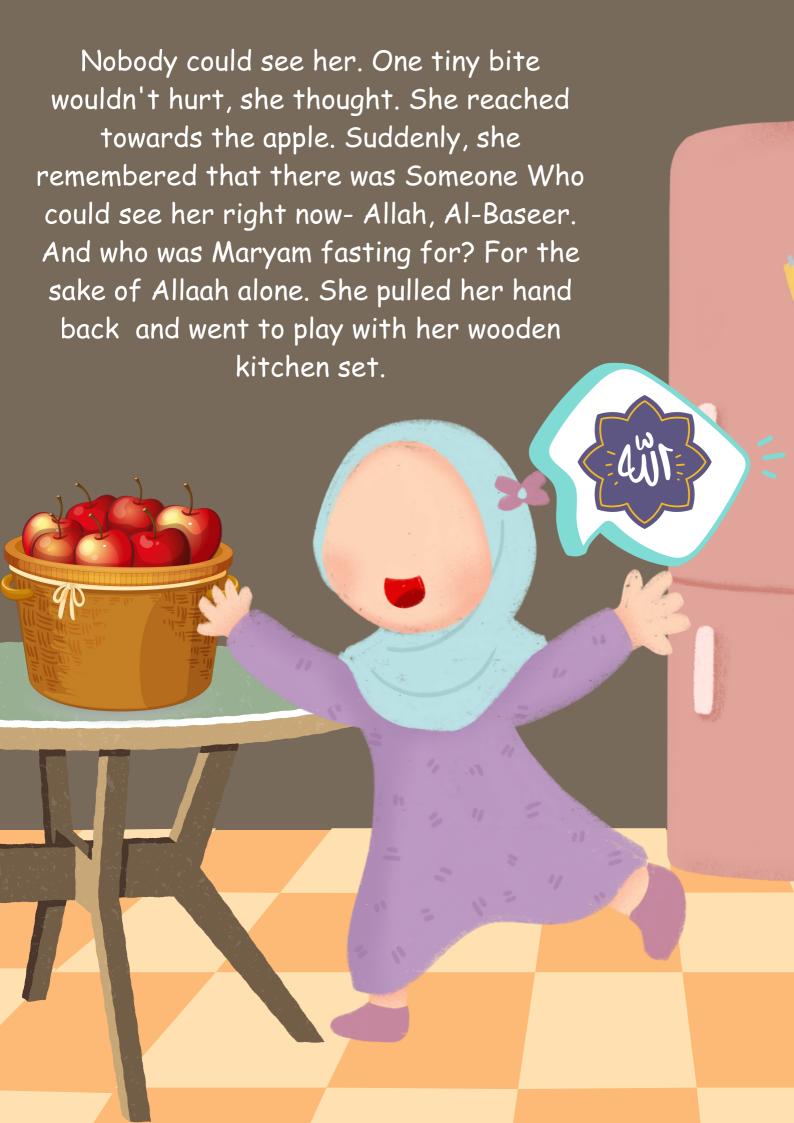


Their mother was reciting the Qur'an after Salah so they too took out their colourful Juz Amma and recited a couple of Suwar. Then they slept for a while.



When Maryam woke up she went to her mother and asked for breakfast. Her mother smiled and reminded her that she was fasting. Maryam's stomach was grumbling. She saw a basket full of bright red apples kept on the table. She looked towards the left, she looked towards the right, She glanced behind her back, there was no one in sight.





Adam was cycling outside. When he came back home, he was hot and thirsty. He saw a cool bottle of water glistening on the table. He looked towards his left, he looked towards his right, he looked behind his back, there was no one in sight.



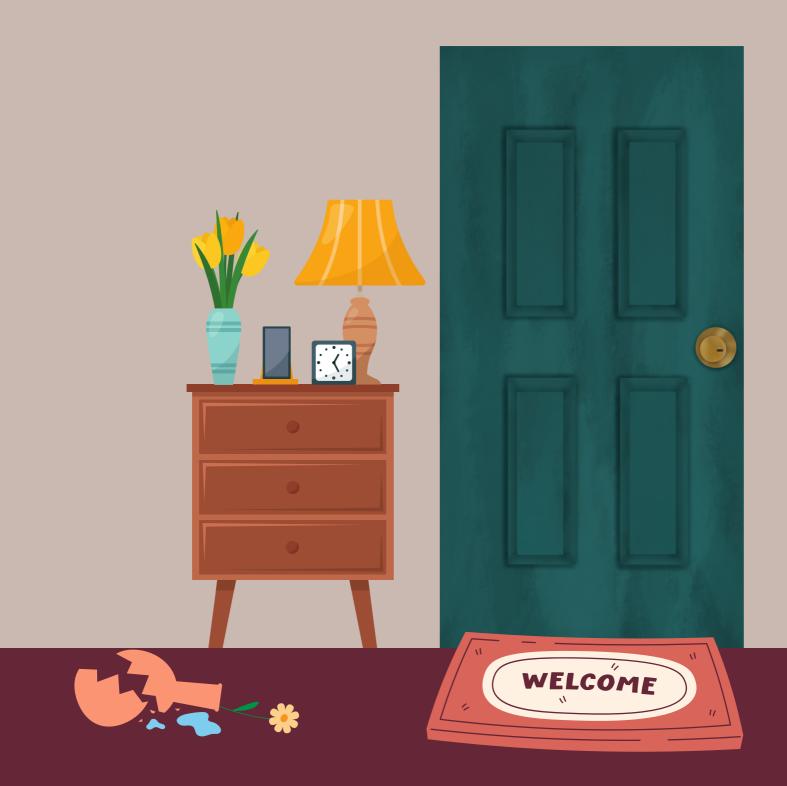
Nobody could see him. Just one sip of water, he thought. He reached towards the bottle.

Then, he remembered that there was someone Who could see him right now, - Allaah, Al Baseer. And who was Adam fasting for? For the sake of Allaah alone. So he pulled his hand back and went to play with his Lego instead.





Adam build a huge Lego tower. Maryam came running to him to show him a fallen flower. BANG! Maryam accidentally knocked down Adam's Lego tower. Adam turned red with anger, he was just about to burst out on Maryam when she raised her hand and said "إِنِّي", I am fasting, I am fasting, don't fight with me. I am sorry about your tower. Can I help you build another one?" Adam too remembered he must not get angry while fasting. He changed his position to calm down and then took Maryam's help to build another tower.



The bell rang. Adam ran towards the door. CRASH! He accidentally knocked over his mother's favourite vase. His mother, who had just returned from grocery shopping, stepped in through the open door and saw shattered glass strewn across the hallway. She turned towards Adam.





It was almost Iftaar time.

Maryam peeled the bananas and

Adam sliced them to make fruit
salad. Adam squeezed lemons and

Maryam added ice cubes to make

a cool jug of lemonade. They

helped to set the table.





Their whole family sat together for Iftaar. Adam and Maryam's grandfather reminded them to make Du'aa, for it would surely be accepted right now. They squeezed their eyes shut. Adam prayed for a bow and arrow. Maryam prayed for a pet rabbit. The Maghrib Athaan could be heard now. Adam and Maryam's first Fast was complete.



