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The Land of the Prophets



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What is Al-Aqsa?

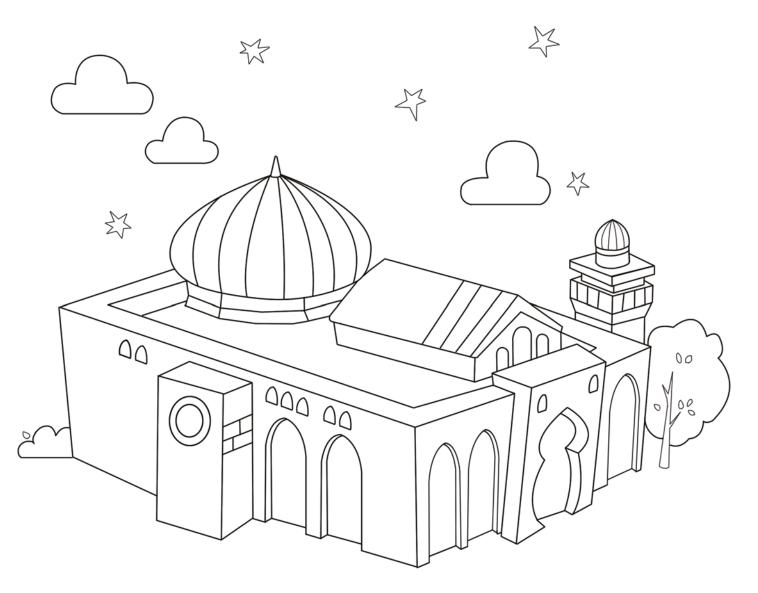
Masjid Al-Aqsa is the name of a very special place in the city of Jerusalem. We'll learn all about Al-Aqsa in this activity pack.

Colour in this image of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Did you know?

The word 'Masjid Al-Aqsa' in Arabic means 'The Furthest Masjid'. It's also known as 'Al-Bayt-Al-Muqaddis' which means the 'sacred house'.







A Blessed Place

Recite the Quranic verse below and circle the word 'Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa' in Arabic. Use the clue to help you find it.

Glory to Him who made His servant travel by night from the sacred place of worship to the furthest place of worship, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him some of Our signs: He alone is the All Hearing, the All Seeing.

Al-Quran, Surah Isra, Verse 1



Masjid Al-Aqsa is located in the city of Jerusalem, which is in the area of Palestine which is in the region of Ash-Shaam.



Circle this word in the ayah above:

From the Quranic ayah above, can you also say that Jerusalem, Palestine and Ash-Shaam are blessed too? Give reasons for your answer.

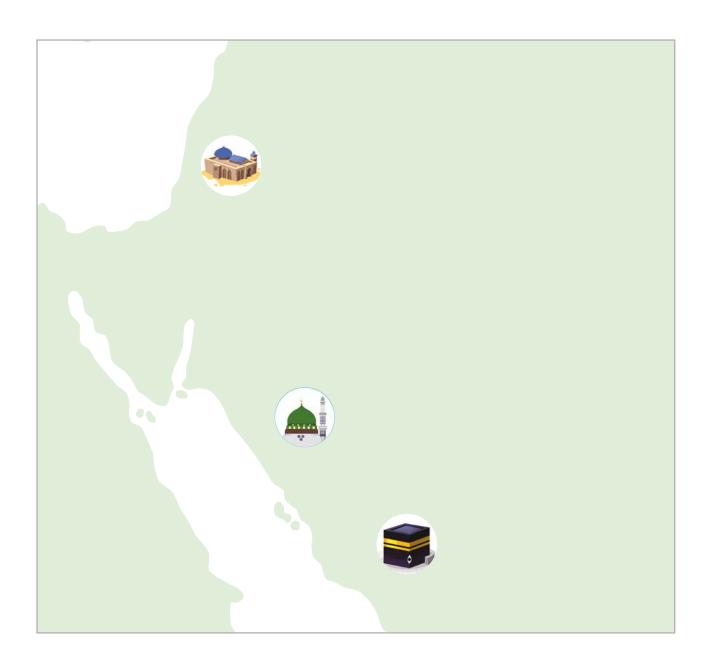
The First Qibla

Before the Prophet Muhammad migrated from Makkah to Madinah, the Muslims were ordered by Allah to pray in the direction of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Draw a person praying in the direction of both the Kabah as well as Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Is it possible for someone in Madinah to pray facing both the Kabah as well as Masjid Al-Aqsa?

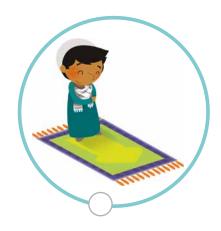






A Special Site

Match the virtues of Masjid Al-Aqsa below to the correct images.



The land around Masjid Al-Aqsa is blessed



You get 500 times more reward for praying in Masjid Al-Aqsa



Masjid Al-Aqsa was the first Qibla for the Muslims



The Prophet Muhammad **
visited Masjid Al-Aqsa
during his famous night
journey and led all the
Prophets in prayer there.



Masjid Al-Aqsa was built and rebuilt by several Prophets.



Where is Al-Aqsa?

Draw a circle around the place where you live on the world map.

Then read the clue below and draw a circle around the place where you think Masjid Al-Aqsa is located.





Traveler's Treasure

After reading the hadith below, assign the correct reward multiplier to each masjid shown.











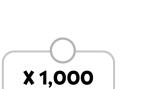


Masjid al-Aqsa

Clue

Abu Ad-Darda' relates that the Prophet said, "The prayer prayed in the Sacred Mosque (Masjid al-Haram) is akin to one hundred thousand prayers, and the prayer in my mosque is akin to one thousand prayers and the prayer in Jerusalem is akin to five hundred prayers."

Tabarani & Al-Bazzar, Hadith Hasan







X 100,000



Places in Palestine

Find a map of Palestine (online or else where) and use it to label some of the main towns listed in the region. The box will tell you something special about each place.

Gaza City

This small strip of land is one of the most densely populated places on Earth.

Rafah

This town is on the border with Egypt.

Bethlehem

This is the town that Christians believe the Prophet Isa was born in.

Jericho

Although there is no proof, some people believe this is the town where Prophet Musa may have been buried.

Hebron

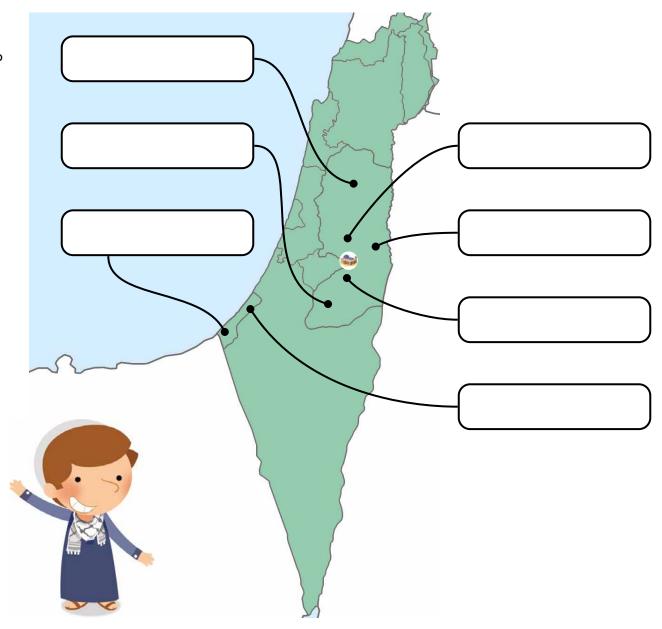
This is the second largest Palestinian town after Gaza.

Ramallah

This town is generally considered the most affluent of all Palestinian cities.

Nablus

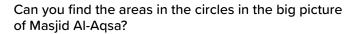
This town was renamed as 'Nablus' when the Muslims conquered it in the 7th Century.





Al-Aqsa's Ornaments

Masjid Al-Aqsa is a special place that houses many different buildings, chambers and arches.

















The Nation Builders' Masjid

Use the ordered list of the Prophets to put these events in the correct order.

Adam

Idrees

Nuh

Hud

Salih

Ibrahim

Lut

Ismail

Ishaq Yaqub

Yusuf

Shoaib

Ayyoub

Yunus

Musa

Haroon

Dhul-Kifl

Dawood

Sulaiman

Ilvas

Al-Yasa

Zakariyya

Yahya

Isa

Muhammad @



The Prophet Zakariyya was the Imam of Masjid Al-Aqsa and made dua for a son there.



The Prophet Muhammad **
rose into the seven
heavens from Al-Aqsa.



The Prophet Sulaiman finished rebuilding Masjid Al-Aqsa which his father Dawood had started.

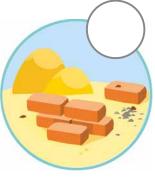




The Prophet Ibrahim and his second son, Ishaq, rebuilt Masjid Al-Aqsa together. Ishaq was born in Palestine and Ibrahim passed away there.



It was in Al-Aqsa that Angel Jibreel told Maryam about the birth of Prophet Isa.



The Prophet Adam built Masjid Al-Aqsa for the first time. Al-Aqsa was rebuilt and repaired many times, after that.



Prophet Musa's Longing

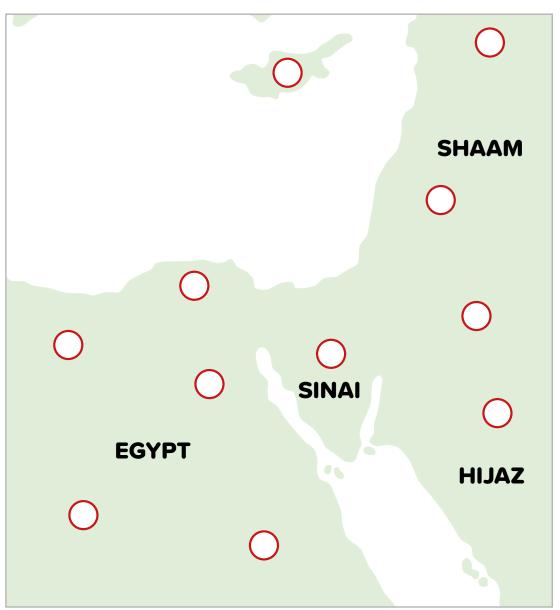
One of Prophet Musa's life ambitions was to lead his people into Jerusalem. However, his people were not ready for such a victory. Musa still made dua to Allah for what he wanted.

Based on the hadith below, which of the spots on the map do you think Musa's grave would be closest to?

The Prophet said: "Musa requested Allah to let him die close to the Sacred Land (near Masjid Al-Aqsa) so much so that he would be at a distance of a stone's throw from it".

The Prophet then said, "If I were there, I would show you his grave below the red sand hill on the side of the road." (Bukhari)







Sun Stop

Using the story below, circle the sky that best reflects the time when the sun was stopped for Prophet Yusha'.

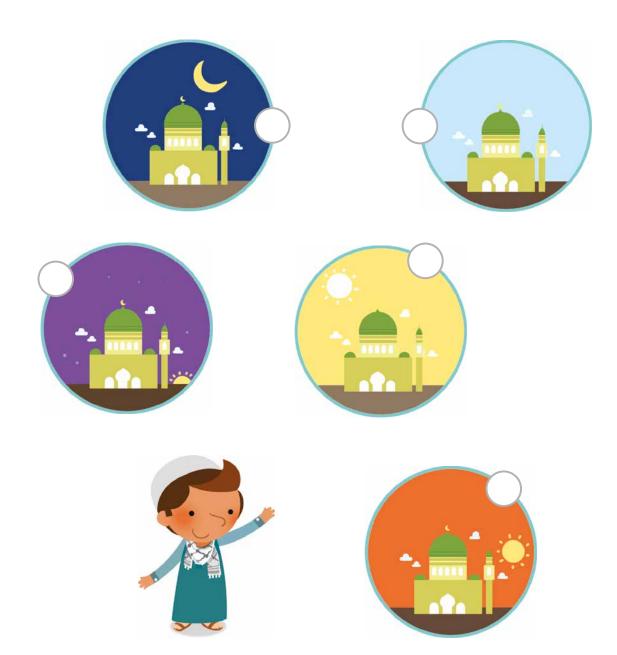
When Prophet Musa passed away, the leadership of his people was passed on to one of his close followers called Yusha' Bin-Noon. Yusha' was also a Prophet and led his people to conquer the city of Jerusalem.

The Prophet Muhammad said about him:

"... So he marched on and approached a village (Jerusalem) around the time of the Asr prayer. He said to the sun: 'You are ordered by Allah and I am ordered by Allah. O Allah! Stop the sun! So it was stopped for him until Allah granted him victory."

The Prophet also said:

"The sun has never stopped for any man besides Yusha' when he wanted to conquer Bayt Al-Muqaddis."





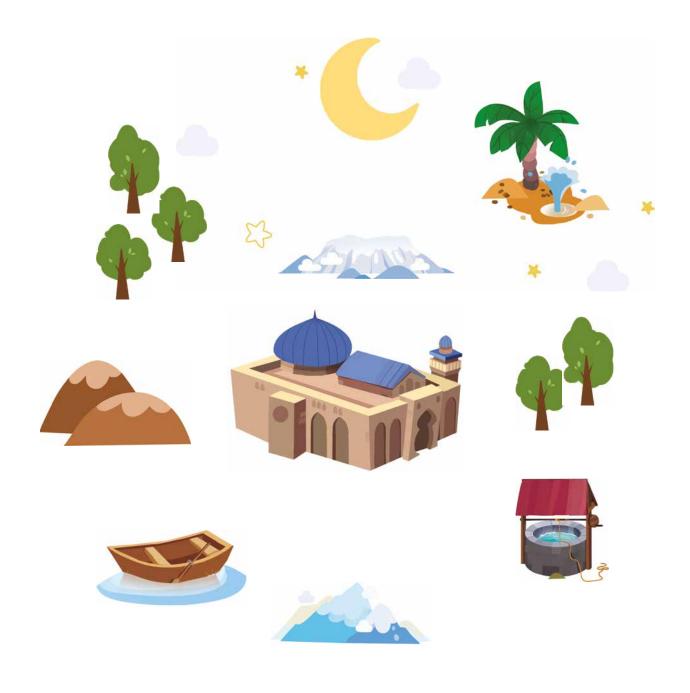
Maryam's Moment

Maryam left Jerusalem to give birth to the Prophet Isa under a palm tree in a hidden area. Circle which object most likely suits the place where Prophet Isa was born.



Did you know?

Maryam came from a very special family (known as the family of Imran) and dedicated her life to the service of Masjid Al-Aqsa. She had her own chamber there for worship. It was in this chamber that Angel Jibreel appeared and gave her news that she will give birth to Prophet Isa ...





Food for Thought

Circle the fruits of Palestine in the picture below.









Grapes



When the Prophet Zakariyya saw Maryam with the fruits of the summer in the winter time and the fruits of the winter in Summer time. he asked Maryam where she got these fruits from. Maryam said it was from Allah, and that Allah provides for whoever He wants.

This inspired Zakariyya to ask Allah for a son, even though he and his wife were very old at the time. Allah blessed them with a son called Yahya. Maryam was the aunt of Yahya, and so Yahya and Isa were both cousins.



Cucumber



Olives





Peppers



Pomegranate



Apricot



Lettuce



Tomatoes



The Amazing Night Journey

Learn about the Prophet Muhammad's most amazing journey and answer the questions on the following sheet.







One night, the Prophet Muhammad was awoken by Angel Jibreel who brought with him an amazing animal called Al-Burag.

Angel Jibreel prepared the Prophet for a very special journey by opening his chest, and purifying his heart and washing it with Zamzam water.

The Prophet Muhammad then mounted the Buraq which was a white coloured animal, smaller than a horse. With each step Al-Buraq took, it travelled a distance as far as the eye could see. Al-Buraq was much faster than any animal that has ever lived on Earth!

The Prophet Muhammad and Angel Jibreel set off from Makkah on Al-Buraq until they reached Masjid Al-Aqsa in the city of Jerusalem.

Upon entering Masjid Al-Aqsa, the Prophet Muhammad met and led all the prophets of the past in prayer.

After the salah, the Prophet

Muhammad and Angel Jibreel
rose through the heavens and were
met at different levels by angels
and prophets.

After meeting Ibrahim an on the 7th heaven, they continued the journey

until they reached the Lote tree (Sidratul Muntaha) which is gigantic and beautiful. It's at the furthest point where Jibreel a cannot pass. So Muhammad went on until he reached the throne of Allah.

It was in this meeting that Allah gifted his Ummah with 50 prayers which was eventually reduced to 5 prayers under the advice of Prophet Musa

After arriving back at Masjid
Al-Aqsa, Prophet Muhammad
mounted Al-Buraq and returned
to Makkah.

He saw the caravans travelling to

Makkah, their camels laden with goods to sell at the markets.

When the Prophet Muhammad **
returned, he told the people about his journey to Masjid Al-Aqsa, but only his companions believed him. It was only after the Prophet **
told the people about the camels arriving in Makkah, that people knew the journey was true.





How much you did you learn?

Answer these questions after the reading story of the Amazing Night Journey.

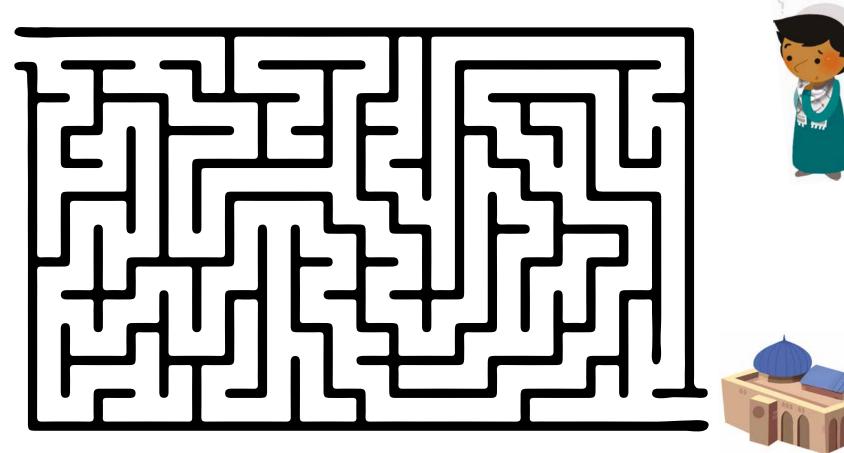


1	Where did the Prophet begin his amazing journey at night?	4	How did the Prophet travel to Masjid Al-Aqsa?	7	At what point was Angel Jibreel unable to continue the journey?
2	Who came to accompany the Prophet on his journey?	5	What did the Prophet do when he reached Masjid Al-Aqsa?	8	What was the gift that Allah gave to the Prophet ***?
3	How was the Prophet prepared for the amazing journey?	6	Where did the Prophet go after stopping at Masjid Al-Aqsa?	9	How did the people of Makkah eventually know night journey was true?

Isra: From the Ka'bah to Al-Aqsa

Follow the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad by making your way from the Kabah in Makkah to Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem. This part of the Prophet's amazing night journey is known as 'Isra'.







Ride of a Lifetime

Read the description of Al-Buraq and draw what you think this amazing creature may have looked like.

In Sahih Al-Bukhari Al-Buraq is described as follows:

"... Then a white animal which was smaller than a mule and bigger than a donkey was brought to me."

"The animal's step (was so wide that it) reached the furthest point within the reach of the animal's sight..."

Did you know?

In the basement of Masjid Al-Aqsa, there is an iron ring attached to a wall which symbolises the place where Buraq may have been tied when it reach the masjid on the night of Al-Isra and Al-Miraj.





Caliph Umar: The Humble Conquerer

Read this story about the time when the Muslims conquered Jerusalem. Then answer the questions.

By the year 637, the conquering Muslim armies reached Jerusalem. The Patriarch Sophroniu refused to surrender the city unless Caliph Umar himself came to accept the surrender. Umar ibn al-Khattab left Madinah, travelling alone with one donkey and one servant. When he arrived in Jerusalem, Sophronius was amazed that the Caliph of the Muslims was dressed in simple robes.

Umar was given a tour of the city, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. When the time for prayer came, Sophronius invited Umar to pray inside the Church, but Umar refused in-case Muslims would later convert it into a mosque and deny Christians of one of their holiest sites. Instead, Umar prayed outside the Church, where a mosque (called Masjid Umar) was later built.

The Muslims wrote a treaty allowing each religious group their full freedom to worship which was previously banned by the Romans.

Umar cleared the area of the Temple

Mount, where Muhammad ascended to
heaven. The Christians had used the area
as a garbage dump. Umar and his army
personally cleaned it and re-built Masjid AlAgsa there.

For the next 462 years,
Jerusalem was ruled
by Muslims. In 1099 the
city was captured by
Christian Crusaders.
88 years later, Sultan
Salahuddin Al-Ayyubi reconquered Jerusalem.



1	Why was the Patriarch amazed when he saw Umar Ibn Al-Khattab?
2	Why did Umar not pray at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre?
3	What did Umar do after signing a treaty?



At the Gates of Jerusalem

Read the biographies of the Companions of the Prophet and match them to the landmark of the city you believe they may have passed away in. Which Companion was buried in Jerusalem?





























Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari

He was the neighbour of the Prophet and later in his life he fought in battles in attempts to capture the city of Constantinople (modern day Istanbul).

Asma Bint Abi Bakr

She was the daughter of Abu Bakr and married Az-Zubayr Ibn Al-Awwam. Her son later ruled over Makkah but was ousted. She stood up against tyrannical leaders of her time.

Ubadah bin As-Samit

He was appointed as the first teacher and judge of the Palestinian people by the Caliph Umar. He is believed to have spent some period of time in the city of Jerusalem.

Amr Ibn Al-Aas

He helped conquer cities in Palestine and then moved on to conquer Egypt and parts of North Africa.

Umar Ibn Al-Khattab

He served as Caliph after Abu Bakr and made dua to Allah that he dies as a martyr in the city of the Prophet ...



Level Up

Using the clues below, for each level of the heavens, write the name of the Prophet that Muhammad 🎡 met.

Clues

1st Heaven:

The first Prophet of Allah.

2nd Heaven:

The son of Maryam and the son of Prophet Zakariyya.

3rd Heaven:

The most handsome Prophet.

4th Heaven:

The Prophet whose soul was taken in the heavens.

5th Heaven:

The brother of Prophet Musa.

6th Heaven:

The Prophet who defeated the Pharaoh of Egypt.

7th Heaven:

The father of Ismail and Ishaq.























The Lote Tree

7th Heaven

6th Heaven

5th Heaven

4th Heaven

3rd Heaven

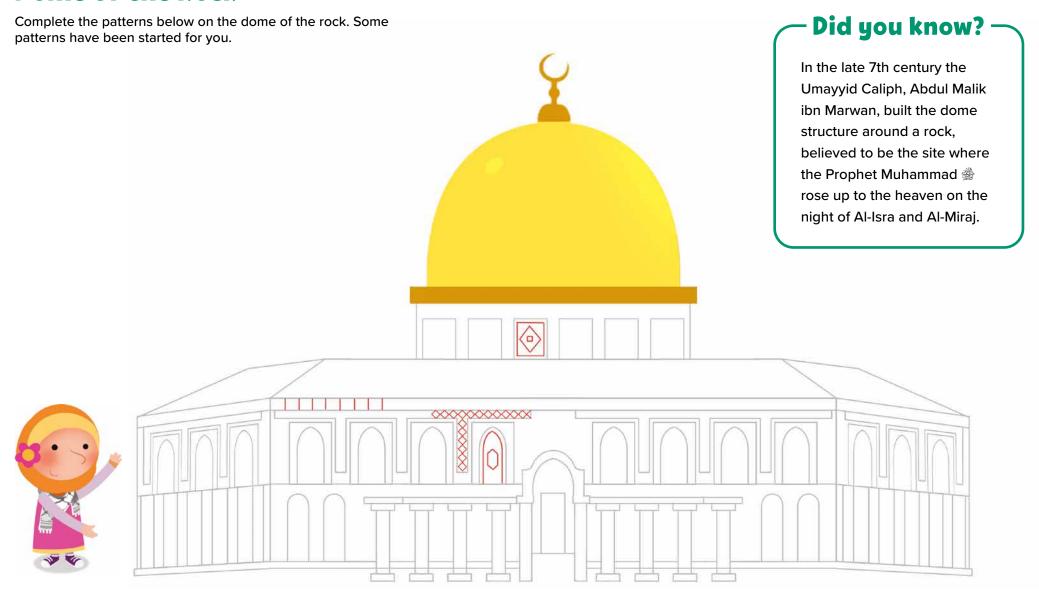
2nd Heaven

1st Heaven





Dome of the Rock





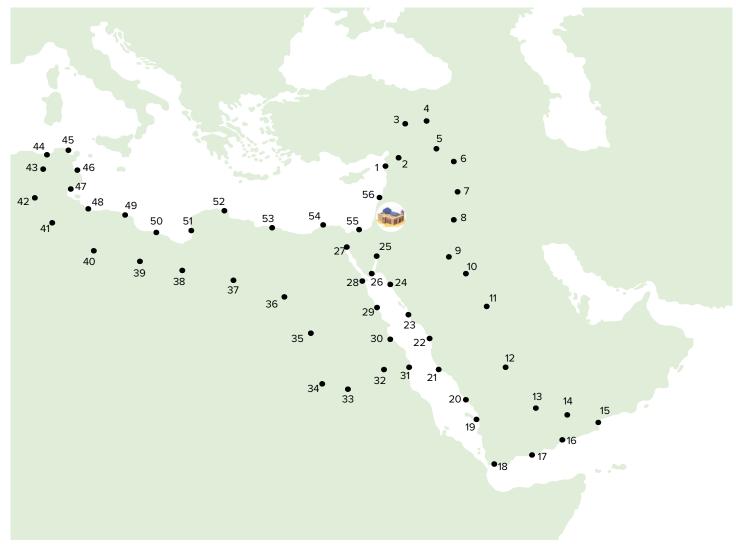
Salahuddin: A Wise, Brave and Legendary King

Join the dots to show the areas that Salahuddin united before re-conquering Jerusalem.



Did you know?

Salahuddin Al-Ayyubi united the Muslim lands before launching an attack on the Crusaders who controlled Jerusalem. He could not have achieved this goal without unifying the Muslims first.





Timeline to Today

Put the events in order to show what happened to Al-Aqsa over time.

Year 1099

Crusaders take control of Jerusalem



The Dome of the Rock building is completed in Masjid Al-Aqsa



The Ottoman Empire takes control of Palestine

Year 1948

Palestine is given by the British to a Zionist movement who founded the state of Israel **Year 1967**

The Six Day War ends in defeat for the Arab forces

Year 620

The Prophet completes his amazing night Journey from Makkah, to Jerusalem to the Heavens

Year 1187

Salahuddin Ayyubi liberates Jerusalem

Year 1917

The Ottoman forces are defeated at the Battle of Jerusalem by the British Empire

Year 637

The Companions of the Prophet conquer Jerusalem and bring the city under Muslim control





Compassion Comparison

Compare the everyday life of a Palestinian child with your own. Connect the related images that illustrate and compare similar aspects of life.



95% of Water in Gaza is not drinkable



It's dangerous for Palestinian children to play outside



You get good medical care





You're free to walk around your town



Palestinians face checkpoints when traveling



Your land is free of any borders between towns



Most Palestinians are blocked from visiting Al-Aqsa



A wall separates
Palestinian towns from
the rest of their land



You can visit Al-Aqsa



It's safe for you to play outside



Clean Water



There's a shortage of medicines in Gaza



Sincere Dua

Write a dua you will make to Allah to free Masjid Al-Aqsa help the people of Palestine.









Charity Choices

Explain how each of these types of charities help the people in Palestine.









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Food & Clothing

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Did you know?

The Prophet Muhammad 🏶 was asked: "If one of us cannot visit it (Al-Aqsa), what should we do?" The Prophet # replied, "Then he should make a gift of some oil to be lit there (in its lamps). For indeed the one who gifts this to it, will be like the one who has prayed there."

Ahmad







Electricity Generators

Medicine

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Best Buy

Palestine is home to some unique produce. You can support Palestinians by supporting their businesses. The opposite is also true. You can also help the Palestinians by not supporting businesses that harm them.

Match the image below to their descriptions.



Profits are also used to support other worthy causes in Palestine.

Purchase Palestinian goods

Jobs are made for Palestinians so families can support themselves.









Strong Palestinian businesses have a bigger say in matters affecting Palestinian people. Profits are used to grow businesses and create more jobs and value.



A Helping Hand

There are many ways to help protect Masjid Al-Aqsa and support the Palestinians.

Match the descriptions to the correct images.

Add your own ideas too. What creative ways can you think of to help?

Pressure our government representatives to support Palestine





Dua



Your ideas

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Charity

Take steps to unify the Muslims so we become stronger as an Ummah

Raise awareness about Palestine



Don't support businesses that harm the Palestinians







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