

# AHMAD & LAILA

## IN AL-AQSA



# WHAT IS MASJID AL- AQSA?

SALAM ALAIKUM  
EVERYONE.

I AM LAILA. THE LAND OF  
PALESTINE AND MASJID  
AL-AQSA ARE IMPORTANT  
PLACES FOR THE MUSLIM  
UMMAH. SO IMPORTANT  
THAT ALLAH MENTIONED  
"MASJID AL-AQSA" IN THE  
HOLY QUR'AN.

LET US LEARN MORE  
TOGETHER - IN SHAA  
ALLAH!

SALAM ALAIKUM.

MY NAME IS AHMAD AND  
I AM FROM PALESTINE.  
COME WITH ME AND MY  
SISTER LAILA AND LET  
US TOGETHER LEARN  
MORE ABOUT PALESTINE  
AND THE HOLY PLACE OF  
THE MUSLIMS - MASJID  
AL-AQSA. HOPE YOU ARE  
READY - BISMILLAH!



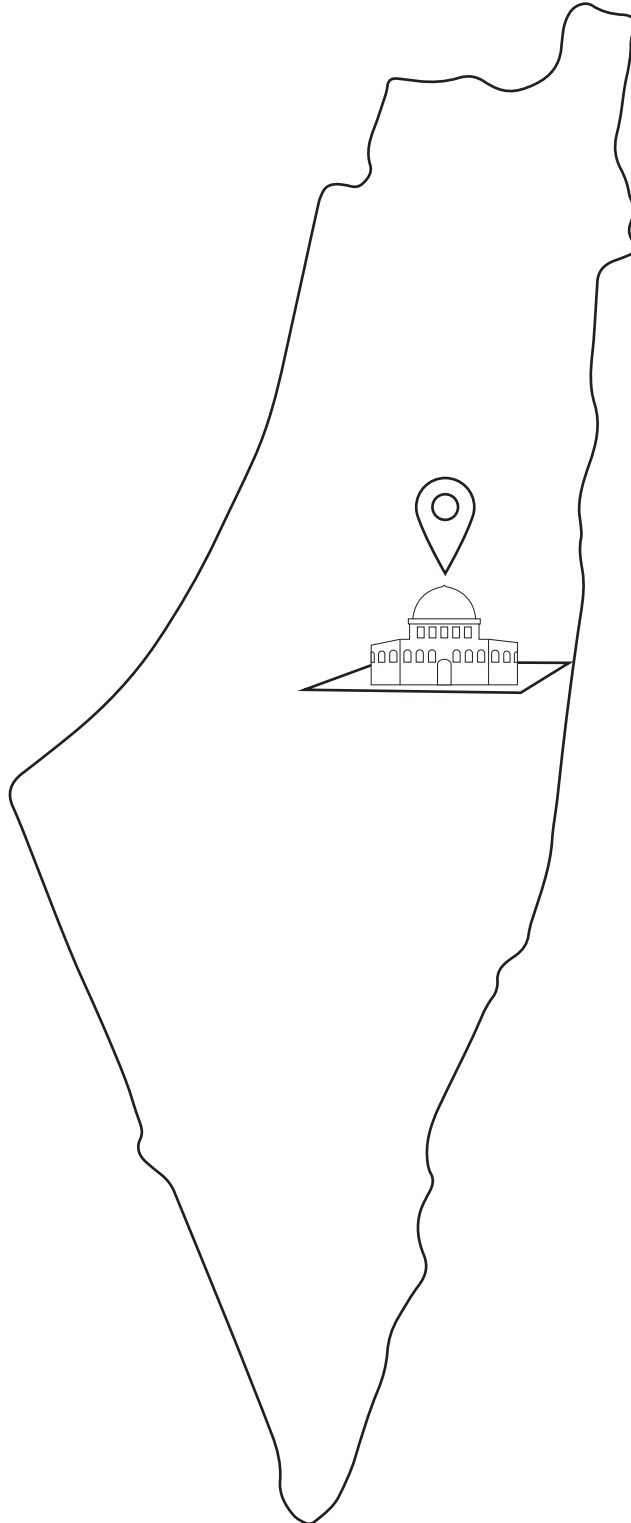
# PALESTINE

HERE WE HAVE A MAP OF PALESTINE. THE MOST IMPORTANT CITY IS AL-QUDS, WHERE MASJID AL-AQSA IS TO BE FOUND.

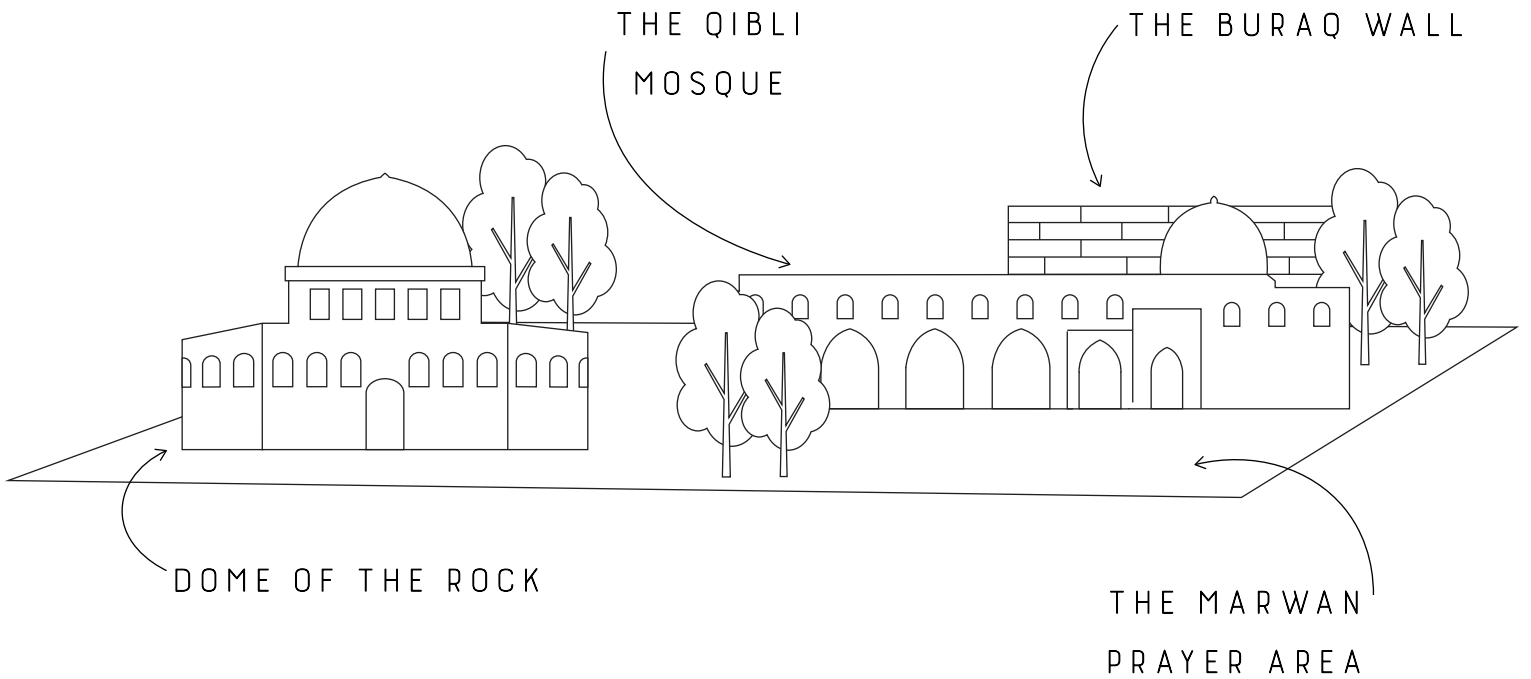
AL-QUDS IS A SACRED CITY FOR MUSLIMS AND IS A PLACE FILLED WITH HISTORY, WHERE PROPHETS ONCE WALKED AND LEFT THEIR TEACHINGS OF THE ONE TRUE RELIGION, ISLAM.

## TASK 1

Color the  
Palestinian map  
and then cut it  
out and hang it up.



# AL AQSA

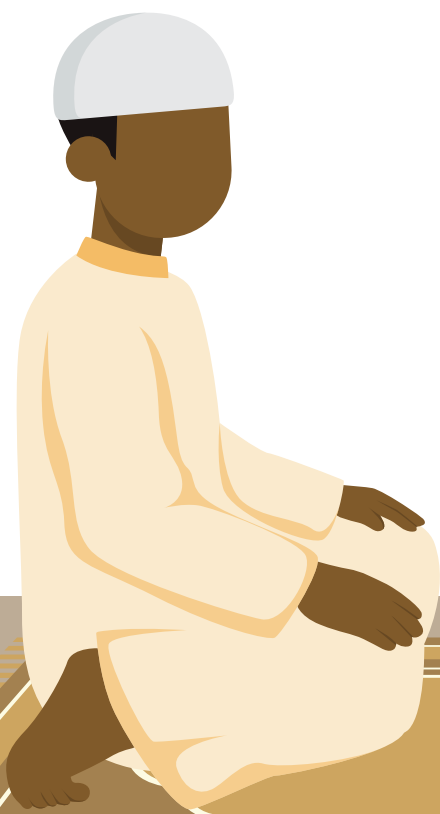


ABOVE ME WE HAVE THE COMPOUND OF AL-AQSA. DID YOU KNOW - AL-AQSA IS THE THIRD HOLIEST MASJID IN ISLAM AFTER MASJID AL-HARAM IN MAKKAH AND MASJID AN-NABAWI IN MADINA. MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT THE BUILDING WITH THE GOLD DOME IS AL-AQSA, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. THE WHOLE PLACE DRAWN ABOVE BELONGS TO THE MUSLIMS AND IS A PART OF MASJID AL-AQSA.



# PRAYER IN MASJID AL-AQSA

IN ISLAM, OUR SALAH (PRAYERS) IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AS MUSLIMS WE PRAY 5 TIMES A DAY - ALHAMDULILLAH! PRAYER IS ALWAYS SPECIAL, BUT THERE ARE THREE PLACES WHICH ARE THE BEST TO PRAY IN. THESE ARE MASJID AL-HARAM, MASJID AN-NABAWI AND MASJID AL-AQSA. SALAH IN MASJID AL-HARAM COUNTS IN REWARD AS 100 THOUSAND PRAYERS, WHILE IN MASJID AN-NABAWI ONE SALAH IS EQUAL TO THOUSAND. AND LASTLY, MASJID AL-AQSA COUNTS AS 250 PRAYERS. SUBHANALLAH, LOOK HOW KIND ALLAH IS TO US! ON THE NEXT PAGE, WE HAVE PREPARED A LITTLE GAME. LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN CONNECT THE REAL NUMBER OF REWARDS TO THE PICTURES. REMEMBER TO SAY BISMILLAH!



## TASK 2

Connect with a pencil the reward to the correct masjid.



**OTHER MOSQUES**

**X1000**



**AL AQSA**

**X1**



**MASJID AL NABAWI**

**X100.000**

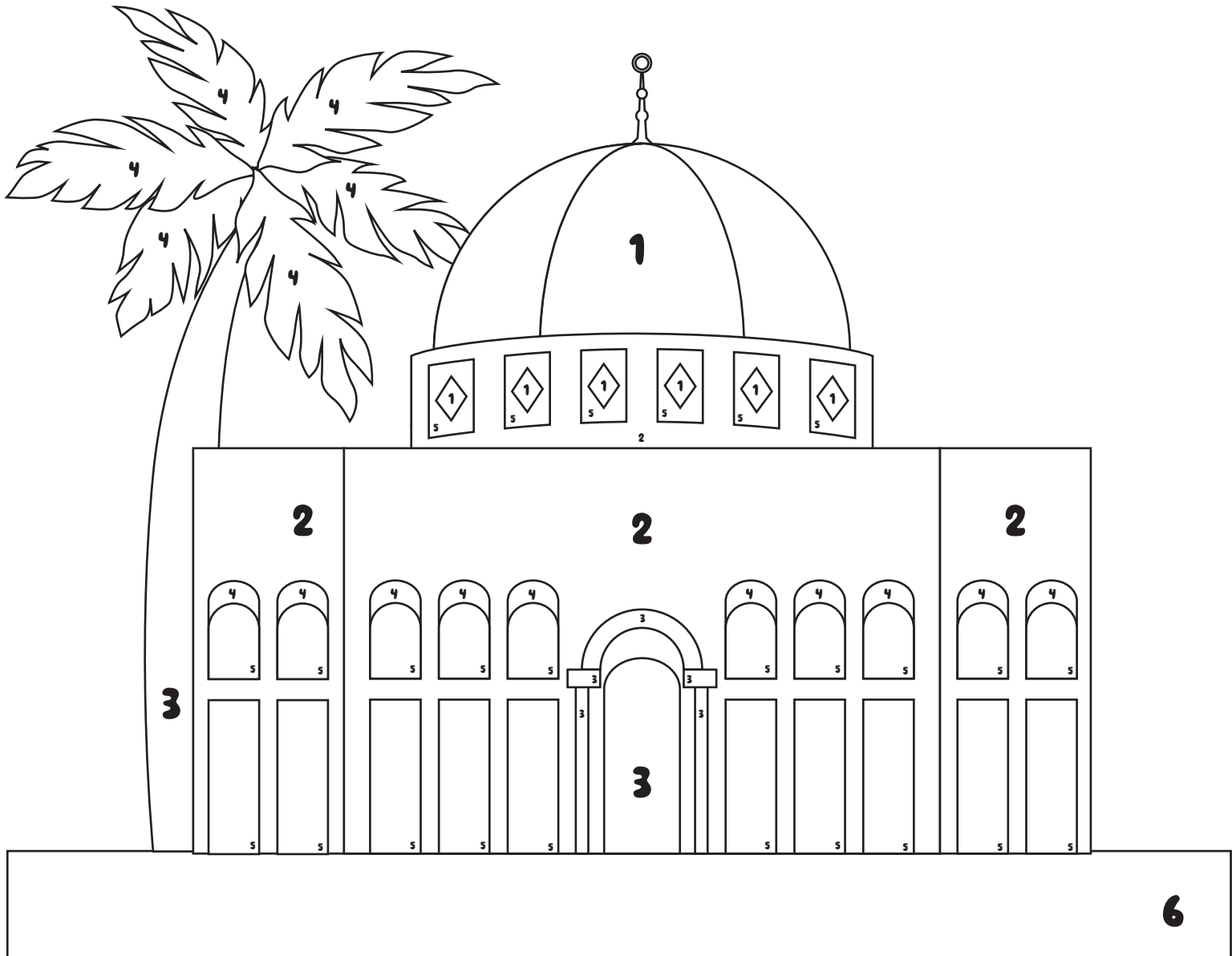


**MASJID HARAM**

**X250**

### TASK 3

Now young artists,  
get ready to bring life to  
the Dome of the Rock.  
color the numbers  
with the right color.



**1** YELLOW

**2** DARK BLUE

**3** BROWN

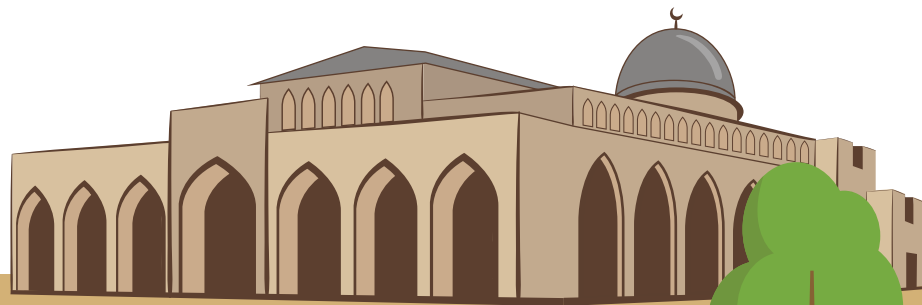
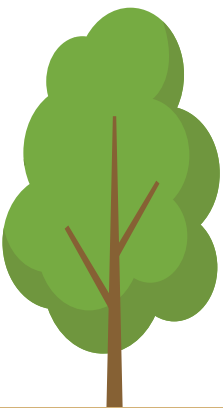
**4** GREEN

**5** LIGHT BLUE

**6** ORANGE

# FIRST QIBLA

DID YOU KNOW AL-AQSA MOSQUE IN JERUSALEM WAS THE FIRST QIBLAH FOR MUSLIMS? AL-AQSA MOSQUE WAS INITIALLY THE DIRECTION FOR MUSLIM PRAYERS BEFORE IT CHANGED TO MAKKAH. THIS SHIFT IS A SPECIAL ONE IN ISLAMIC HISTORY AND SHOWS US HOW THE HOLY PLACE WAS CONNECTED TO OUR SALAH. ON THE NEXT PAGE, SOLVE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE QIBLAH. HAVE FUN UNCOVERING THE CLUES! EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AL-AQSA MOSQUE AS THE FIRST QIBLAH THROUGH THE PUZZLE. ENJOY THE ADVENTURE OF LEARNING!





### TASK 4

Solve the crossword puzzle.  
The right answers, is on the past page.

M	I	O	G	E	Q	K	Y	I	K	S	K	A	N
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K	A	S	E	L	H	B	V	P	C	F	N	R	J
E	D	L	Q	X	H	U	Z	V	F	R	Z	B	A
F	P	N	A	P	A	R	C	Y	V	E	N	R	N
F	A	V	A	Q	D	A	O	C	R	E	S	R	A
I	L	K	L	T	S	Q	B	J	U	D	W	M	D
Y	E	Q	G	A	A	A	B	A	K	O	F	W	J
E	S	S	W	Z	O	A	G	Q	O	M	Z	C	A
H	T	J	I	T	A	L	M	I	R	A	J	K	U
A	I	V	Q	A	R	W	G	D	A	U	O	Z	K
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G	U	D	E	A	D	S	E	A	D	C	L	J	E

ALAQSA

BURAQ

FREEDOM

OLIVETREE

KEFFIYEH

ALMIRAJ

PALESTINE

FIRSTQIBLA

DEADSEA

ALISRA

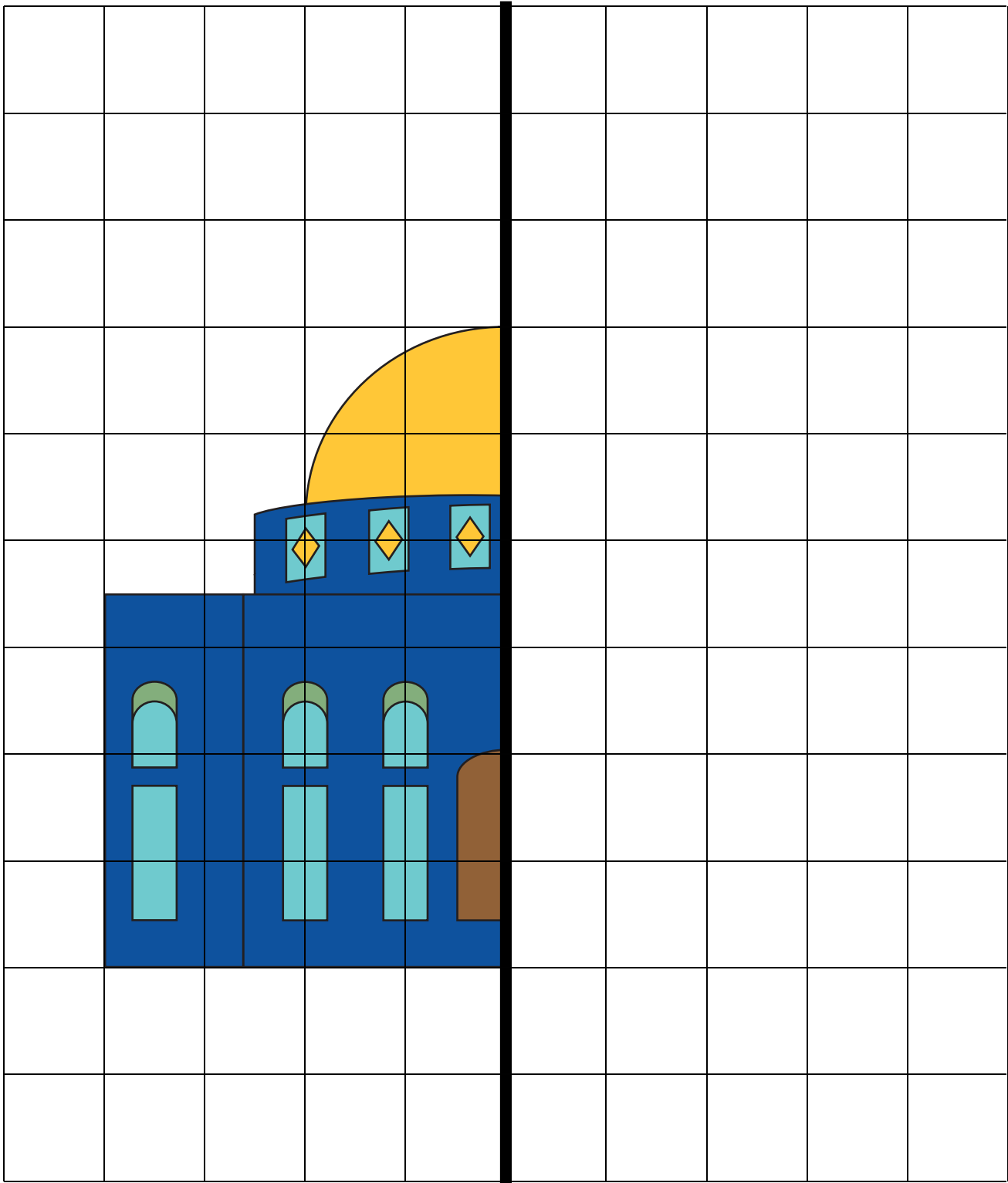
# DOME OF THE ROCK

THE DOME OF THE ROCK WAS BUILT A LONG TIME AGO BY A LEADER NAMED CALIPH ABD AL-MALIK. HE WAS LIKE A KING AND WANTED TO MAKE SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL IN JERUSALEM. HE ASKED TALENTED BUILDERS AND ARTISTS TO CREATE THIS AMAZING BUILDING. IT TOOK A FEW YEARS, FROM ABOUT 687 TO 692, FOR THE BUILDERS TO FINISH MAKING THE DOME OF THE ROCK. THEY USED LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL COLORS AND DESIGNS TO MAKE IT LOOK STUNNING! THIS SPECIAL PLACE BECAME AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL AND A REALLY COOL BUILDING IN ISLAMIC HISTORY. COMPLETE THE DOME OF THE ROCK DRAWING ON THE NEXT PAGE AND MAKE YOUR OWN HANGING DECORATION!



## TASK 5

Mirror the other half of the dome of the rock. Then cut it out and hang it as decor.



# ISRA AND MI'RAAJ

ISRA AND MI'RAJ IS A SUPER SPECIAL STORY ABOUT PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S MIRACULOUS NIGHT ADVENTURE! ONE NIGHT, WITH THE HELP OF THE ANGEL JIBREEL, PROPHET MUHAMMAD WENT ON A FANTASTIC TRIP. FIRST, THEY TOOK OFF FROM MECCA TO AL-QUDS ON A SPECIAL ANIMAL CALLED BURAO. THAT IS KNOWN AS AL-ISRA. THERE, PROPHET MUHAMMAD PRAYED WITH ALL THE OTHER PROPHETS. THEN, HE WAS RAISED THROUGH THE 7 HEAVENS CREATED BY ALLAH, MEETING LOTS OF PROPHETS. THAT IS KNOWN AS AL-MI'RAAJ. AT THE END OF AL-MI'RAAJ, PROPHET MUHAMMAD WAS GIFTED THE 5 DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE MUSLIM NATION.



THIS AMAZING JOURNEY HAPPENED IN JUST ONE NIGHT! IT'S A STORY THAT SHOWS HOW MUCH ALLAH CARED FOR PROPHET MUHAMMAD AND TEACHES US HOW ESSENTIAL PRAYERS ARE IN ISLAM. AND IT TEACHES US THE IMPORTANCE OF MASJIDA AL-AQSA. ON THE NEXT PAGE, YOU WILL SOLVE A TASK WHERE YOU SHOULD IMAGINE YOURSELF EMBARK ON A THRILLING JOURNEY FROM MAKKAH TO AL-AQSA MOSQUE, JUST LIKE PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S SPECIAL TRIP! START AT MAKKAH AND NAVIGATE YOUR WAY TO REACH MASJID AL-AQSA IN AL-QUDS.



## TASK 6

Complete the Maze.  
Move from Mecca  
to al-Quds.



MASJID HARAM



AL AQSA

DURING PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S SPECIAL NIGHT JOURNEY, HE MET MANY PROPHETS IN VARIOUS HEAVENS. HE MET PROPHET ADAM IN THE FIRST HEAVEN, PROPHET ISA AND PROPHET YAHYA IN THE SECOND HEAVEN, PROPHET YUSUF IN THE THIRD HEAVEN, PROPHET IDREES IN THE FOURTH HEAVEN, PROPHET HARUN IN THE FIFTH HEAVEN, PROPHET MUSA IN THE SIXTH HEAVEN AND PROPHET IBRAHIM IN THE SEVENTH HEAVEN. FINALLY, HE REACHED A PLACE VERY CLOSE TO ALLAH, WHERE WE AS MUSLIMS WERE ORDERED TO PRAY 5 TIMES A DAY.



### TASK 7

Cut out the names, and then use glue each prophet's name in the right space, that is on the next page.



PROPHET IBRAHIM

PROPHET MUSA

PROPHET HARUN

PROPHET IDREES

PROPHET YUSUF

PROPHET ISA AND YAHYA

PROPHET ADAM

7TH HEAVEN

6TH HEAVEN

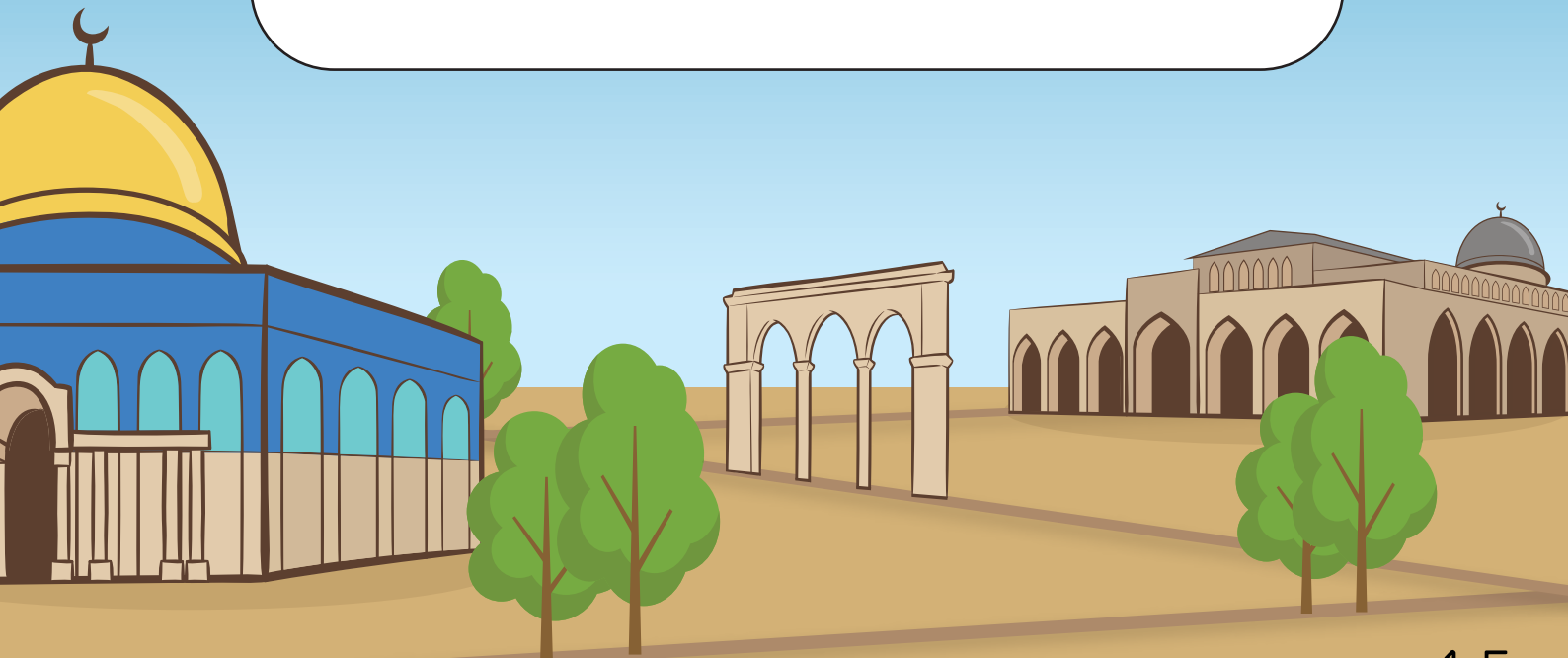
5TH HEAVEN

4TH HEAVEN

3RD HEAVEN

2ND HEAVEN

1ST HEAVEN



# THE BLESSED LAND

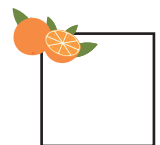
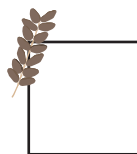
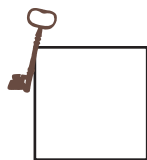
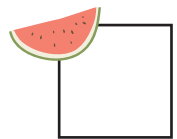
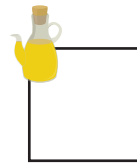
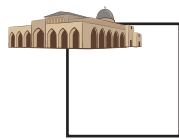
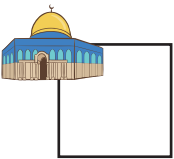
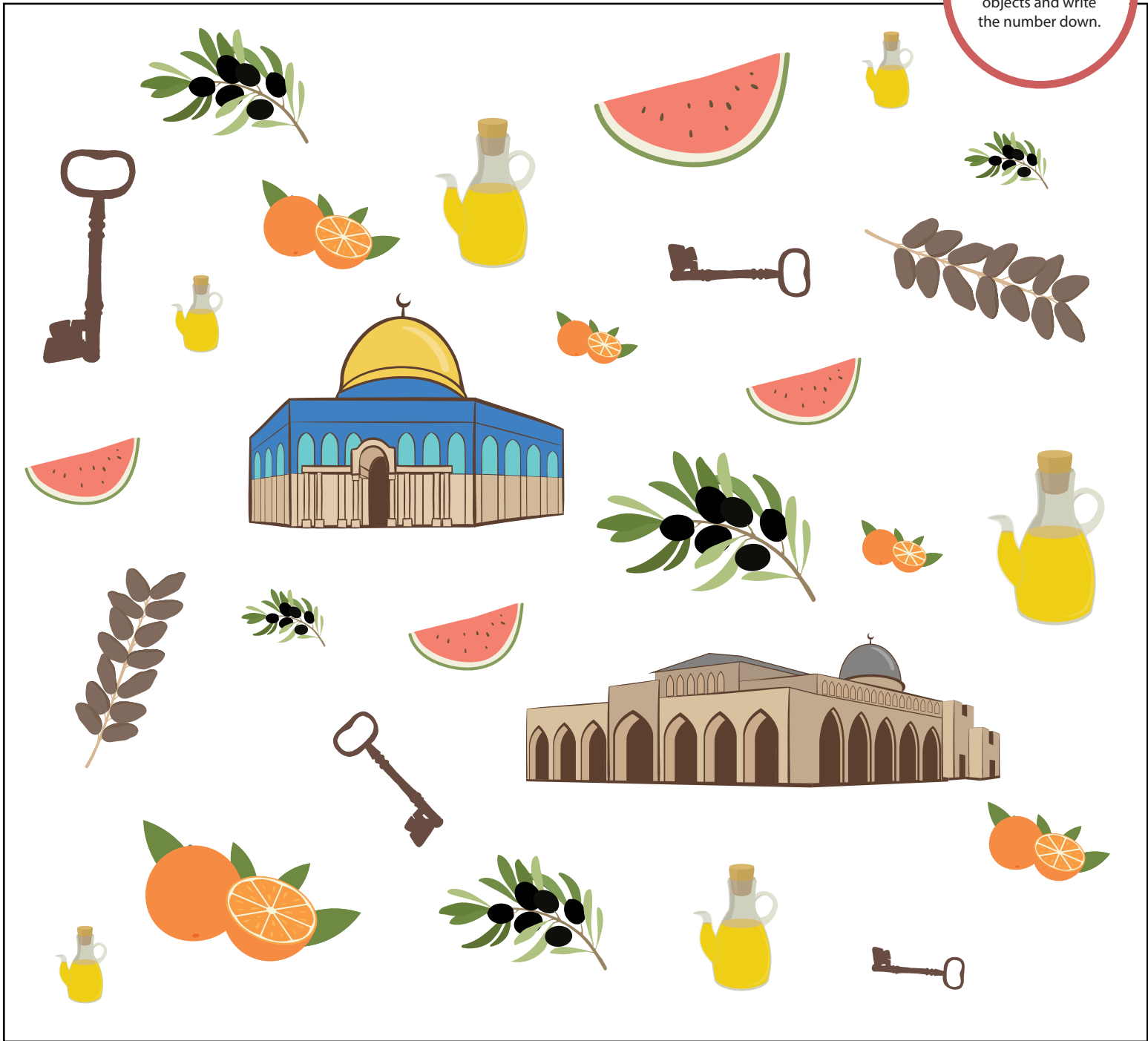
DID YOU KNOW PALESTINE IS A SPECIAL PLACE KNOWN FOR ITS YUMMY FRUITS AND OLIVES? OLIVES ARE LIKE STARS THERE! THEY GROW IN LOTS OF PLACES, AND PEOPLE MAKE DELICIOUS OLIVE OIL FROM THEM. IT'S USED IN COOKING AND IS SUPER HEALTHY! PALESTINE IS ALSO HOME TO MANY DIFFERENT FRUITS LIKE GRAPES, FIGS, POMEGRANATES, AND CITRUS FRUITS SUCH AS ORANGES AND LEMONS. THESE FRUITS ARE NOT ONLY TASTY BUT ALSO FULL OF VITAMINS TO KEEP YOU STRONG AND HEALTHY! IMAGINE BITING INTO A SWEET ORANGE OR ENJOYING A JUICY POMEGRANATE—SO YUMMY! PALESTINE'S LAND IS RICH AND GIVES US THESE AMAZING FRUITS AND OLIVES THAT ARE LOVED BY MUSLIMS ALL AROUND THE WORLD. IT'S A PLACE BURSTING WITH FLAVORS WAITING FOR YOU TO EXPLORE!





### TASK 8

Count the different objects and write the number down.



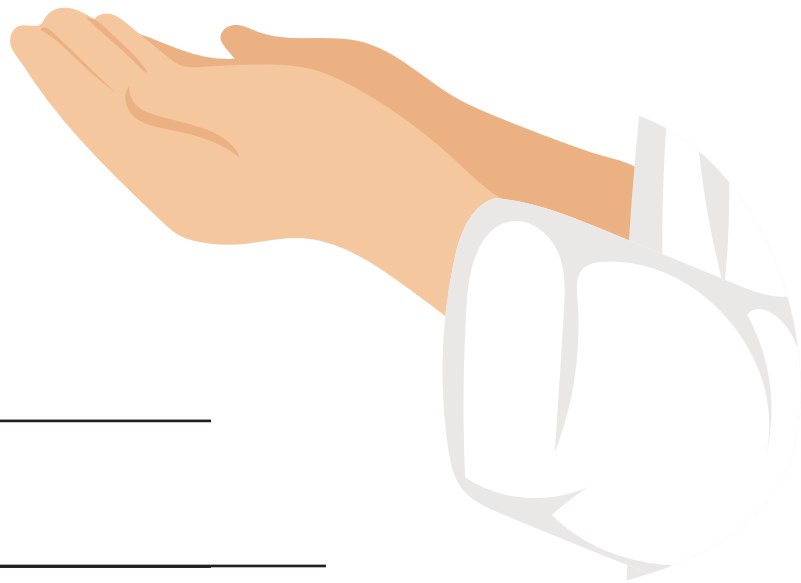
# DUA FOR PALESTINE

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT MAKING DUA (PRAYERS) FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PALESTINE. OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PALESTINE ARE FACING TOUGH TIMES. WHEN WE MAKE DUA FOR THEM, WE ASK ALLAH TO PROTECT THEM AND BRING PEACE TO THEIR LIVES. DUA IS POWERFUL! WHEN WE PRAY FOR OTHERS, IT SHOWS WE CARE AND WANT GOOD THINGS FOR THEM. AS MUSLIMS WE KNOW THAT ALLAH IS ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING. ALWAYS BE SURE THAT ALLAH SEES YOU AND HEARS YOUR PRAYERS!

LET'S MAKE HEARTFELT PRAYERS FOR THE MUSLIMS IN PALESTINE.

## TASK 9

Write your own special dua for the muslims in Palestine.



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# CROSSWORD ANSWERS

M	I	O	G	E	Q	K	Y	I	K	S	K	A	N
J	U	S	S	F	I	R	S	T	Q	I	B	L	A
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