



When is *Eid* Celebrated?

Islamic *eid* comes each year.
It comes in different seasons.
Sometimes *eid* comes in summer.
It comes in spring, autumn or winter.

The Islamic calendar changes with the moon.
The moon's shape changes each month.
Look how the moon changes!





What is the story of *Eid*?

Eid al-Fitr

The first celebration is ***Eid al-Fitr***.

It starts on the first day of the month called *Shawwal*.

Eid al-Fitr comes after the month called *Ramadan*.

During *Ramadan*, Muslims **fast**.

They do not eat anything.

They do not drink anything.

They **fast** from dawn to sundown.

After sundown they share break-fast.

Then everyone prays.

The *Qur'an* and the Prophet teach Muslims to fast.

Fasting helps Muslims think about poor people.

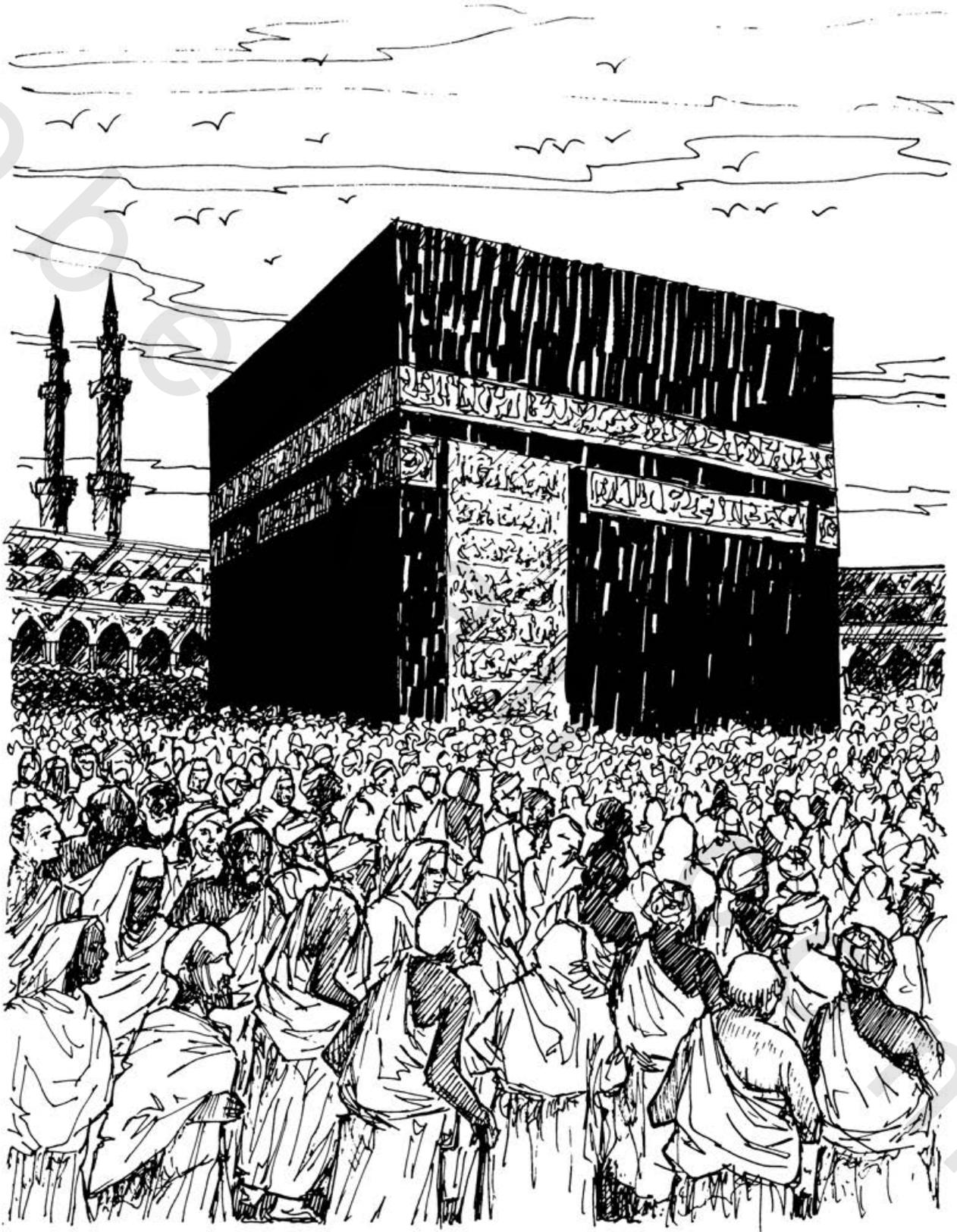
Fasting helps Muslims learn to be strong.

Fasting is good for our bodies.

Fasting helps Muslims remember Allah at all times.

All Muslims **fast** together for one month.

Then they celebrate *Eid al-Fitr*.





Eid al-Adha

The second celebration is **Eid al-Adha**.
Muslims sacrifice animals on **Eid al-Adha**.
They say "bismillah" and "Allahu Akbar."
They keep some meat.
They give some to friends and family.
They give some to poor people.

Eid al-Adha comes at the end of the **Hajj**.
Hajj is a trip to Makka.
Muslims want to make **Hajj**.
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Muslims want to make *hajj* once in their lives.
They visit the **Kaaba** in Makka.
Prophet Ibrahim built the **Kaaba**.
Muslims visit places where Ibrahim and his family went.

Eid al-Adha celebrates stories of Ibrahim.
Muslims remember how Ibrahim obeyed Allah.
They remember how Allah helped Ibrahim's family.
They remember Ibrahim, his son and his wife Hajar.
Do you know the story of Ibrahim's family?





How Do All Muslims Celebrate *Eid*?

Getting Ready

Before *Eid*, everyone cleans their homes.

They make sweets.

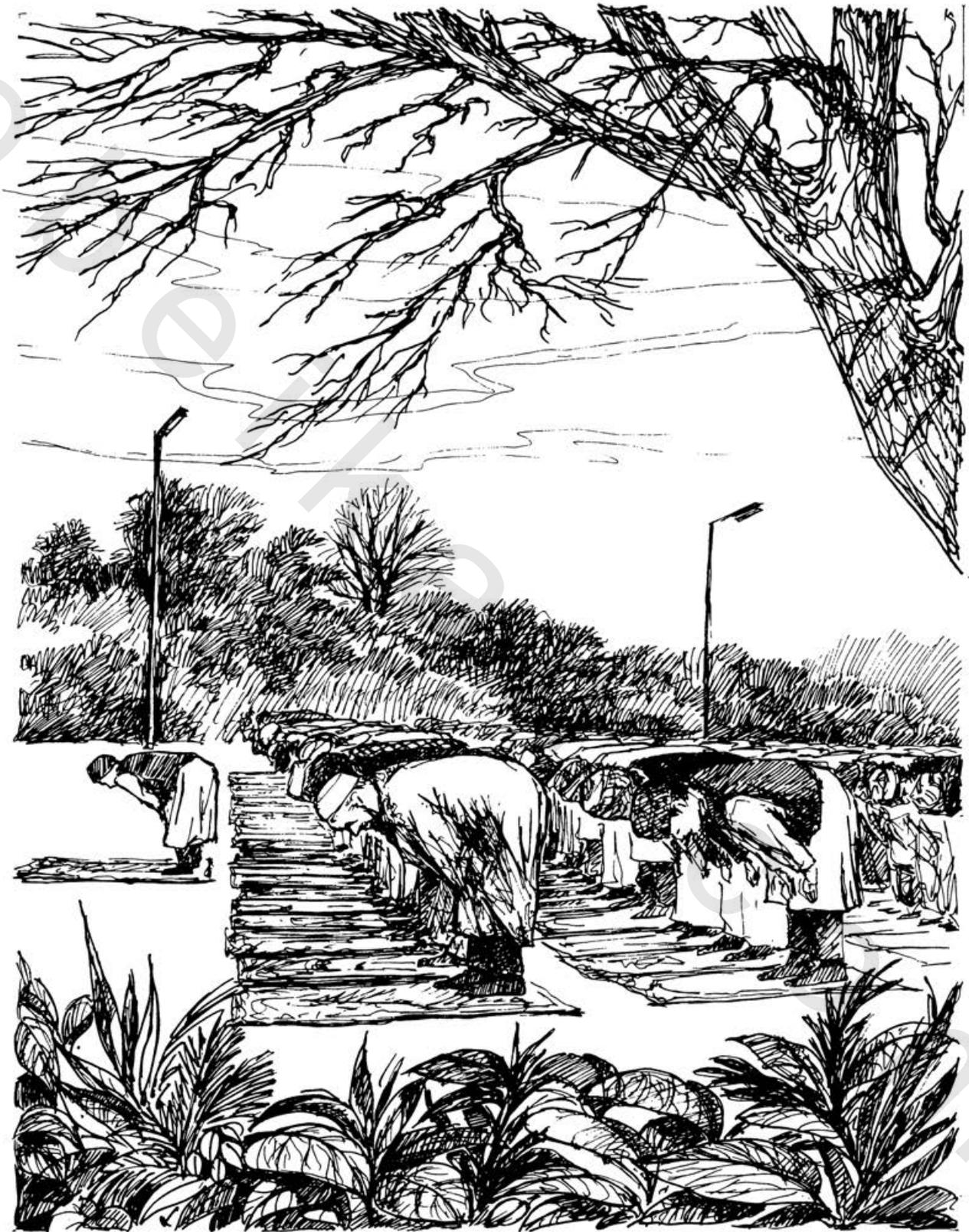
They cook special food.

The special food is for *Eid*.

Everyone takes a bath.

They wear nice, colorful clothes.

Many children get new shoes.





Eid Prayer

Families go to the *Eid* prayer.

The prayer is outdoors or in the *masjid*.

All the Muslims pray to *Allah*.

They listen quietly to the imam's talk.

After prayer, Muslims greet each other.

Children get gifts, candy and money.

Friends, family and neighbors visit.

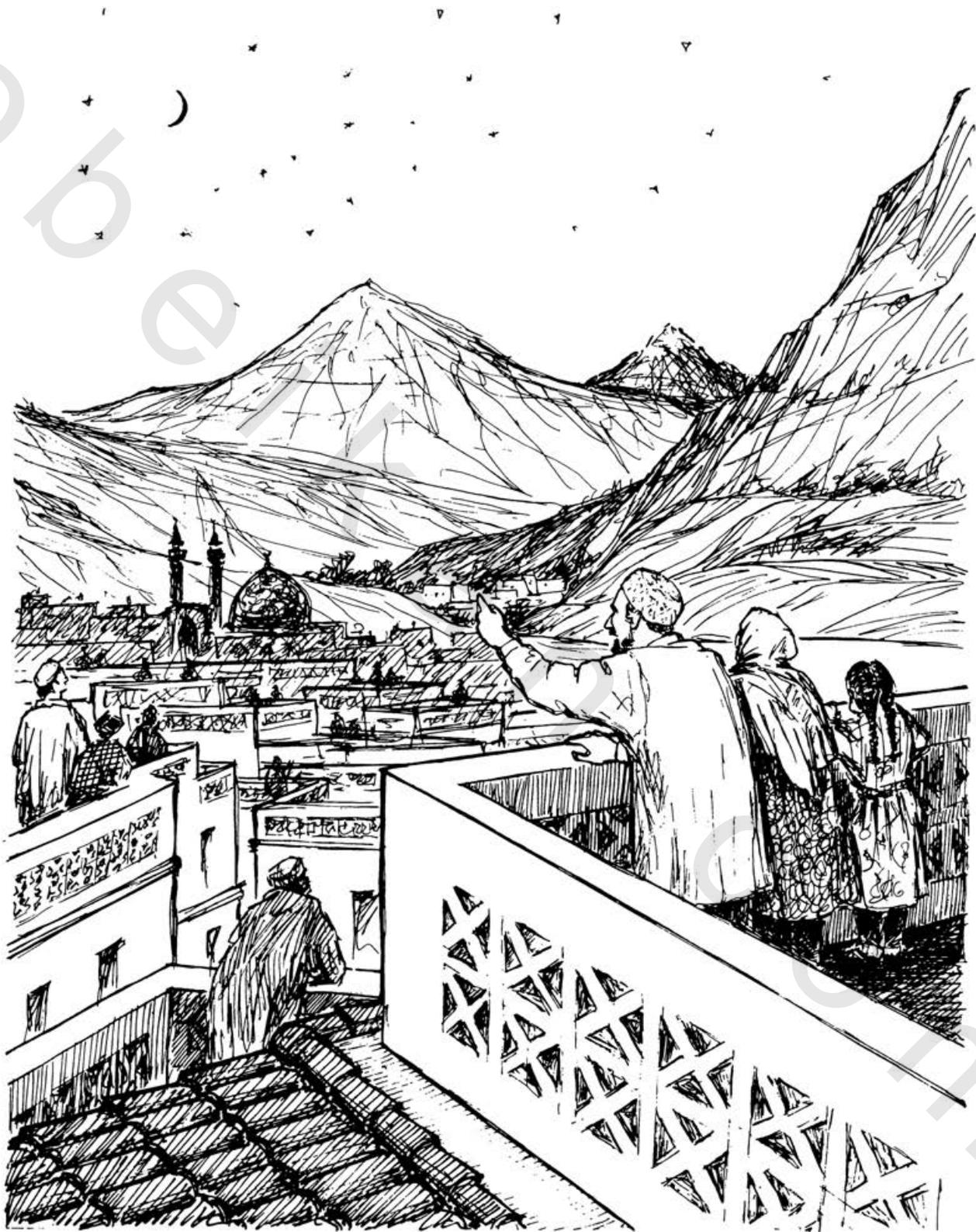
They eat good food together.

They give food and money to poor people.



What Are Some *Eid* Customs Around the World?

You have read how all Muslims celebrate *Eid*.
Now, you will read about special ways to celebrate.
Muslims in each country have different customs.
They have fun in different ways.
There are many more countries and customs.
These are only a few.
Muslims live all over the world.





Pakistan

Pakistan is a Muslim country in Asia.
It has very high mountains.

The stars sparkle at night.
The sky is clear in the mountains.
It is the end of *Ramadan*.
Families watch for the new moon.
They watch on top of their houses.
Street singers go through the streets.
People hug each other.
The children like to stay up late.
They help to get ready for *Eid*.

On the day of *Eid*, people wear fancy clothes.
Women and girls paint henna on hands and feet.
Children get money and gifts.
They enjoy swings and rides.





Iran

Iran is a Muslim country in Asia.
Its *masjid* are beautiful.

It is the night before *Eid*.
The children have shiny, new shoes.
The children are very excited.
They put the shoes under their pillow.
They dream about *Eid* tomorrow.





Egypt

Egypt is a Muslim country in Africa.
The world's longest river is in Egypt.
Many people live in Egypt.

In *Ramadan*, children get colored lanterns.
The children have a parade.
They hold the lanterns high.
They sing songs.
Neighbors give them gifts.

On *Eid*, colored lights decorate houses and shops.
Children wear clothes in bright colors.
Families go to parks.
They play and eat together.
They ride horses and swings, laugh and have fun.
Everyone enjoys *Eid*.





Turkey

Turkey is a Muslim country between Europe and Asia.
Turkey has mountains and coasts.
It has farms and big cities.

In *Ramadan*, Muslims eat a meal before dawn.
It is still dark outside.

A drummer walks through the streets.
Sleeping people hear his drum.
Boom-ba-ba-boom! Boom-ba-ba-boom!
Wake up to eat!
Wake up to pray!

On *Eid*, the drummer comes again.
People give him sweets and money.





Holland

Holland is a small country in Europe.
Few Muslims live there.

Muslims in Holland have an Islamic school.
The children in the class make a *Ramadan* box.
Everyone puts in a gift.
On *Eid*, they open the box.
Everyone gets a different gift.
They greet and thank each other.





United States

The United States is in North America.

It is a large country.

Muslims from many countries live there.

On *Eid*, Muslims meet in parks or *masjid*.

They pray the *Eid* prayer.

After prayer, children get balloons.

They ride ponies.

They have fun on carnival rides.

Families have picnics.





Trinidad

Trinidad is near South America.

Trinidad is a beautiful island.

Muslims came to Trinidad long ago.

Their grandfathers came from Africa.

Their grandfathers came from India.

Many Muslims live in Trinidad.

Christians and Hindus live there, too.

On *Eid*, everyone has the day off.

Schools close. Offices close.

Muslim families celebrate *Eid*.

They go to prayer.

They buy sweets.

They visit each other's homes.

Christians and Hindus come to visit, too.

Muslims send sweets to neighbors.

Television shows Islamic programs all day.



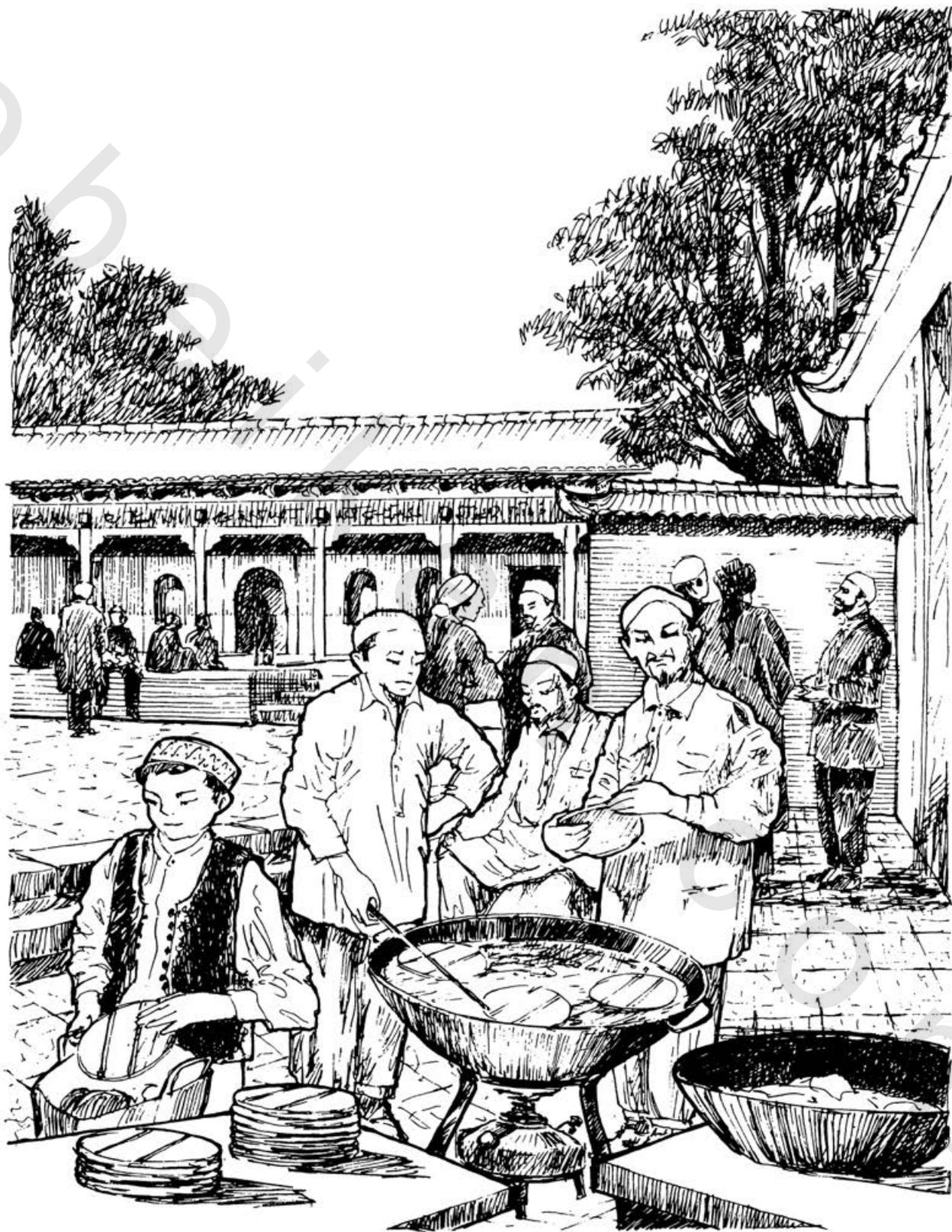


Malaysia

Malaysia is a Muslim country in Asia.
Part of Malaysia is on a peninsula.
A peninsula has water on three sides.
Part of Malaysia is on an island.

Malaysia is a warm, rainy country.
Rice, bamboo and coconuts grow there.

It is the day before *Eid*.
Families cook special rice
They cook it inside hollow bamboo stalks.
They mix the rice with coconut milk.
They hang the bamboo over a big fire.
The rice cooks all day.
The children play and laugh.
They like the big fire.





China

China is in Asia.

China is a very large country.

Many Muslims live in China.

Muslims share special bread on *Eid*.

They make dough from flour.

They fry the dough in hot oil.

Chinese Muslims know a story about the bread.

A poor woman made bread for Prophet Muhammad ﷺ .

She had only a little flour.

She had only a little oil.

The Prophet tasted the woman's bread.

It tasted very good.

It was good because she loved the Prophet.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ thanked and blessed her.





Gambia

Gambia is a Muslim country in Africa.
It is near the ocean.

Families live together in groups.
They share water from a well.
They plant fruit trees.

For *Eid al-Adha*, the families buy sheep.
The children are very happy.
They bring grass and water for the sheep.
Children help their fathers sacrifice the sheep.
They cut the meat.
They give some meat to other families.
Each child takes some to neighbors.

In each house, families cook pots of food.
Women carry the pots on their heads.
They put the pots under a big tree.
Everyone wears new clothes.
Everyone brings a chair and a spoon.
The whole family shares the food.