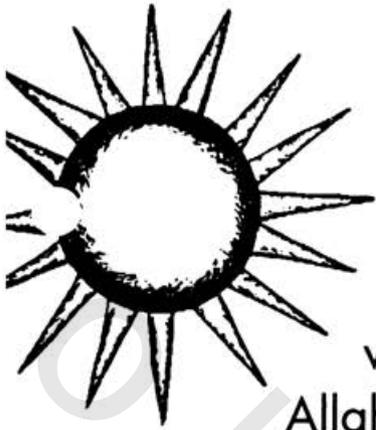


Part IV:

Student Activities





Allah is Greatest

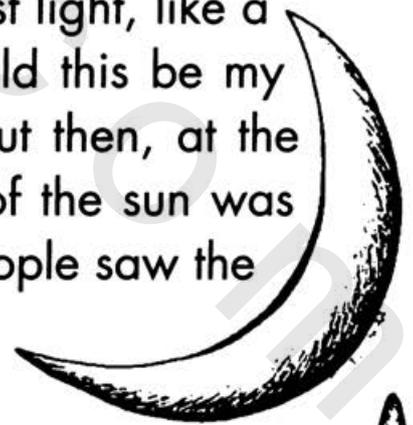
The Qur'an tells the story of Ibrahim. Ibrahim was a very special young man. He worshiped Allah. His people worshiped idols. Ibrahim wanted to show his people that Allah is the Greatest. Allah showed him signs.

Ibrahim and his people looked up at the sky one night. They saw a beautiful star shining. Ibrahim said, "Could this be the Greatest? Could this be Allah?" But then, the star went out of sight. That couldn't be the Greatest!

Then they saw the moon come up in the sky. A bright, shining circle in the sky! "Could this be my Lord?" But then the moon set into the shadows, just like the star. He prayed that Allah would help them understand.



Then they saw the sun rise. The brightest light, like a fire lighting up the whole world! "Could this be my Lord? Could this be the Greatest?" But then, at the end of the day, the sun set. The light of the sun was gone. Darkness came again and his people saw the



stars and the moon. They saw how they lit up the dark night. They saw the sun, the biggest thing in the sky. Sunshine made it warm and made everything grow.

But the stars, moon and sun went away. There must be something greater. Ibrahim knew that Allah, his Lord, made the stars, moon and sun. He made the land and the water. He made the trees and our food. He made all the animals and people. He made Ibrahim and his family. Allah made everything! Allah is the Greatest!

From Qur'an, 6:76-80

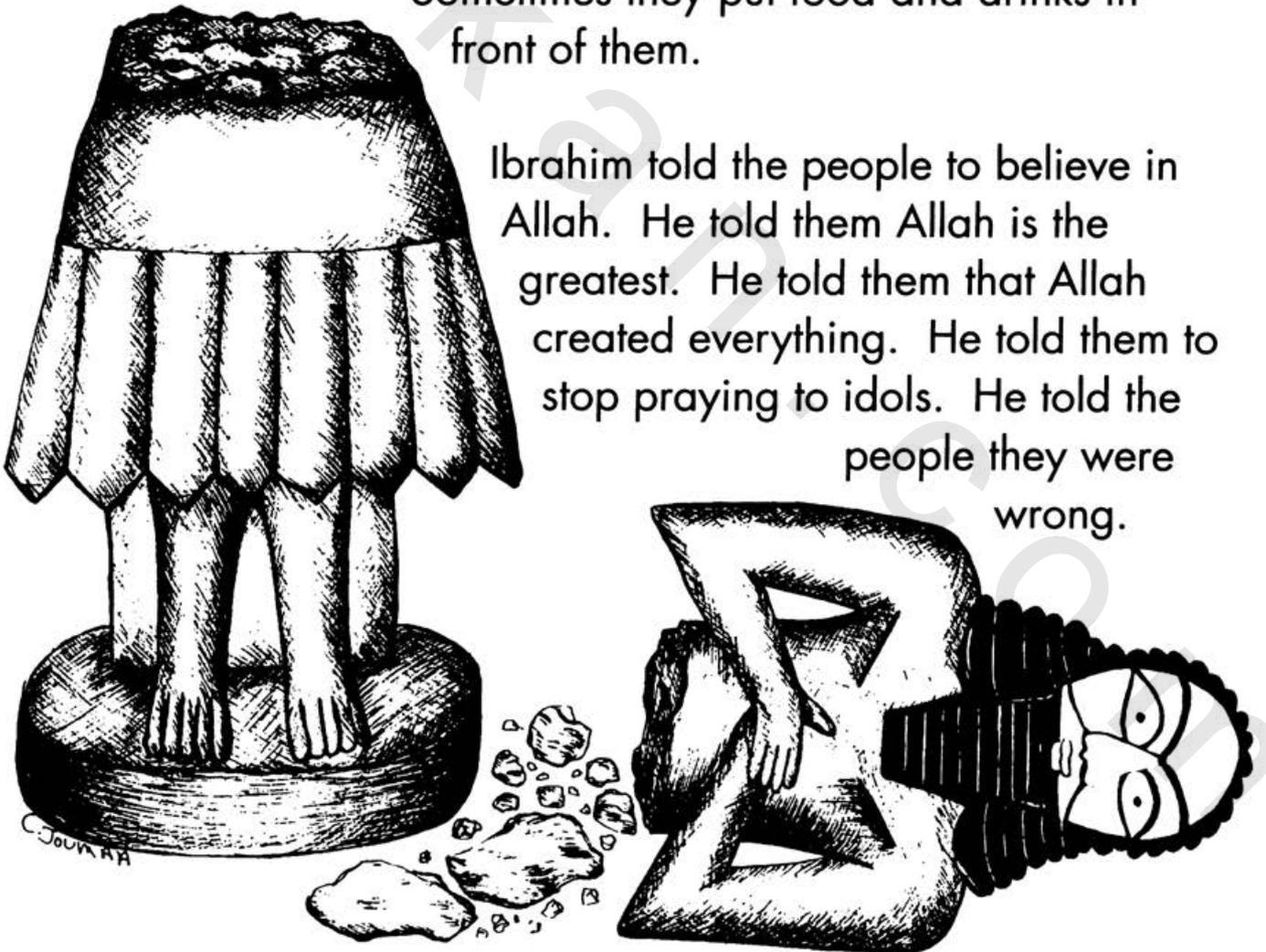
The Idols

Ibrahim's family and their friends didn't believe in Allah. They didn't know what Allah helped Ibrahim to understand. They used to pray to idols. They had some that were shaped like animals. They had some shaped like people. Some looked like monsters.

They believed that these idols helped them. They thought the idols could make it rain or make the sun shine. If they were sick, they asked the idols to make them well.

Sometimes they put food and drinks in front of them.

Ibrahim told the people to believe in Allah. He told them Allah is the greatest. He told them that Allah created everything. He told them to stop praying to idols. He told the people they were wrong.



Those people got very angry at Ibrahim. He was a young man telling them what to do. He said, "I believe Allah is the greatest. You will see that you are wrong."

When the people went away, Ibrahim went to the idols and broke them. He did not break the biggest one. The people called that one the chief idol.

The people saw their idols broken. They were angry and scared. They brought Ibrahim and asked him, "Who did this to our gods?"

Ibrahim was very clever. He said, "The chief idol did it. Ask the idols, if they can talk."

They answered, "You know they cannot talk!"

So Ibrahim asked, "Why do you pray to something that can't talk or even help itself?" "You pray to these instead of Allah. But they can't help you or hurt you."

But the people didn't like to hear that they were wrong. They tried to burn Ibrahim. But Allah saved him from their fire.

From Qur'an, 21:51-71

Ibrahim's Father

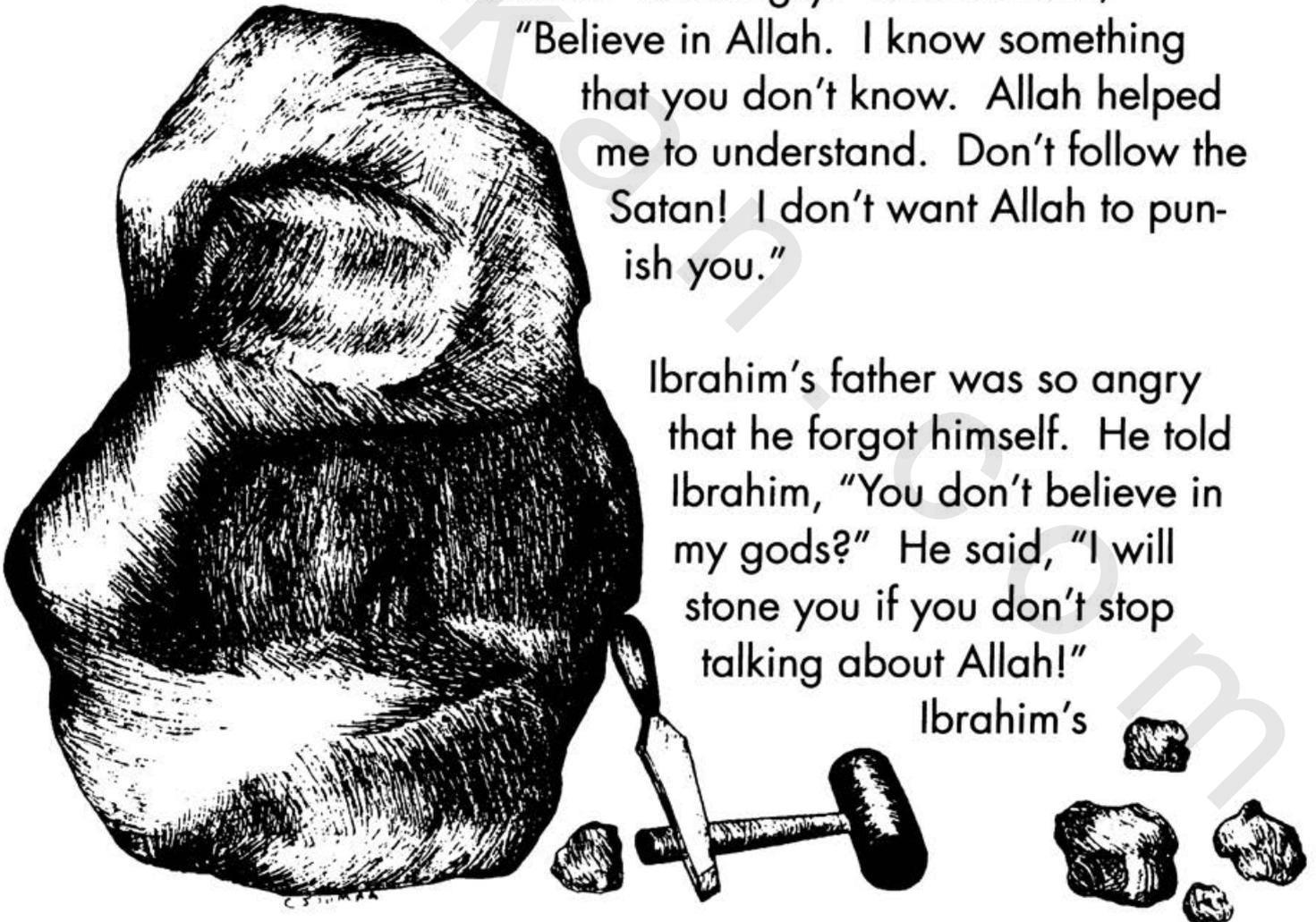
Ibrahim's father was named Azar. Ibrahim loved him and wanted to help him. He was an idol-maker. He also believed that the idols could help people or hurt them. Azar worshipped the idols.

Ibrahim asked his father, "Why do you worship idols? They can't see, they can't make themselves. They can't help you or hurt you."

His father was angry. Ibrahim said, "Believe in Allah. I know something that you don't know. Allah helped me to understand. Don't follow the Satan! I don't want Allah to punish you."

Ibrahim's father was so angry that he forgot himself. He told Ibrahim, "You don't believe in my gods?" He said, "I will stone you if you don't stop talking about Allah!"

Ibrahim's



father told him, "Go away from me for a long time!"

Was Ibrahim angry at his father? Did he try to hit him or say angry words back? No, Ibrahim was very sad. He wanted his father to believe in Allah. He wanted him to go to Paradise. Ibrahim asked Allah to forgive his father. He remembered his father's love and kindness when he was not angry.

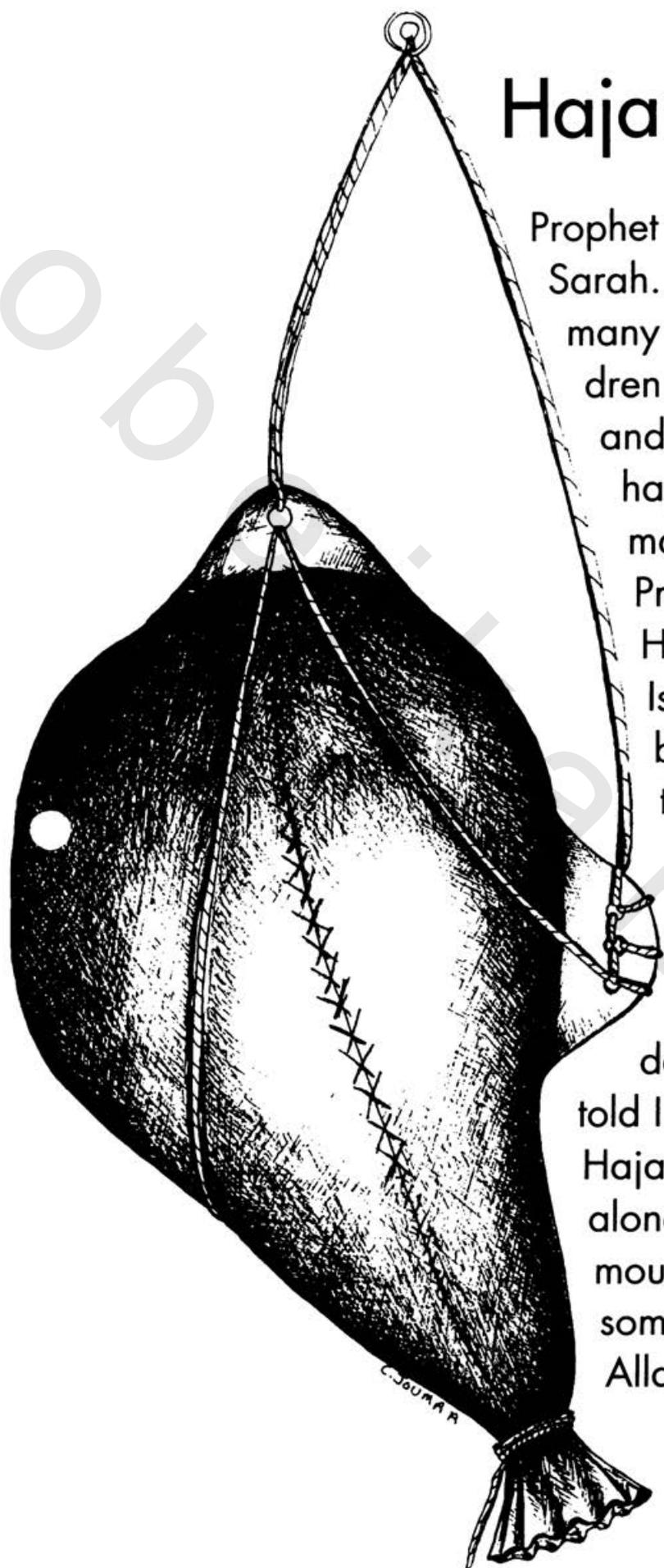
From Qur'an, 6:75-80; 9:114; 19:41-48; 21:51-56;
26:77-86; 37:83- 99

Hajar and Her Baby

Prophet Ibrahim had a wife named Sarah. They lived together for many years. They still had no children. Sarah loved her husband, and she wanted him to be happy. She told him he could marry Hajar, her servant girl. Prophet Ibrahim married her. Hajar had a son named Ismael. When Sarah saw the baby, she felt jealous. She told Ibrahim to take Hajar and her son away.

Ibrahim took Hajar and her baby to a place in the desert called Makkah. Allah told Ibrahim to leave his wife Hajar and the baby. He left them alone in a dry valley between the mountains. He left them with some water. He believed that Allah would care for them.

After a while, the waterskin was empty. Hajar and her



baby Ismael were very thirsty. The baby cried. Hajar was afraid he would die. She went up one of the hills to look for signs of people. Perhaps some people would pass by and share their water. She came down and went up another hill to look. When she came back to Ismael, she found him almost dead. She went back and forth between the hills seven times. She was going back to her baby when she heard a voice. "Help us if you can," she said. It was the Angel Jibril's voice, sent by Allah! Jibril hit the earth with his heel. Water gushed out of the ground! Hajar was surprised. She began to dig in the ground. They drank and thanked Allah, who answered Hajar's prayer.

Hajar and Ismael stayed near the water. After a while, some people saw birds flying above the water. They came to Hajar and asked to stay with her. She told them the story. They put up their tents. They took care of Hajar and the baby.

The water that came to Hajar and Ismael is the well of Zamzam. After a long time, the well became covered up. Allah showed it to Prophet Muhammad's grandfather in a dream. He dug it up again. Since then, it has flowed. Pilgrims to Makkah still drink it today. Pilgrims walk where Hajar ran looking for water.

From Hadith Sahih Al Bukhari, 4:584

Ibrahim's Son

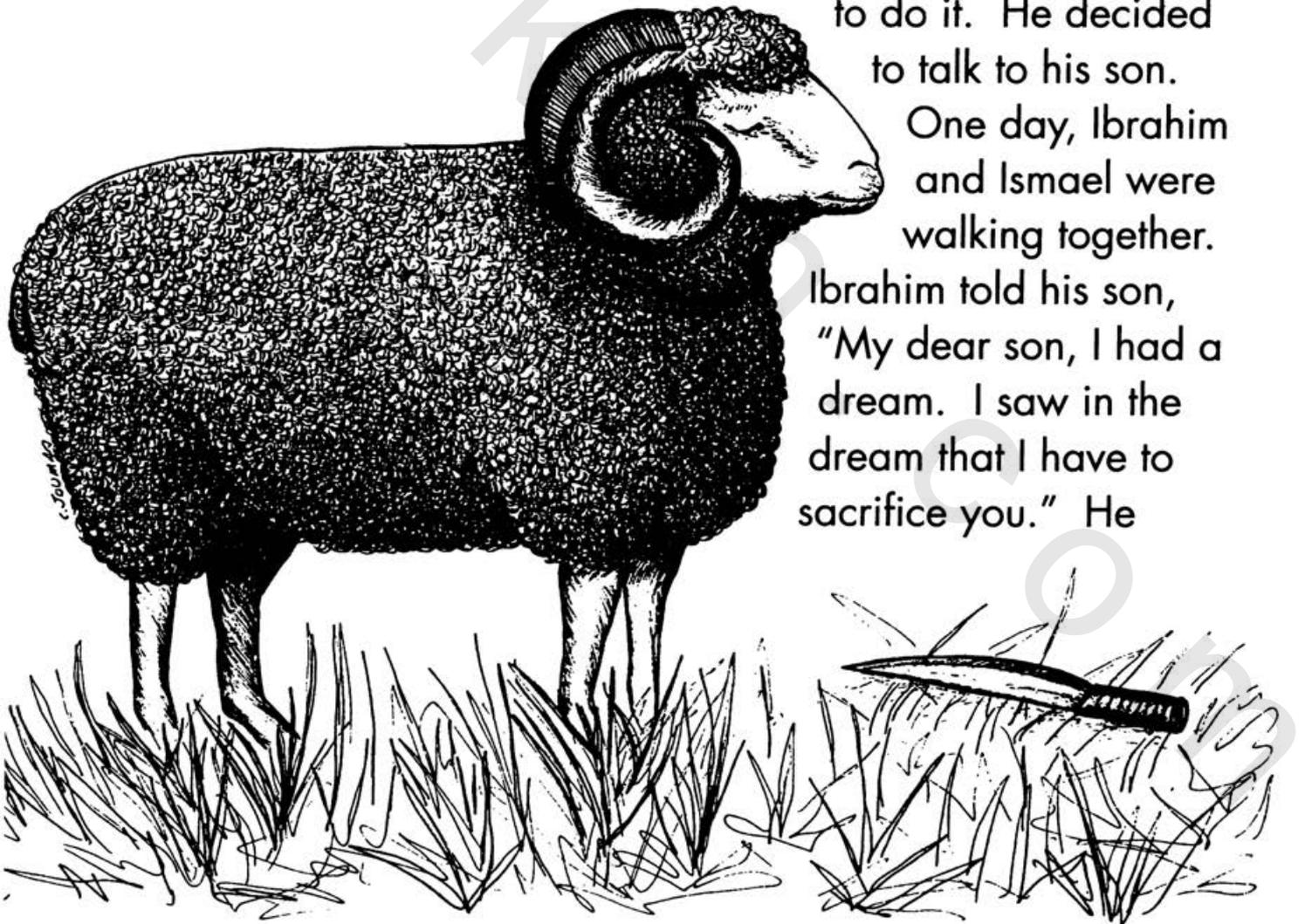
Ibrahim's son Ismael was very gentle and kind. Ibrahim loved him very much, as fathers love their children.

One night, Ibrahim had a dream. Ibrahim was a Prophet of Allah. Allah talks to Prophets in their dreams. So if Ibrahim saw something in a dream, he had to do that.

Ibrahim's dream told him to kill his son for Allah. The dream told him to sacrifice Ismael. Ibrahim knew he had to do it. He decided to talk to his son.

One day, Ibrahim and Ismael were walking together.

Ibrahim told his son, "My dear son, I had a dream. I saw in the dream that I have to sacrifice you." He



asked his son, "What do you think about that?"

Ismael loved his father very much. He also loved Allah. He knew that his father had to obey Allah. He had to do what Allah told him. So he was very brave. He told his father, "Oh, my father, do what Allah commands. I will bear it, if Allah wills."

Ibrahim got ready with the knife. Ismael put his face down. They believed in Allah very much. But it was very, very hard for them.

Then something happened. A voice called Ibrahim! The voice said, "Oh Ibrahim! You have already obeyed me! You have done what the dream told."

Then, as Ibrahim and Ismael watched in surprise, a huge ram, like a big sheep with horns appeared. It was suddenly in the place where Ismael lay down to be killed!

Father and son were very happy. They killed the ram instead of Ismael, and they had a lot of good meat.

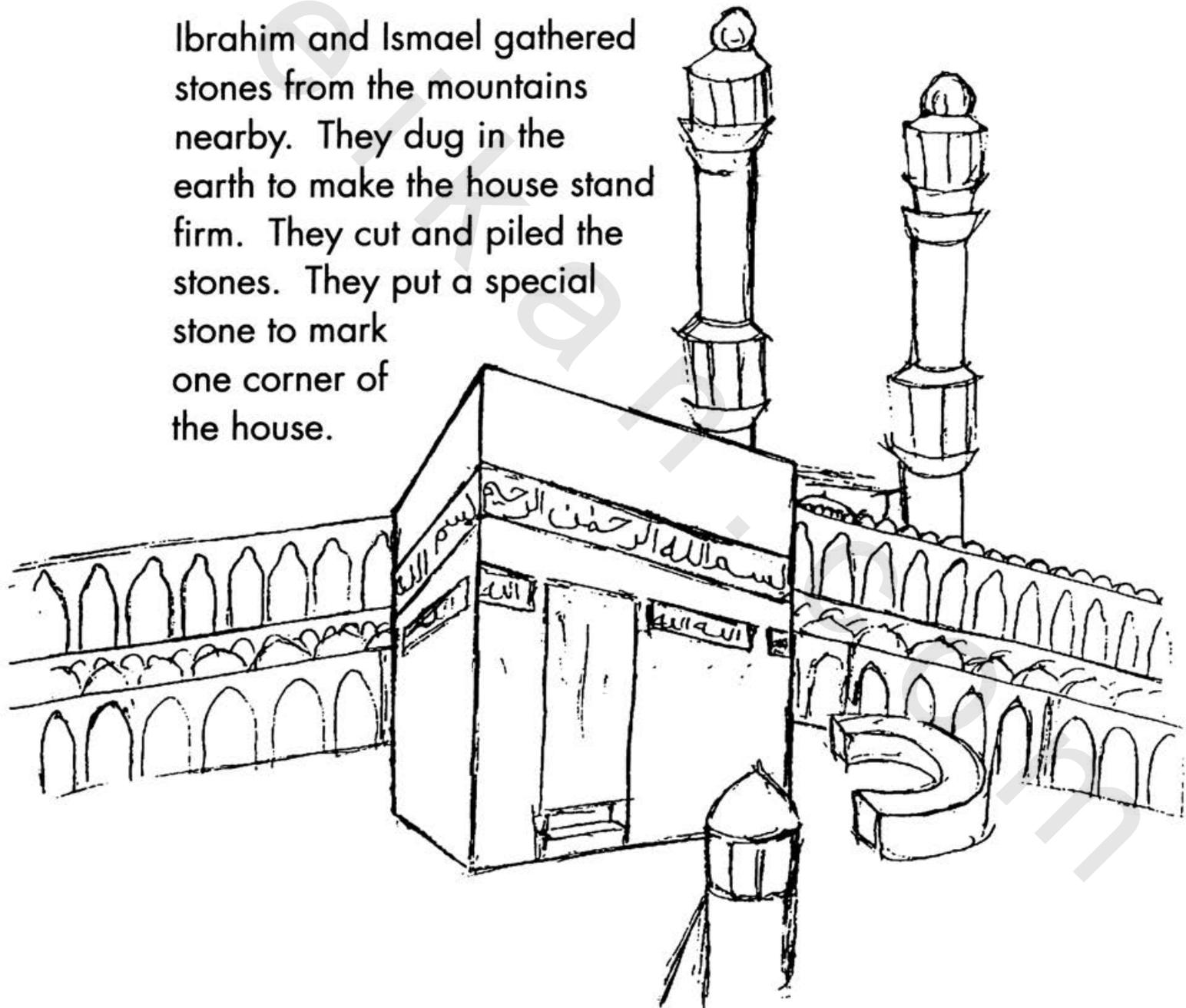
Allah didn't want Ismael to die. He wanted to test them. He wanted to see if they would obey. Father and son obeyed Allah together. He gave them a good reward.

From Qur'an, 37:99-109

Building the Kaaba

Prophet Ibrahim came to his son at Makkah, called Bakkah in those days. He and Ismael were thankful for Allah's mercy to their family. They built a house where people could worship Allah. They built it where Allah showed them.

Ibrahim and Ismael gathered stones from the mountains nearby. They dug in the earth to make the house stand firm. They cut and piled the stones. They put a special stone to mark one corner of the house.



They built the four walls row by row. The walls rose higher. Ismael brought a rock for his father to stand on. Prophet Ibrahim stood on the rock to build the top of the walls.

Ibrahim prayed to Allah while they built the Kaaba. He said, "Accept the work from us." He asked Allah to make them and their families Muslims and show them how to worship. He asked Allah to make them and their people into a nation who loves and obeys Allah. He asked Allah to send a prophet from Ismael's sons and grandchildren and teach the people. He said "Make this place safe and give its believing people fruits and riches!"

You can make pilgrimage, or Hajj. You can visit the Kaaba that Ibrahim and Ismael built. You can go around the house seven times as they did. You can stand to pray where Prophet Ibrahim and his son stood.

From Qur'an 2:125-127; 3:96-97; 14:37-41; Hadith Sahih Al Bukhari, 4:584

Trace the outline and color in the words of this Islamic *eid* greeting.

عيد

مبارك

Blessed celebration!

Eid mubarak!

Trace and say the names of the two Islamic celebrations:

1. Eid al-Fitr
2. Eid al-Adha

عيد الفطر

عيد الأضحى

Eid greeting

Use this page for greeting cards or to trace and decorate.

كل عام
وانتم بخير

Kul amm wa antum bi khair!

May every year find you in good health!

Eid greeting

Eid greeting in Arabic to trace, color

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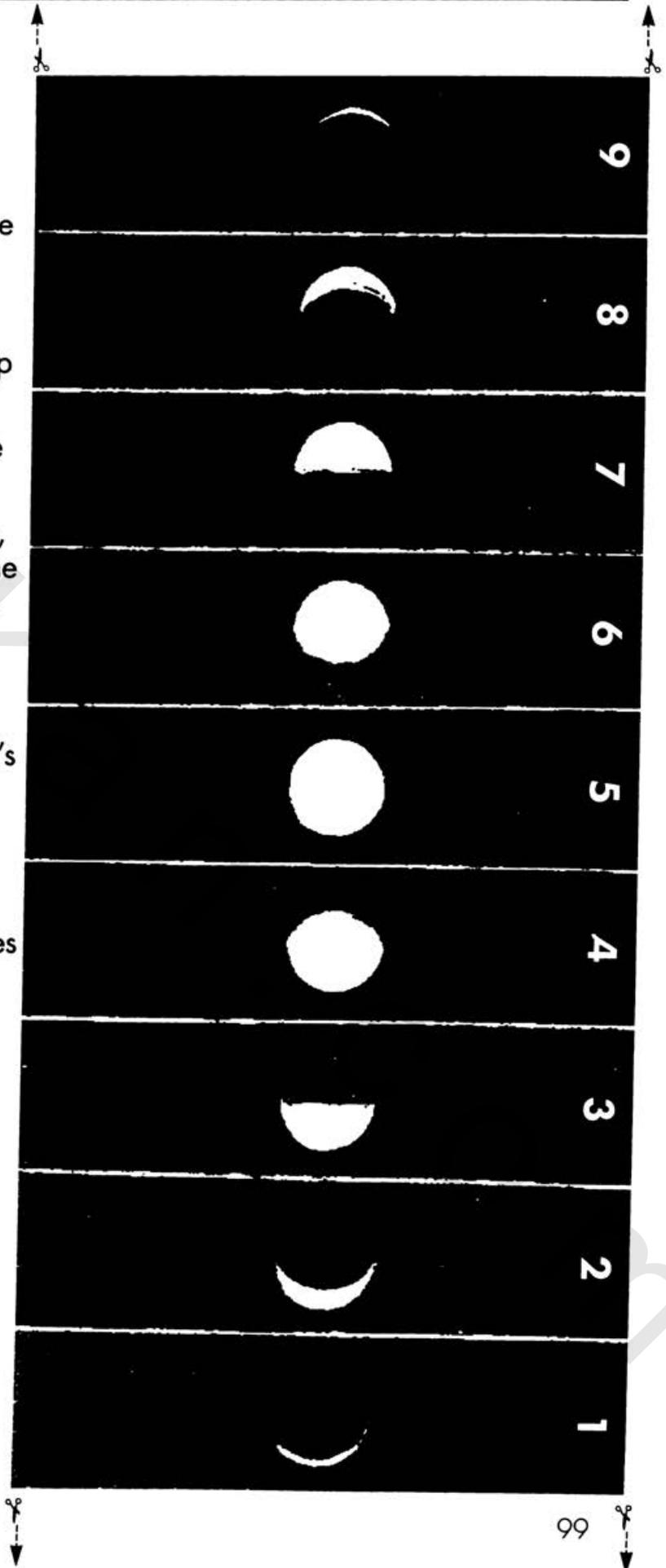
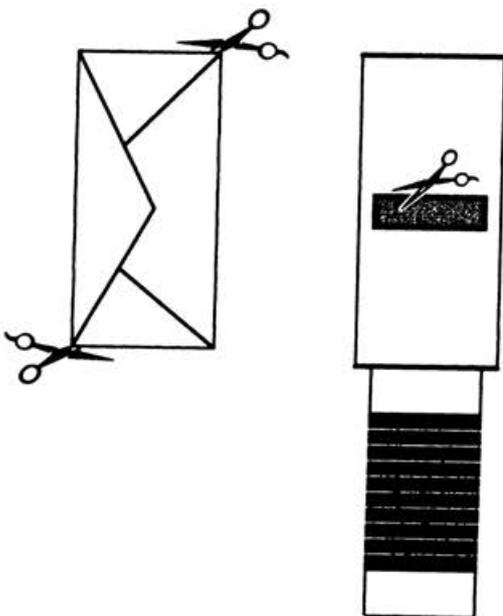
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Kul amm wa antum bi khair!

May every year find you in good health!

The Moon's Changes Each Month

1. Cut out the moon strip the full length of the paper. Add another strip of the same width and length. Mount on cardboard strip of the same size.
2. Seal a business envelope and slit open both ends.
3. In the middle of one side, carefully cut a window the same size as one section of the moon diagram.
4. Slide the moon strip into the envelope so that the first segment of the moon's phases shows in the window.
5. Slide the diagram slowly past the window to show the class the moon's phases in "animation."



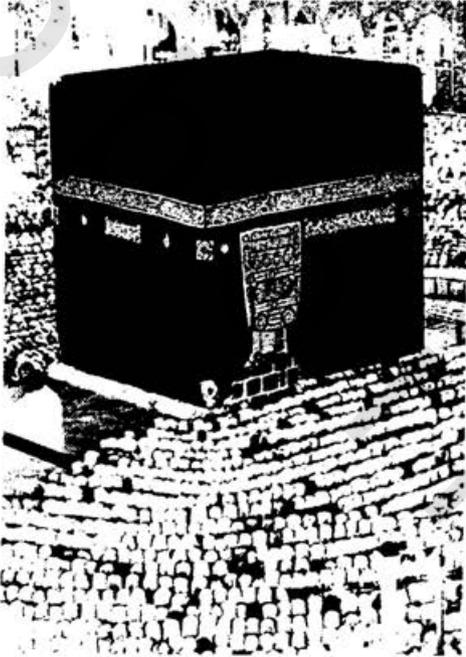
Months of the Islamic Calendar Year

Practice writing the names of the months on the line in front of each number

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| _____ | 3. ربيع الأول | Rabi 1 |
| _____ | 4. ربيع الآخر | Rabi 2 |
| _____ | 5. جمادى الأولى | Jumad 1 |
| _____ | 6. جمادى الآخرة | Jumad 2 |
| _____ | 7. رجب | Rajab |
| _____ | 8. شعبان | Sha'ban |
| _____ | 9. رمضان | Ramadan |
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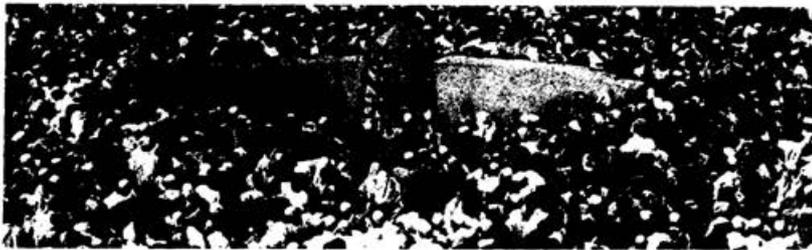
The Hajj

Match the words with what the pilgrims are doing in each picture.











1. Wearing *ihram*, pilgrim's clothes
2. Standing at Arafat
3. Throwing stones at Shaitan
4. Going around the Kaaba 7 times
5. Going from hill to hill like Hajar

Cut the story into sentence strips as follows:



A poor woman made bread for the Prophet.



She had only a little flour.

She had only a little oil.



The Prophet tasted the woman's bread.

The bread tasted very good.

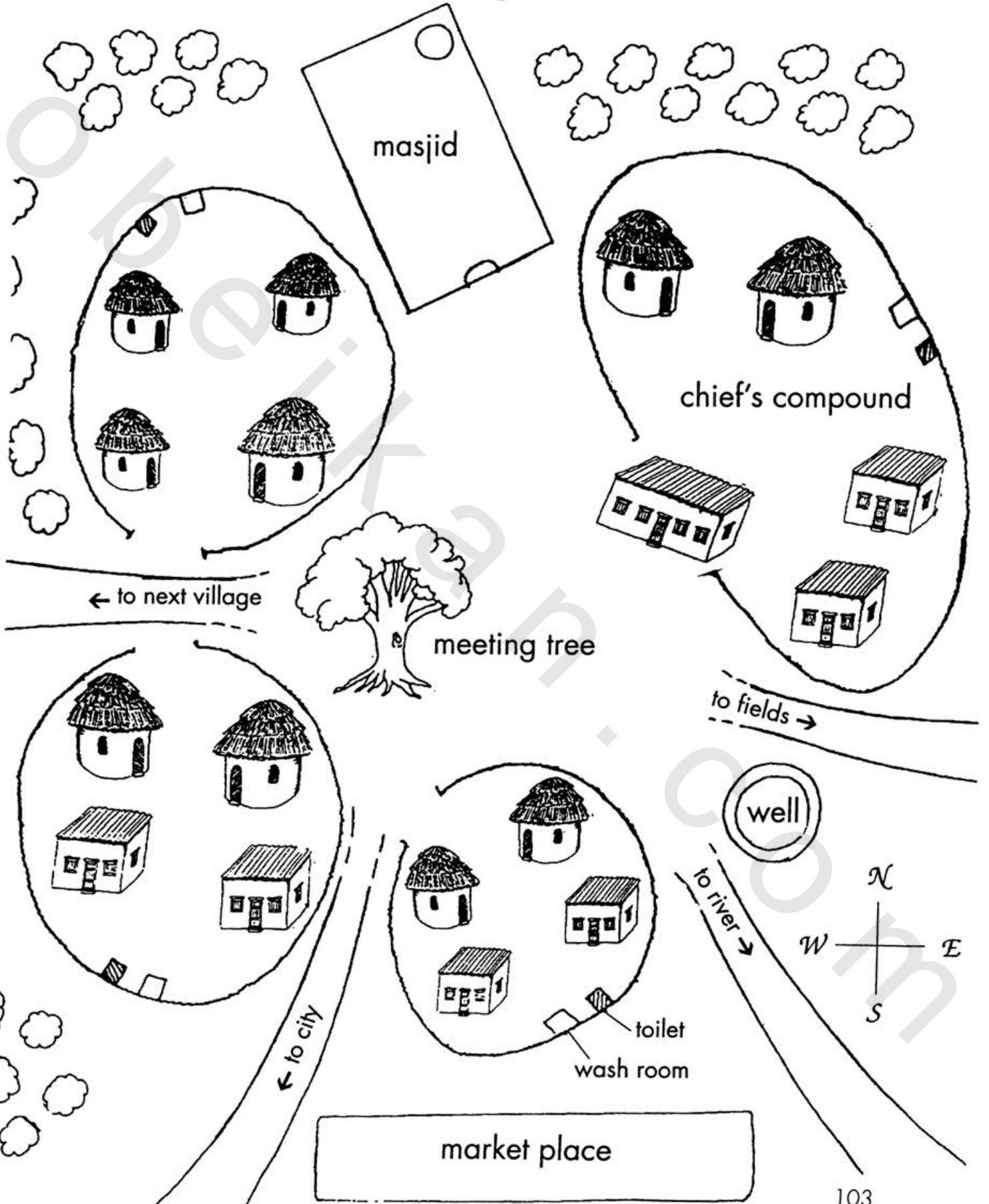


It tasted good because the poor woman loved the Prophet.

Prophet Muhammad thanked and blessed her.



An African Village in the Gambia

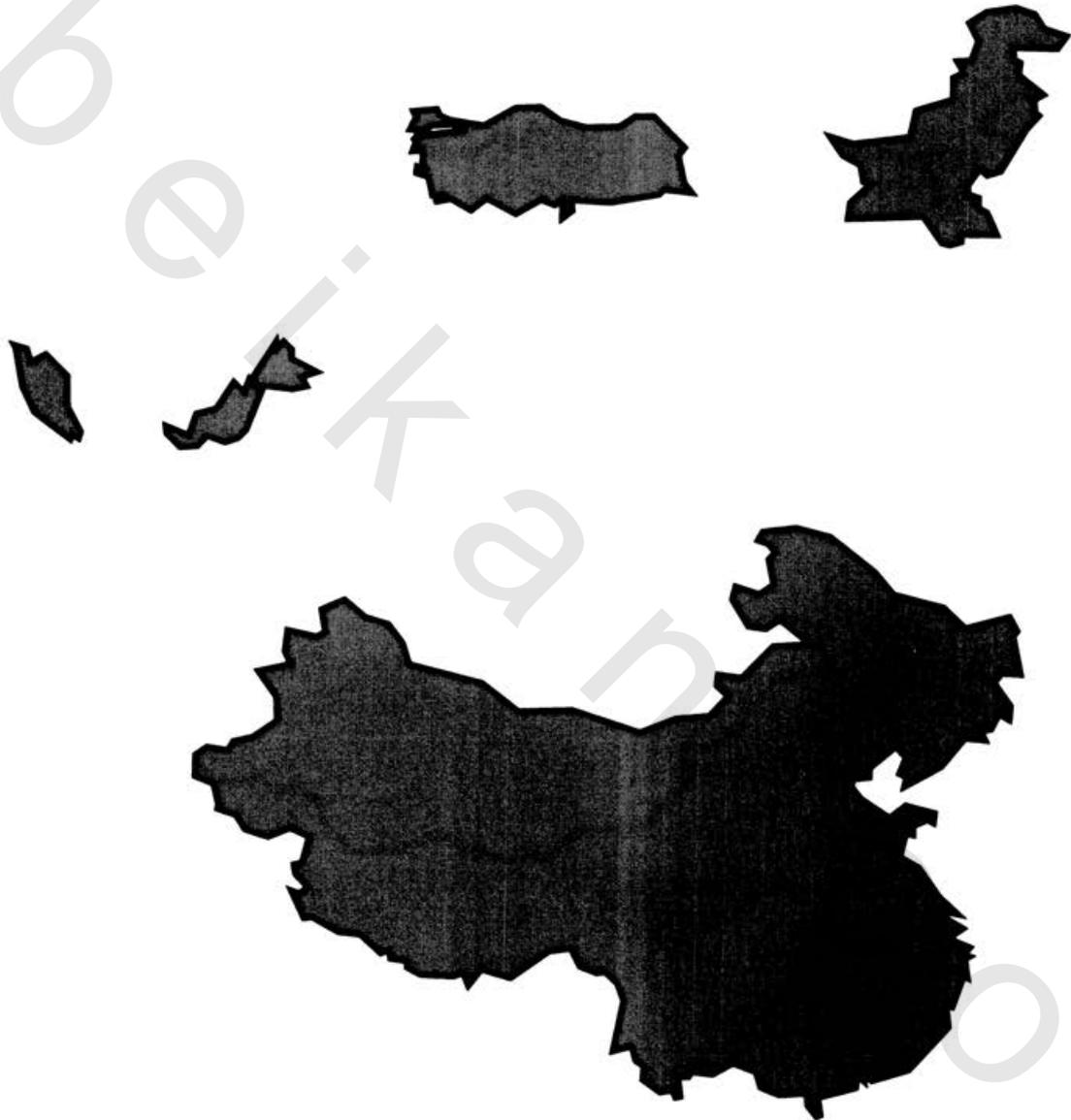


Questions for Gambian Village Map

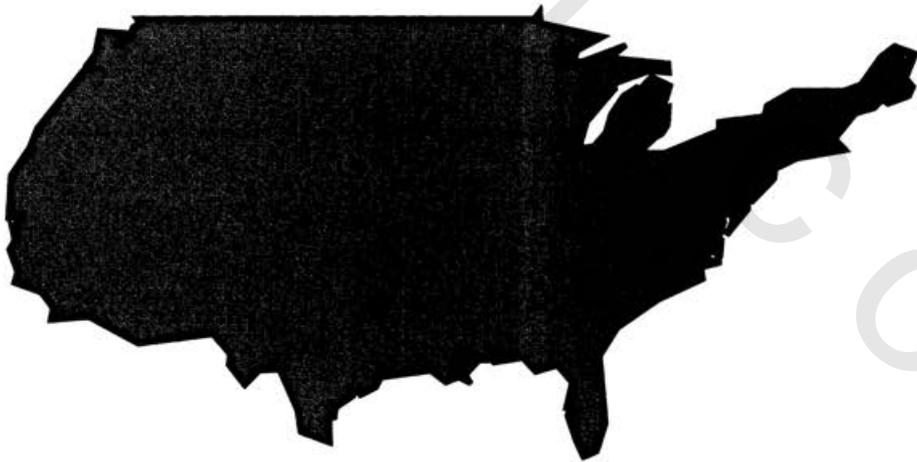
Answer the questions and color the map on Worksheet #9A.

1. Trace the fence of the largest family compound in red.
Whose family lives there?
2. How many family compounds are in the village?
Trace the fence of each compound in blue.
3. How many houses are in the village?
4. How many houses are round? _____ Color them yellow.
5. How many houses are not round? _____ Color them grey.
6. Where is the big tree?
7. Why is the tree important?
Color it green.
8. What building is north of the tree?
9. Which road goes west from the village?
Color it red.
10. Which road goes east from the village?
Color it orange.
11. The fields are _____ of the village.
12. The market place is _____ of the village.
Color it purple.
13. What important resource is east of the tree?
Color it blue.

Country Outlines



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Country Names

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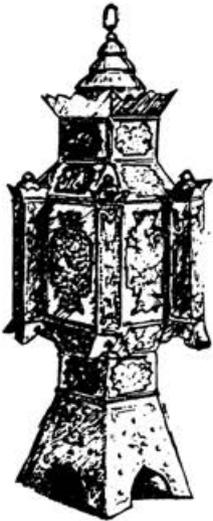
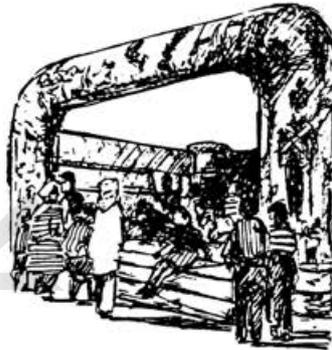
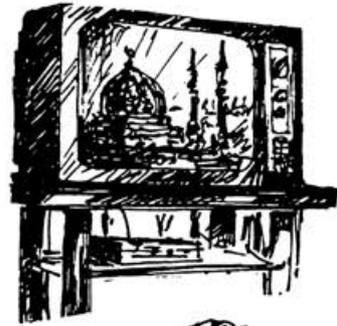
Holland

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United States

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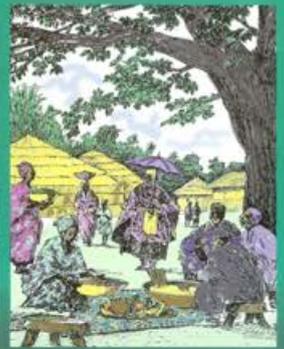
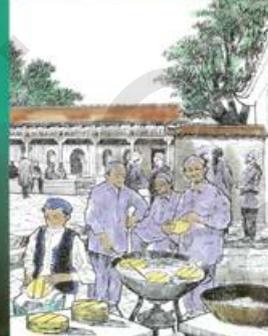
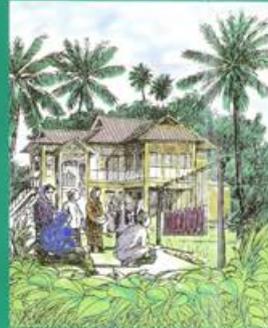
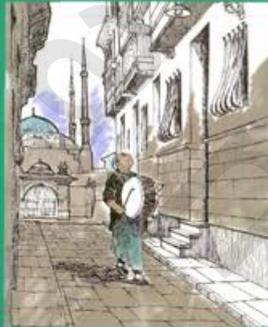
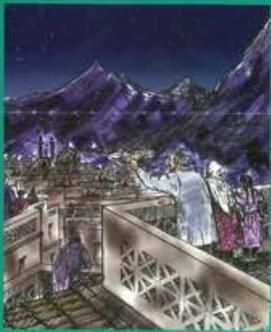




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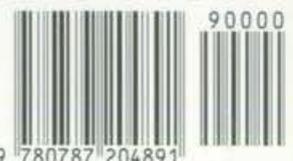
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