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Khadijah walked sleepily into the living room where Mummy was sitting on the prayer mat reading the Quran. Khadijah's older sister Wahida was also besides her mummy praying.

"Mummy what are you doing?" she asked

"Don't you know what night it is?" Wahida asked her. Khadijah shook her head. Wahida told her to come and sit on the floor.

"Here have some milk and dates" said Wahida giving them to Khadijah.

"Tonight" started Mummy "Is Laylatul Qadr" Khadijah didn't understand Arabic.

"It means night of power" said Mummy "Allah has said that the night is better than a thousand months"

"Wow!" said Khadijah drinking the milk

"It is on the Surah called Surah Al Qadr" said Wahida

"Oh" said Khadijah "I memorised that Surah at Maktab"

"Masha'Allah" said Mummy and Wahida together

"Tell me more please" said Khadijah

"Well Khadijah" said Mummy "The Prophet Muhammad (s) said that we should look for the night of power on the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and 29th of Ramadan".

"And tonight is one of the night" said Wahida

"So we should try and pray on all the nights" said Mummy "And in a

Hadith it was said that 'whoever stands (in prayer) with Imaan with hope of reward all his previous sins are forgiven" Khadijah's mouth was wide open. This sounded wonderful.

"Than why did Daddy go to the Mosque to stay?" Khadijah asked
"He is doing something called I'tikaaf" said Mummy "This is when men go to the Mosque and stay for ten nights performing prayers, Zikr, reading Quran and other things. He will come back when the moon is sighted for Eid"

Khadijah made a Dua "Oh Allah please accept our good deeds and please forgive us all, Amin"

Rahima learns about Ramadan

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Rahima learns about Ramadan

“Yummy” said Rahima “I can smell Mummy cooking”. Rahima woke up in the middle of the night. It was the month of Ramadan and Rahima was very excited. Grandma told her that in the month of Ramadan Allah forgives people when they do good actions. Rahima’s sister Sumaya woke up sleepily. They washed their face and mouth and went downstairs. Mummy gave them different types of food to eat.

“Remember girls you get a lot of reward when you get up in the middle of the night and eat. This time is called Suhoor” At school Miss Zulfa told them that Ramadan is a month when the evil Shaytaan is locked up. He makes people do so much bad things like steal, lie and fight.

“And he makes people talk bad things about others” said Masum

“That’s right” said Miss Zulfa “Well done Masum” Miss Zulfa said that in Ramadan people are doing a lot of things. There are people in the Mosque praying and reading the Quran.

“People want to do a lot of good things” she said

“Why?” asked Iqra Anjum

“So they can get a lot of rewards from Allah” Allah promised he will give rewards to those who do well.

“What kind of things can we do?” asked Rahima

“We can help our Mummy and Daddy at home” said Miss Zulfa “We can read Islamic books and play Islamic games to learn more about

Islam. There is so much we can do” Everyone was thinking what they can do. They all had different ideas in mind.

“We also remember poor people and give money, food and clothes to them. Allah told us to give Zakah and Sadaqah”

“Is that charity?” asked Rahima

“Yes Masha’Allah” said Miss Zulfa “InshaAllah it will help the people who really need it and make everybody happy”