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*For all the wonderful children in the world!*

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## **Snow!**

“I wonder why I’m feeling cold” Swift the Squirrel thought to himself as he pulled his blanket right up to his nose. Swift had just returned from praying Fajr at the local Masjid with his Daddy. Very slowly Swift’s eyes started to close...he was fast asleep.

“Swift!” exclaimed Speedy, Swifts little sister. Swift woke up with a jump and nearly knocked the alarm clock off the table. After reading the Dua of waking up, he asked Speedy why she was shouting out his name.

“Look” she replied very excitedly pointing at the window.

“SubhanAllah, it’s snowing” cheered Swift jumping up and running to the window. Outside the whole of Rainbow Woods had turned white! Snow was falling from the sky. This was the first time Swift had seen snow.

Mummy had once told Swift and Speedy all about how she used to play in the snow when she was little, from that day on Swift was looking really forward to the snow.

“I want to play in the snow” said Swift. He grabbed his special ‘telephone’ he made with old cans. There were three cans, each with

a string going all the way to his favourite friends houses. They were Oscar the Owl, Baggie the Badger and Benny the Bear.

“Assalamualyikum guys” he called out, as his three friends came to the phone one by one, very sleepily. Swift told them about the snow. At once, they ran to the window excitedly.

“Let’s meet up by the oak tree in half an hour” suggested Swift as he ran down the stairs. He had a lovely hot breakfast nut flakes, his favourite. Swift then headed for the front door.

“Not so fast young man” called Swift’s Mummy coming down the hallway “You have to wear warm clothes first and take Speedy with you”.

“Yippee” yelled Speedy jumping up and down. Swift wanted to play with his friends and didn’t think he can look after Speedy at the same time.

“Don’t worry Swift” said Mummy knowing exactly what Swift was thinking “Mrs Suzie from next door will look after Speedy as her daughter Sania is Speedy’s friend”. Mummy gave Swift his scarf, woolly hat, a jumper and a coat.

### **Fun in the snow**

Under the oak tree, Benny and Baggie waited for Oscar and Swift.

“Look Benny” said Baggie “My mum knitted this woolly hat with my favourite colour, yellow”. Baggie’s mum was very good at knitting things and often knitted clothes for Baggie.

Just then Oscar flew in through the trees. He had a snow ball on his claws and shot it at Benny who was looking the other way.

“Hey who was that?” Benny called out scratching his head. Oscar was now sitting on a tree branch giggling.

“Where’s Swift?” Oscar asked coming down.

“Up here” called out Swift. When they looked up he threw a very big snow ball at all of them.

“Hey that’s not fair” said Baggie “Come down Swift”

Nearly everyone from Rainbow Woods came to enjoy themselves in the snow. Some were making igloos, whilst others made Snow castles.

“Let’s go and look for some fresh snow” suggested Swift. Baggie dived into the snow as they came across snow near Rainbow Hill.

“This is fun!” he yelled. Swift and Benny were making a small Snow Masjid while Oscar had gathered small snow balls with his claws and was now throwing it at his friends. But he wasn’t good enough for Benny who threw a snow ball at the flying Oscar. As Oscar flew up he cried out to his friends below

“Look” he said pointing to the hill “Looks like Mr Foxy needs help”.

### **Mr Foxy needs help**

Mr Foxy was on Rainbow Hill cutting woods. The friends decided to go and see if he needed help.

“Assalamualykum Mr Foxy” they called out coming up on the hill.

“Wa’alykumussalam young lads” replied Mr Foxy as he chopped the wood.

“Do you need help?” asked Swift

“That would be kind of you” replied Mr Foxy gratefully “You can come up and load these logs on my cart; I’m taking them up to Mrs Betty the Bear. It’s for her fireplace as it gets quite cold and windy up where she lives”. So the boys piled up the logs on Mr Foxy’s red cart. Benny was quite strong and picked up two logs at a time. He helped Swift carry a log and placed it on the cart.

“JazakAllah Benny” said Swift looking exhausted.

“That’s alright” replied Baggie.

The cart was filled up. Mr Foxy was now ready to take it up to Mrs Betty. He thanked the Swift and his friends for their help.

“We’ll go down to Mr Drew the Deer’s shop and have a mug of hot chocolate” suggested Oscar rubbing his wings.

“Good idea” said Swift, Benny and Baggie together. Everybody loved Mr Drew’s hot chocolate! But they stopped as someone needed help. It was Mr. Foxy again. His cart had broken as he was pulling it up the hill.

“What am I going to do now?” he said putting his hands on his head. Swift thought for a while.

“Maybe we can carry the wood to Mrs Betty” suggested Swift.

“Yes” said Baggie joining in “And I can ask my uncle to fix your cart for you Mr Foxy”.

“We can help as well” said Oscar and Benny together. Mr Foxy was very pleased and relieved.

So the four friends picked up the logs and made their way up the hill. Oscar clutched one in his claws.

## **Mrs Betty is pleased**

They came to Mrs Betty's house. It was a big cottage with roses and daffodils planted in the front, although you could hardly see them now because of the snow. On one side there was a well, now frozen.

Swift knocked on the door. Maria, Mrs Betty's maid opened it.

"We have bought the logs for Mrs Betty" said Swift and told her all about what happened to Mr Foxy's cart. Mrs Betty had heard what he said, as she was sitting in a room nearby. She came down the hallway and was very happy at what she had heard and invited them for a meal.

Very soon a huge wooden table was laid with delicious food. There were nut pies, special salad made by Maria, milkshakes, crunchy wheat biscuits, raisin soup, custard cakes and the list went on and on.

"Tuck in everyone" said Mrs Betty at the head of the table. Someone popped their head into the room.

"Masha'Allah, something smells delicious, I hope I am not too late". It was Mr Foxy!

"Mr Foxy, please come in" said Mrs Betty "I am very pleased with these youngsters for getting the logs up here".

"I am happy as well" said Mr Foxy smiling "My cart has also been fixed by Baggie's uncle".

Let us now leave the animals as they enjoy their food and come back another day InshaAllah...but wait, Swift wants to say something

"JazakAllah everyone, we really enjoyed our day".

The little animals in Rainbow Woods were running around, enjoying themselves...they are having so much fun playing in the snow.

Until next time, goodbye everybody...

The End