

Bait-ul Ilm
Primary

Light my way

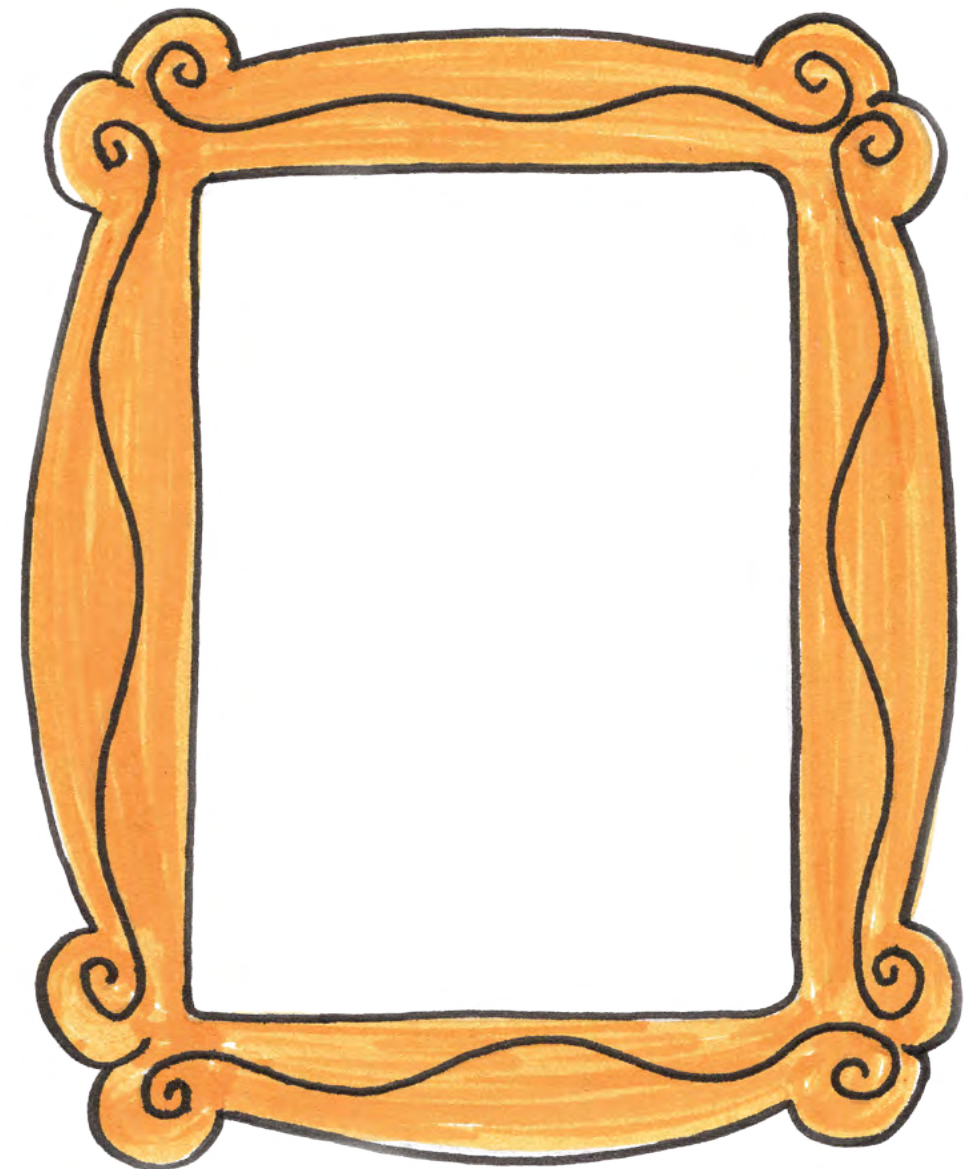


My Didar Journey



This booklet belongs to

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Didar Mubarak

This booklet has been designed especially for you and your Didar journey.

Over the next few weeks, as you prepare for your first Didar of Mawlana Hazar Imam, Nura, the little bird, will help you discover all the different ways you can be kind to yourself, your friends, animals and the planet.

Nura is curious, just like you. She wonders, she searches and she continues to learn.

Nura's story will help you to:

- ◇ Wonder about the world
- ◇ Learn from good guidance
- ◇ Make kind choices
- ◇ Prepare your heart
- ◇ Offer thanks - *shukrana*
- ◇ Share goodness with others

This booklet is made from recycled paper. Nura looks after the Earth and with small choices like this, you are helping too.

Small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Are you ready to spread kindness with Nura?



In this booklet, you are invited to read stories, draw, colour and think quietly.

Use it to:

- ◇ Ask big questions
- ◇ Listen with your heart
- ◇ Get ready for a very special moment in your life

There are no right or wrong answers. Your drawings, thoughts and feelings are all important. Take your time, enjoy the stories and let your heart be open.

This is your Didar journey.

A useful link for parents



This booklet has three parts: Before Didar, Didar day and after Didar.

It will be used weekly at Bait-ul Ilm, or can be used at home.

Bait-ul Ilm lessons are available on the UK visit website at the.ismaili.org/visit/uk/learning-resources



Part 1

Before Didar

- Week 1 Nura, the little bird who wanted to know
- Week 2 Why we need a guide
- Week 3 Nura and the feathers of wisdom
- Week 4 Nura prepares her heart

Nura, the little bird who wanted to know

In a bright green forest lived a tiny yellow bird named Nura.

Nura was small, but her mind was full of big questions.

Every morning, she sat on her favourite branch and wondered:

“What is beyond the tall trees?”

“Where does the river begin?”

“How does the sun find us every day?”

Nura felt a little flutter inside her, a feeling that whispered:

“Go and find out.”

So, one morning, Nura began her search for answers to her questions.

First, she asked a flower:

“Do you know what’s beyond the forest?”

The flower smiled, “I stay right here. I only know how warm the sun feels.”

Then she asked a river:

“Do you know where you begin?”

The river giggled, “I’ve travelled so far! I don’t remember where I started.”



Nura didn’t find her answers yet... and for a moment she thought: “Maybe I need someone to guide me... someone who can **Light My Way.**”

She kept going, but now she had a new question...

“Who can guide me on my journey?”

Finally, she reached the tallest tree in the forest.

She took a deep breath and climbed. Branch by branch, leaf by leaf, resting when she needed to.

When she reached the very top, Nura gasped.

She saw the sun painting the sky gold... the river shining like a long ribbon... and hills far, far away.

In that moment Nura felt something warm in her heart.

She whispered:

“My questions helped me grow.

My journey helped me see.

And maybe a guide can light my way.”

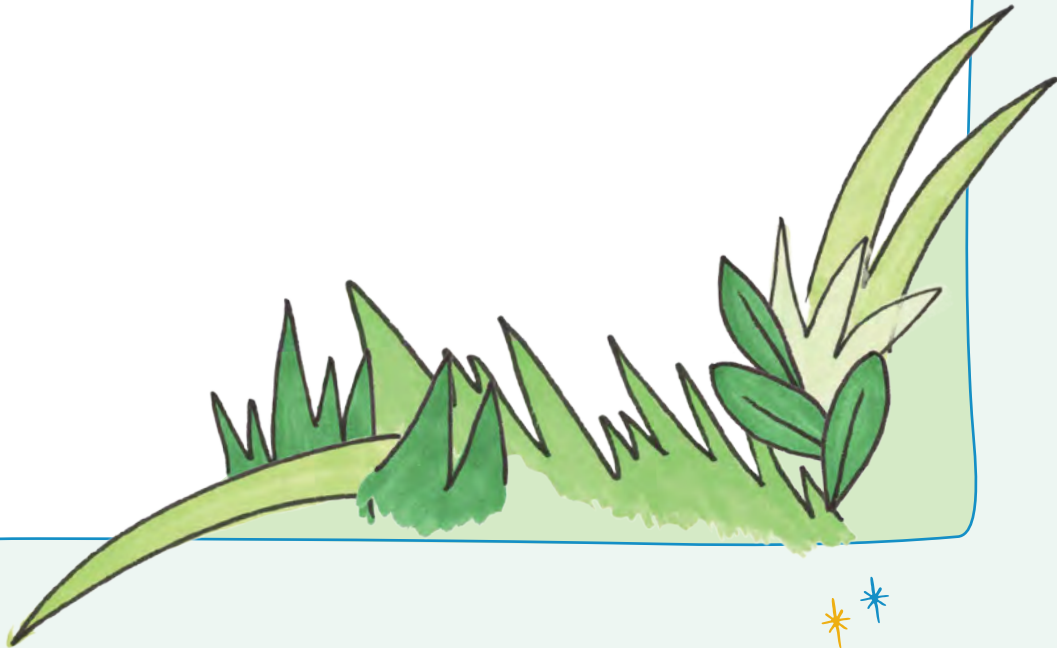
And with that, Nura smiled and wondered:

“What will I discover next?”



activity 1

Draw what you think Nura could see from the top of the tall tree?



activity 2

Nura’s quest reminds us that even small beings explore, grow and search for meaning.

We are all on a journey, what are you searching for?

Write down one or two questions you have about the world. Feel free to use your own question starters.

Tip: How does the earth spin without any support?

What is _____

How will I _____



Who can help you find answers to your questions?

Circle the words or add some more.

- my pet
- birdsbooks
- my parentsmy brother/sister
- Hazar Imam
- doctor.....
- teacherbuildings





The little bird, Nura, realised she needed someone to guide her on her journey.

Just like Nura, we also need a guide.

In the next pages, we will learn about the different guides in our lives, and the special guide for Ismaili Muslims.

As recited in the first part of our Du`a, these verses introduce us to the concept of guidance in our lives.

Surah al-Fatiha (1:1-7)

In the name of Allah, the
Compassionate, the Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the
worlds, the Compassionate,
the Merciful, Lord of the
Day of Judgment.

It is You Whom we worship, and it is
You from Whom we seek support.

Guide us on the straight path,
the path of those whom You have
graced, not those who have earned
Your anger, nor those
who have strayed.

my kindness calendar

This week is about noticing the world around you and listening to your heart.

Each day, try one small activity that helps you wonder, learn and show kindness. Try to do your best.



day 1

- draw one thing Allah created that you love.
- write or sketch one blessing you noticed.

day 2

- ask someone: "How was your day?"
- ask someone a thoughtful question and listen carefully.

day 3

- learn one new word or fact.
- learn something new and explain it to someone.

- Primary 1-3
5-7 years
- Primary 4-6
8-10 years

noticing wondering caring

day 4

- sit quietly for one minute.
- sit quietly for three minutes and reflect.

day 5

- help someone at home.
- help someone without being asked.

day 6

- say *shukrana* for two things.
- say *shukrana* for three blessings.

day 7

- before Bait-ul Ilm today, think: "What am I looking for?"
- before Bait-ul Ilm today, reflect: "What am I searching for in my heart?"



Remember
Searching helps us grow.

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Why we need a guide

The next morning, Nura woke up with a new feeling in her heart.

Her questions were still fluttering around her, but now there was something else too.

A quiet thought:

“Who can help me on my journey?”



She hopped out of her nest and flew through the forest, wondering who might guide her.

She passed the flower and the river again, but they didn’t know the things she wanted to learn.

As she reached a shady part of the forest, Nura suddenly heard a soft humming sound, warm and gentle, like sunlight turned into music.

She followed the sound and saw a large white bird perched on a branch.

The bird held a tiny glowing lantern tied gently to its ankle.

The light shimmered, glowing brighter each time the bird breathed.

Nura’s eyes widened.

“You have a lantern!” she chirped. “Where did you get it? How does it shine?”

The white bird smiled kindly.

“This lantern is my gift,” he said. “It helps me see the path clearly, even when the forest feels dark or confusing.”

Nura fluttered closer.

“I want to learn about the world,” she said. “But sometimes I don’t know where to go or what to do. I think... I think I need someone to guide me.”

The white bird nodded.

“Everyone needs a guide, little one. Even the strongest birds need someone who can see farther than they can.”

Nura felt a warm glow inside her chest.

“Will you guide me?” she asked softly.

The white bird spread his strong wings.

“I can guide you through the forest,” he said. “But your true guide is the one who helps you find light inside your heart. I can help you begin... but you must learn to listen to the light within you too.”

Nura thought about this carefully.

She liked the idea that guidance could come from a gentle friend, and also from within her own heart.

“Where should I go first?” she asked eagerly.

The white bird lifted his foot with the lantern.

The warm light shone onto a small path she had not noticed before.



“Start here,” he said. “This path will help you learn. And remember, I will fly with you.”

Nura’s wings fluttered with excitement.

She stepped onto the new path, feeling safer than she ever had before.

With each step, the lantern’s light lit the way, not too bright, not too dim, just enough to show her the next step.

Nura smiled.

“I am not alone,” she whispered. “I have a guide.”

And with that, Nura continued her journey, this time with the light leading the way.

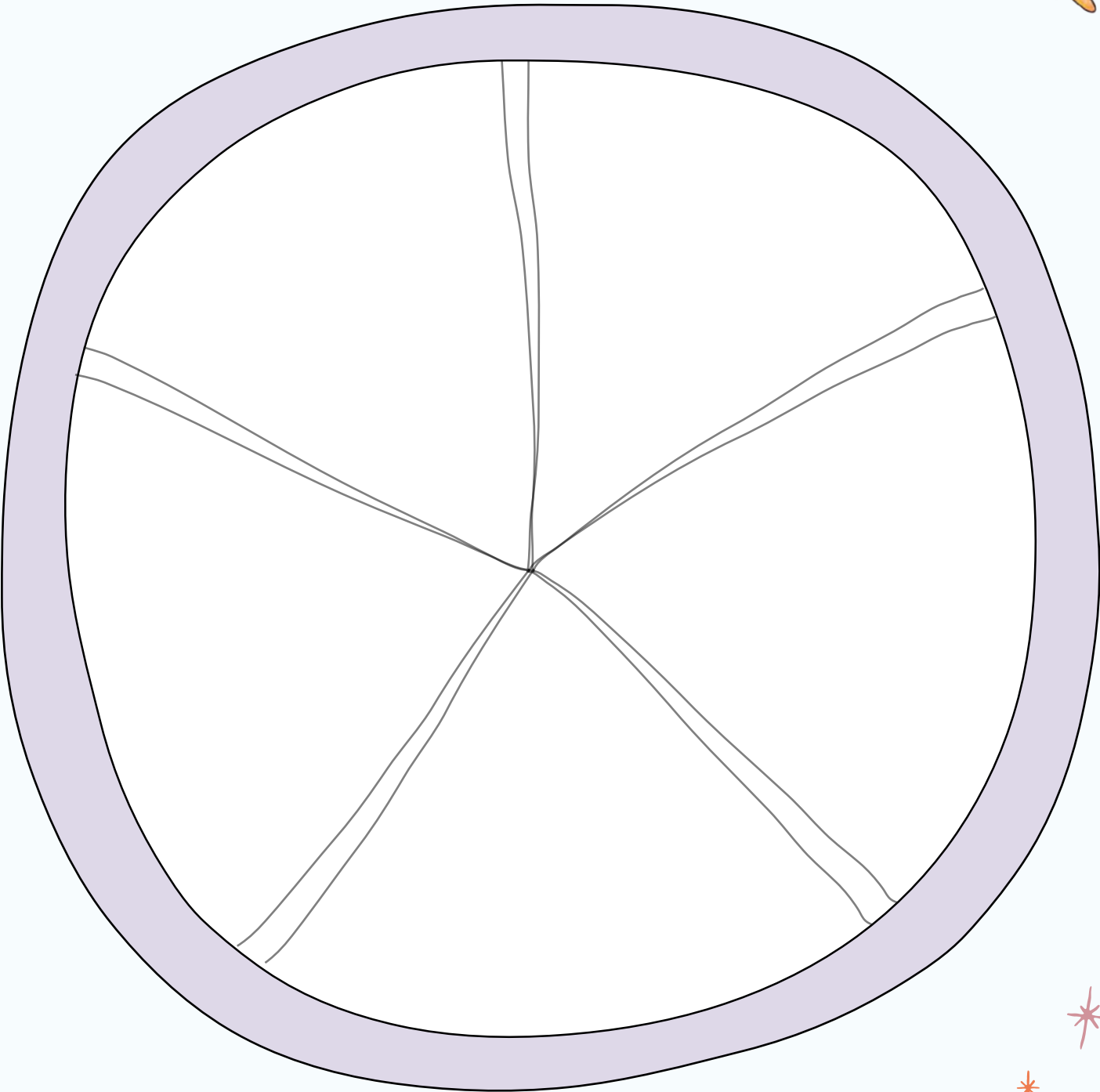


activity 1

My life wheel

Draw or name people who guide you.

Tip: My family, my teachers.



activity 2

My Imam's guidance

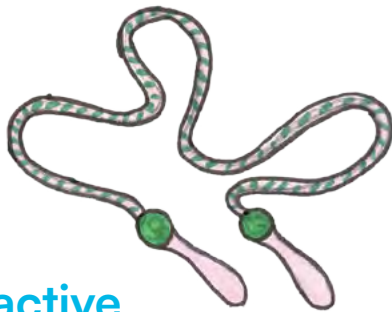
Can you remember a few topics on which our Imam guides us on?



Reduced screen time



Be healthy



Be active

Tip: Read through Farmans, discuss with your elder siblings or parents.



Nura had a guide with a lantern.

In our lives, we also have an Imam who helps us see clearly and stay on the right path.

Let's explore how he guides us.

As recited in the third part of our Du`a, this verse reminds us of the declaration of Hazrat Ali as our first Imam to guide our way.

Surah al Mai'da (5:67)

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

O Prophet, deliver (to the people) what has been revealed to you from your Lord, and if you did not do so, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people.

my kindness calendar

This week we think about the people who help guide us.

Try to listen carefully, follow guidance with care and show respect in your choice of words and actions.



day 1

- follow the instructions of your parents/teachers carefully.
- follow one guidance of parents/teachers even when it feels hard.

day 2

- say "Thank you" to someone who helps or teaches you.
- thank someone who guides you and explain why.

day 3

- ask a grown-up for help when you are unsure.
- pause and ask: "Is this the right path?"



Remember

Everyone needs guidance.

following trusting respecting

Primary 1-3
5-7 years

Primary 4-6
8-10 years

day 4

- use polite words all day: please, sorry, thank you.
- speak respectfully, even during a disagreement.

day 5

- draw or name something your teacher taught you.
- recall a teaching and try to apply it.

day 6

- pray or think quietly for one minute.
- pray or reflect quietly on guidance for three minutes.

day 7

- before Bait-ul Ilm today, respond to: "Who helps me?" and say "I feel safe when someone guides me".
- before Bait-ul Ilm today, reflect: "How do I show respect to my guides?"

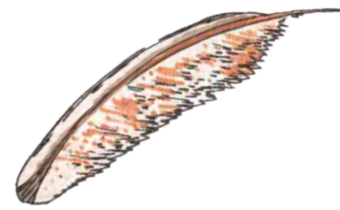


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Nura and the feathers of wisdom



Nura was growing braver every day.

After meeting the big white bird with the lantern, she followed the glowing path through the forest. The lantern showed her where to step, but soon Nura noticed something new:

Feathers.

Soft, beautiful feathers, gently floating down from the sky.

One landed on her wing.
One landed near her feet.
One landed right on her head!

* Nura laughed and picked one up. "What are these?" she wondered out loud.



Just then, the wise white bird swooped down from a branch above her.

"These feathers," he said calmly, "are Feathers of Wisdom.

I drop them along the path to help young birds like you learn important things. Nura blinked.

"They teach me things?"

The bird nodded.

"Yes. Each feather carries a message, teaching you how to live well, and how to be kind, brave, thoughtful, and full of light."

He gently lifted one feather with his beak and placed it in front of her.

Nura looked at it closely.

The feather shimmered softly, and she felt a warm feeling in her heart.

She suddenly thought about how she had shouted at a friend the day before.

"This feather... it makes me want to be kinder," Nura whispered.

The white bird smiled.

"That is exactly what these feathers do.

They help us make good choices.

They remind us how to walk on the right path - *sirat-al-mustaqim*."



Nura picked up another feather.

This time, she felt courage rising inside her like she could fly a little higher than before.

"This feather... it makes me feel brave."

The bird nodded again.

"These teachings can guide you when you're scared or unsure. They remind you that you are never alone."

Nura slowly gathered the feathers into a tiny bundle.

"So... every time you drop a feather, it means there is something I can learn?"

"Yes," the wise bird said.

"And when you follow these teachings, your own heart becomes brighter, just like the lantern."

Nura felt her wings flutter with excitement.



She looked at the feathers she gathered and whispered: "These teachings will help me grow."

"They will help me choose kindness."

"They will help light my way."

The white bird bowed his head gently.

"And one day, little Nura, you will carry your own light and help others."

Luma hugged the feathers close and smiled.

"Thank you for being my guide," she said,

"With you to show me the path, and the feathers to teach me how to walk it, I think I am becoming ready for something very special."





Read and reflect on a few Farmans of Mawlana Hazar Imam from the printed Farman books or read Farmans of Mawlana Shah Karim (may peace be upon him) from Primary 1, Book 5 pages 20-22.

activity 1

What good choices can I make every day?

Complete the sentences below.

Tip: Here are a few suggestions to help you get started.

Each day, I can try to _____



To take care of my body/mind, I can _____

I can be kind to others by _____



activity 2

Farmans in action



Choose a simple teaching of our Imams.
E.g. kindness, learning, being active.
Draw yourself practising it.



activity 3

Good behaviours in action

Sort the following behaviours into the columns below.

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|----------|---------------------|---------|
| Kindness | Gratitude | Reading |
| Sharing | Mindful screen time | Playing |

Yes, I practise

I will start practising soon

Tip: Feel free to add more.

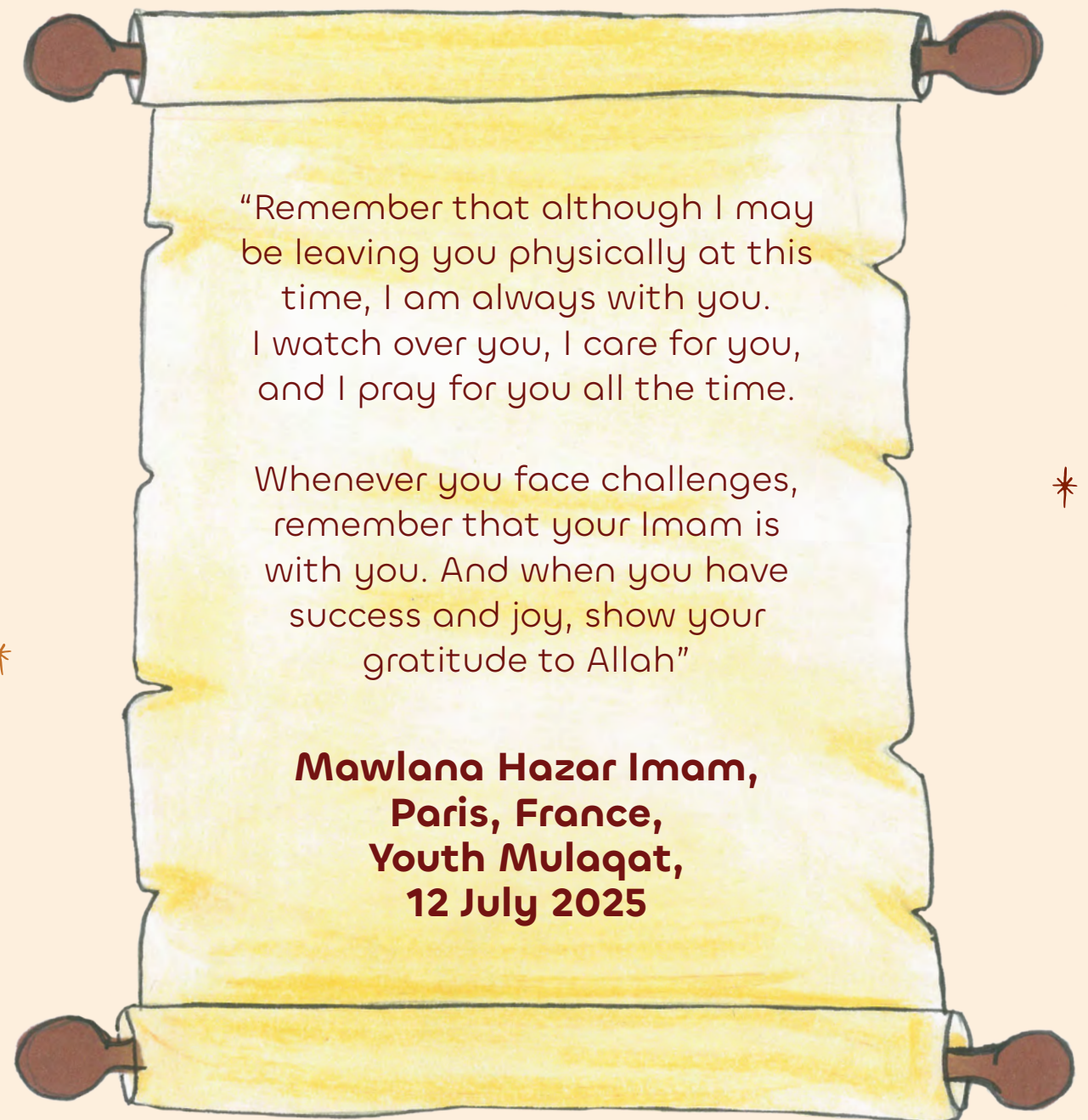


Feathers of wisdom taught Nura to be kind, brave and thoughtful in whatever she did.

Similarly, the Farmans of Mawlana Hazar Imam are like feathers of wisdom for us, which guide us to be kind, caring and stay on the right path.



Let's begin to prepare our hearts and reflect on some of the teachings of Mawlana Hazar Imam.



"Remember that although I may be leaving you physically at this time, I am always with you. I watch over you, I care for you, and I pray for you all the time.

Whenever you face challenges, remember that your Imam is with you. And when you have success and joy, show your gratitude to Allah"

**Mawlana Hazar Imam,
Paris, France,
Youth Mulaqat,
12 July 2025**

my kindness calendar



This week is about living what we learn.

Each activity helps you practise kindness, honesty, and responsibility in your everyday life.

- Primary 1-3
5-7 years
- Primary 4-6
8-10 years

choices kindness responsibility

day 1

share one toy, book, or snack with someone at home.

do one kind act without being asked. E.g. cleaning, helping siblings.

day 2

tell the truth in a small way.

be honest, even if it feels uncomfortable.

day 3

spend ten minutes walking, running or playing outdoors.

use your time responsibly: limit screen time and choose an activity that could help others.

day 4

learn something new.

learn something that could help others.

day 5

if you hurt someone's feelings today, say sorry to them.

forgive someone or wave goodbye to angry feelings.

day 6

draw a picture of a good choice you made this week.

Reflect: "Which choice was hardest and why?"

day 7

before Bait-ul Ilm today, complete the sentence: "This week I tried to be kind by ...".

before Bait-ul Ilm today, reflect: "How did my actions affect someone else this week?"



Remember

Good choices help our hearts grow and make the world kinder.

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Nura prepares her heart

Nura woke up before the sunrise.

She felt something different that morning, a warm, tingly feeling in her chest.

Today was important.

The wise white bird had told her: "When your heart is ready, something very special will happen."

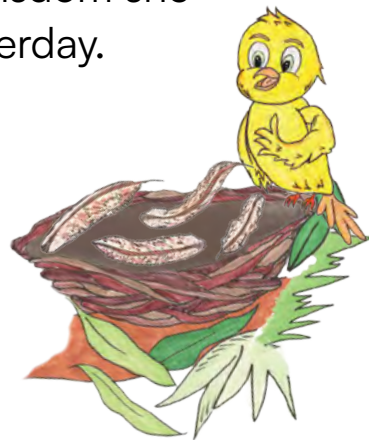
Nura wasn't sure what the "special" thing was, but she wanted to be ready.

She looked at her little nest.

It was messy, feathers, twigs, and crumbs everywhere.

"I'll clean my nest first," she said. So, she swept away the mess and made it neat and calm.

Then she remembered the Feathers of Wisdom she collected yesterday.



She laid them out carefully in a small circle:

The feather of kindness.

The feather of honesty.

The feather of truth.

The feather of peace.

Each feather glowed softly.

"What do I need to do to prepare?" Nura wondered.

She sat quietly.

She breathed slowly.

Just as her guide had taught her.

Then she whispered:

"I want my heart to shine."

She remembered the lantern's warm glow... how it showed her the right path... how it made her feel safe.

Nura closed her eyes and imagined that warm light filling her heart.

Suddenly, she heard the gentle flap of wings.



The wise white bird landed beside her.

"You look ready, little Nura," he said kindly.

Nura blinked.

"I cleaned my nest... I gathered my feathers... but most of all, I tried to make my heart feel calm and happy."

The white bird nodded.

"That is the best kind of preparation. When we welcome something special, we prepare not only our physical spaces... but our hearts."

He lifted his lantern.

The glow danced across Nura's feathers.

"Today," he continued, "you will receive a special blessing, a moment of closeness, light, and love. To welcome it, you need only bring your best self."

Nura's eyes sparkled, she asked, "My kind self?"

"Yes."

"My brave self?"

"Yes."

"My peaceful self?"

"Oh yes."

The bird smiled.

"And when the moment comes, little one... simply open your heart and be present."

Nura breathed in deeply. She felt warm, ready, and full of light.

"I think," she whispered, "my heart is ready."

And with that, she followed the lantern's glow toward the special moment she had been preparing for.



activity 1

Welcoming Mawlana Hazar Imam

How can I welcome Mawlana Hazar Imam with my best self?



Tip: Draw or write your thoughts.



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activity 2

My Didar checklist

Tick off each item as you prepare for Didar.



- ☐ Smile
- ☐ Kindness
- ☐ Open heart
- ☐ Patience
- ☐ Tasbih
- ☐ Good manners
- ☐ Light My Way booklet
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐



Tip: Add more to the list below.

my kindness calendar



This week slow down and prepare your heart.

Try to be calm, thankful and thoughtful as you get ready for a very special moment.

day 1

tidy your room with care.

prepare your personal space as an act of readiness.

day 2

spek softly and kindly all day.

practice calm and respectful speech, even when frustrated.

day 3

sit quietly for one minute and take three slow breaths.

spend three minutes in quiet reflection or prayer.

- Primary 1-3
5-7 years
- Primary 4-6
8-10 years

gratitude calm rediness

day 4

do one kind act without telling anyone.

perform one kind act quietly, with no expectation of praise.

day 6

say shukrana tasbih before bedtime.

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day 5

draw a picture of yourself preparing for Didar.

write one sentence: "Didar is special because..."

day 7

come to Bait-ul Ilm, calm and ready to learn.

come to Bait-ul Ilm, calm, ready to learn and reflective.



Remember
To receive blessings, everyone needs a peaceful heart.

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Part 2

Didar Day

Activities to prepare yourself as you wait for *Mawlana Hazar Imam's* arrival

activity 1

A letter from my parents

Ask your parents to write a letter for you to read today.

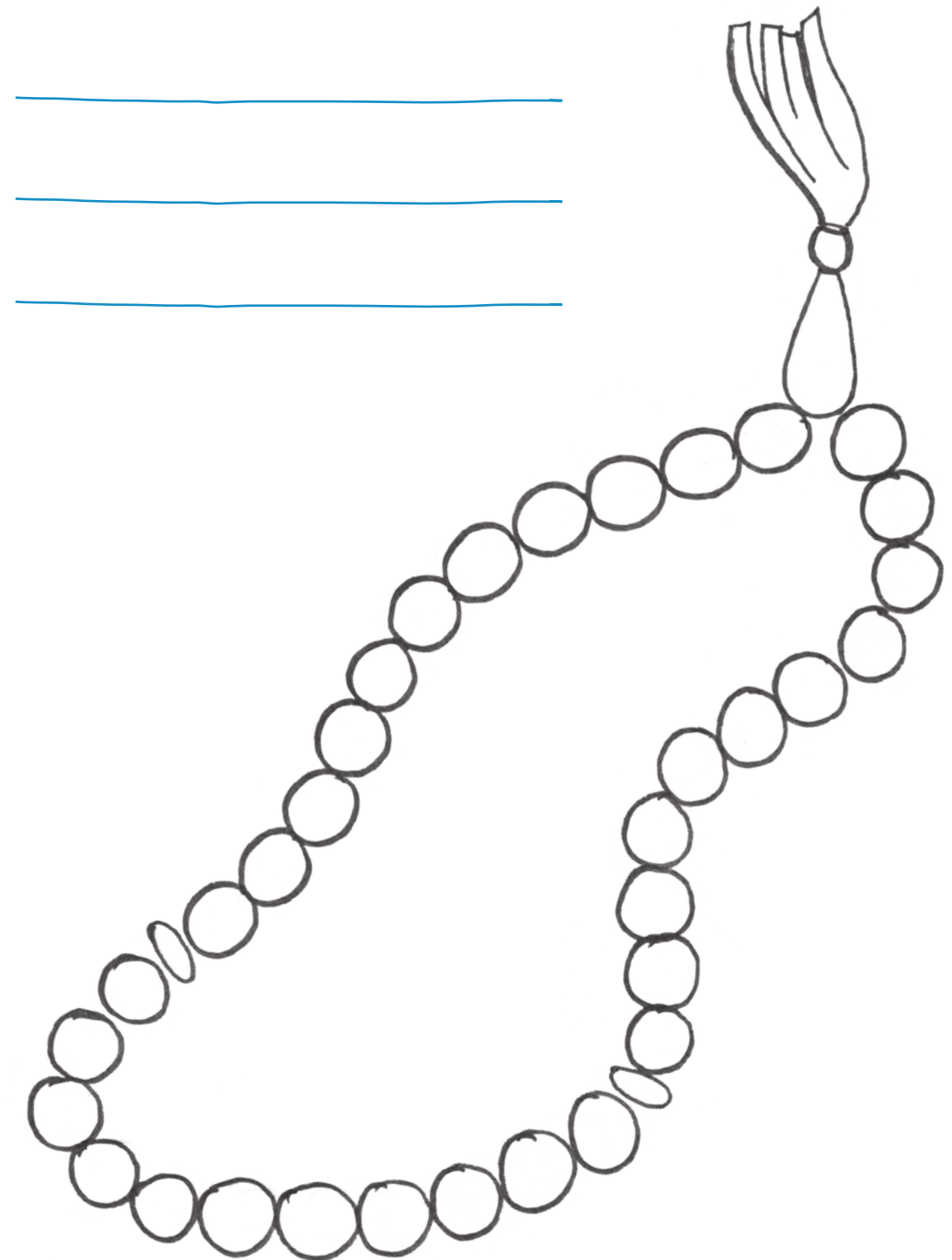


Tip: It can describe their hopes and aspirations for you as you experience the Didar of Mawlana Hazar Imam.

activity 2

A prayer for today

Colour in the tasbeih and write what you will pray for.





activity 3

Over the past few weeks, Nura has grown through her experiences

Colour in Nura and add your own details to her world.



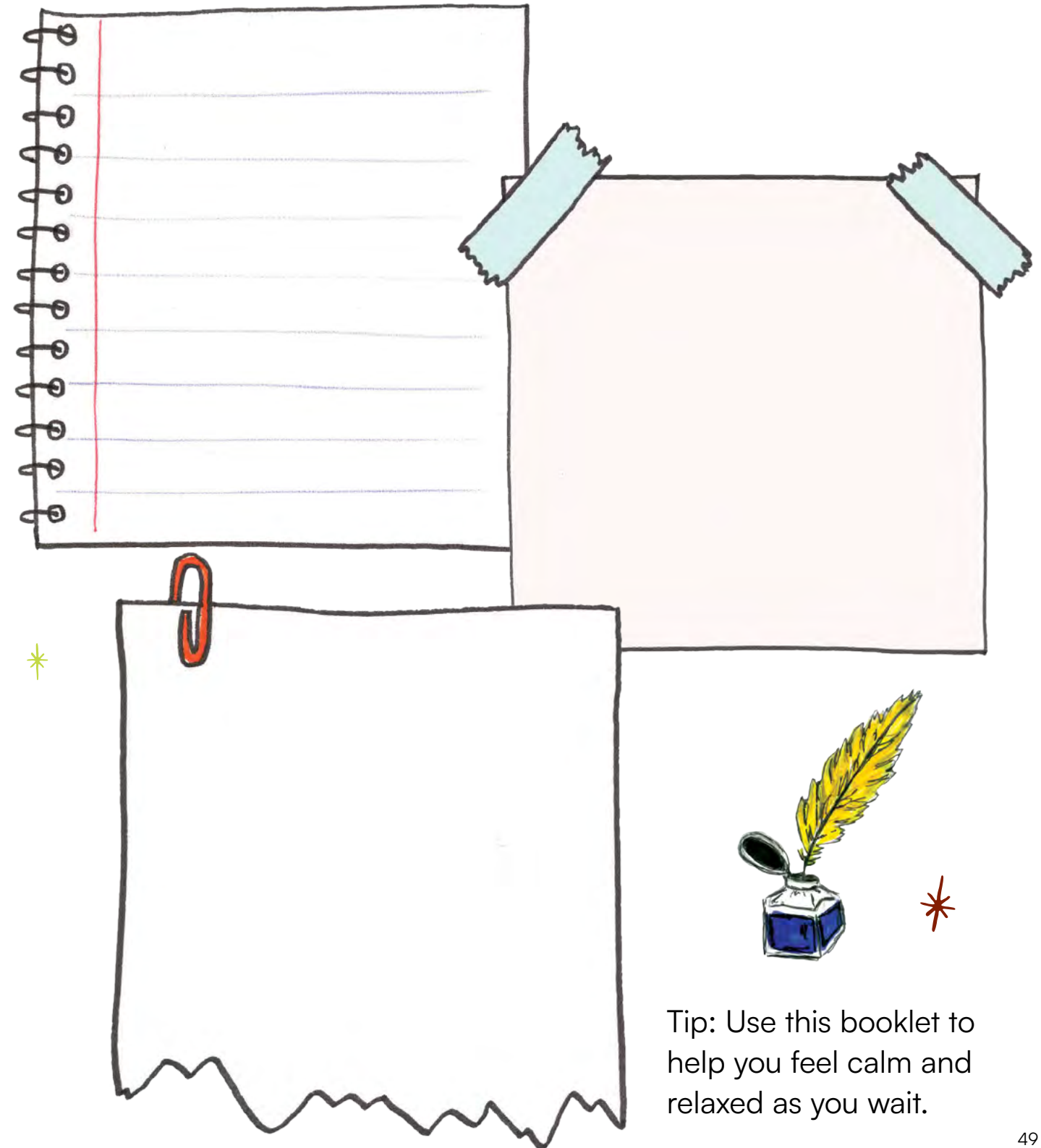
Tip: Use your imagination and remember to have fun.



activity 4

As you wait for Mawlana Hazar Imam to arrive

Draw three things you see on the stage or write three words that describe the feeling in the Didar hall.

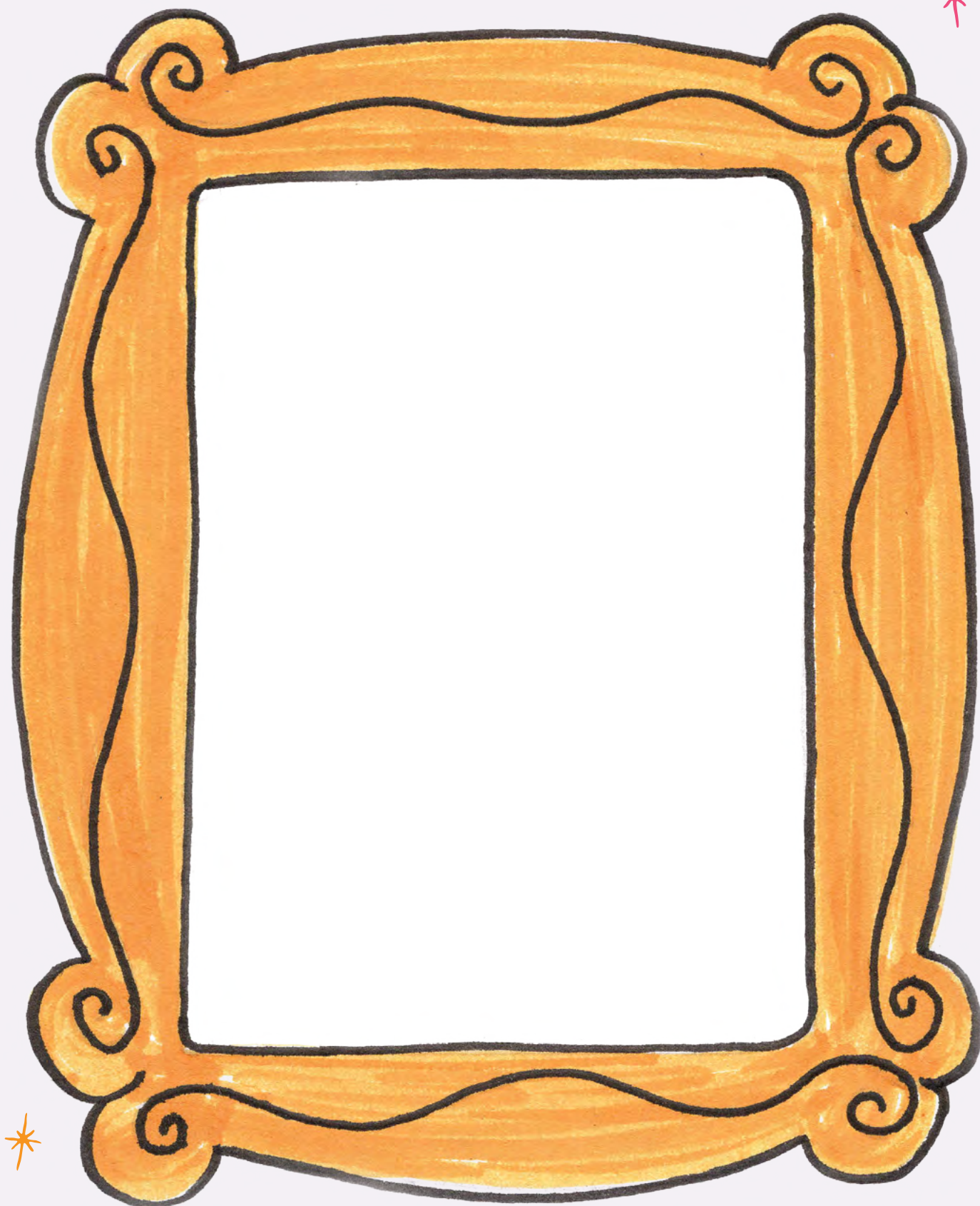


Tip: Use this booklet to help you feel calm and relaxed as you wait.

activity 5

Take a moment to look around and notice

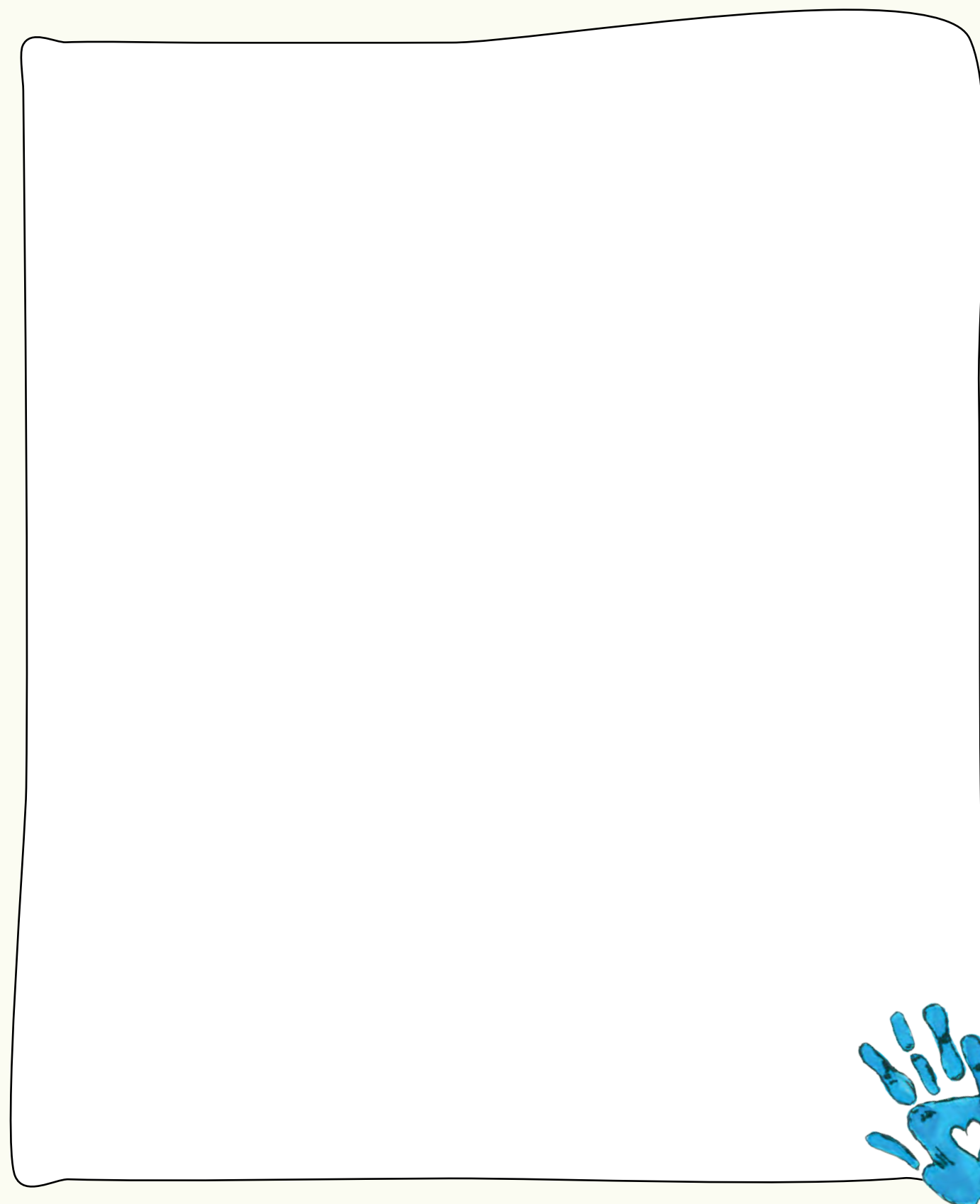
Draw a picture of yourself in the Didar hall.



activity 6

Calm heart breathing

Trace your hand as you breathe in and out five times.



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Part 3

After Didar

Activities to reflect on your Didar experience

activity 1

Reflecting on my experience

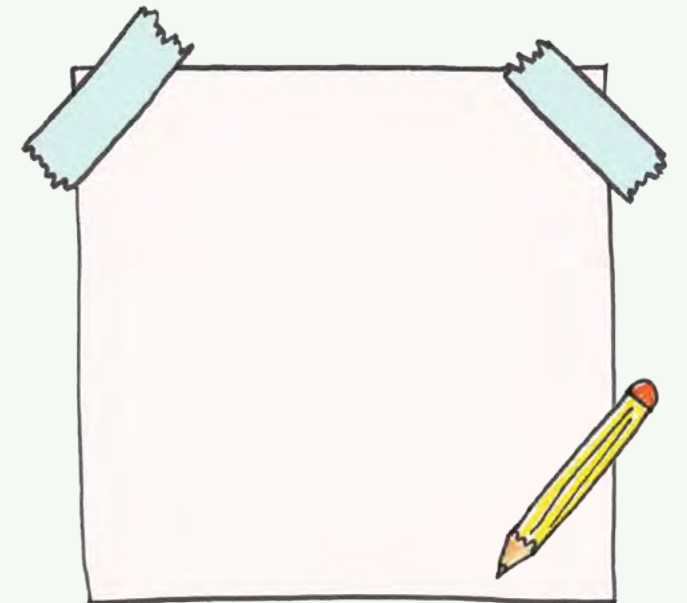
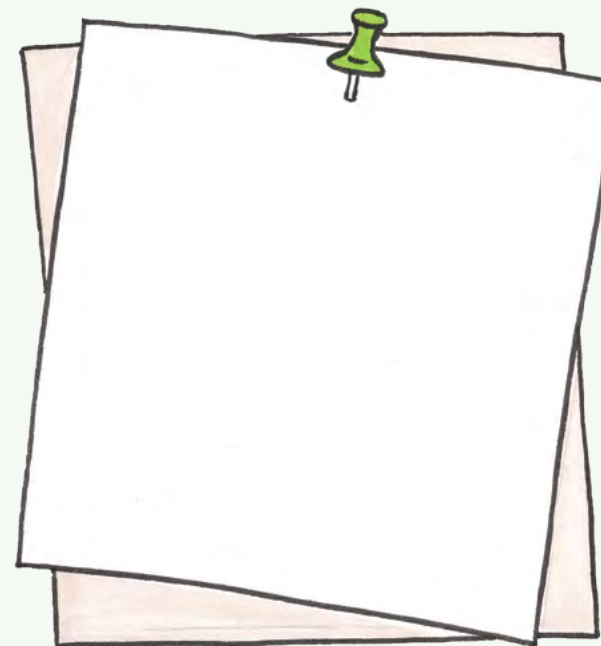
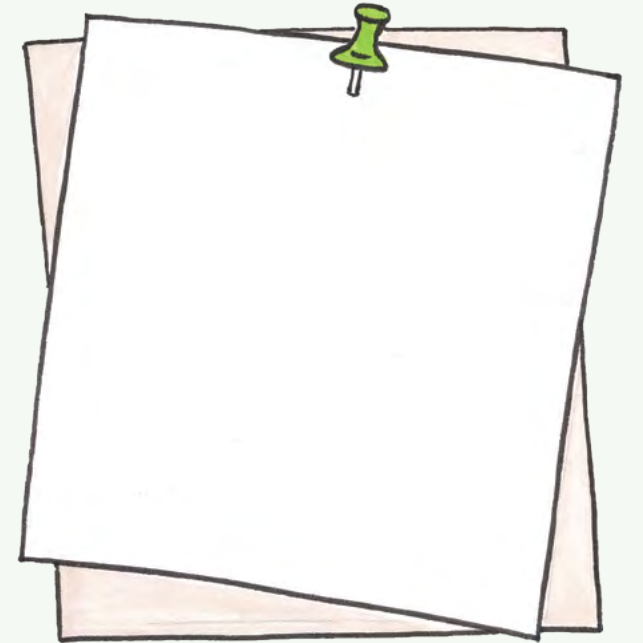
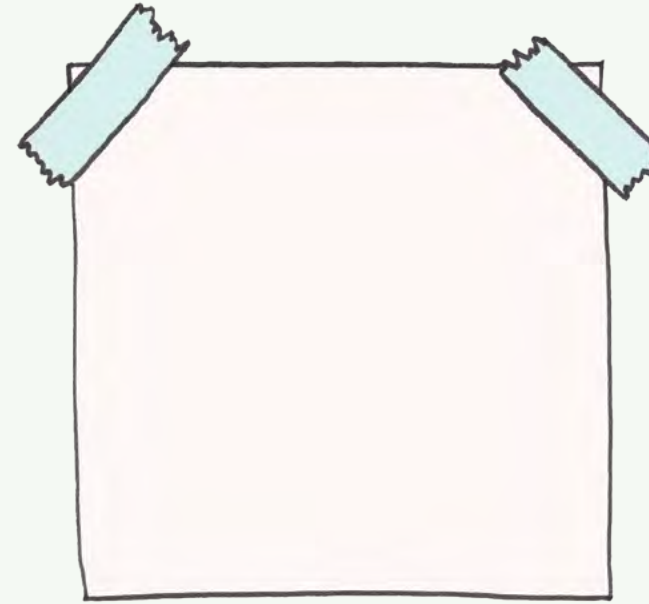
Draw or write how it made you feel to see Mawlana Hazar Imam.



activity 2

Farman of Mawlana Hazar Imam

Write down four messages from the Farman that you will remember and practise.



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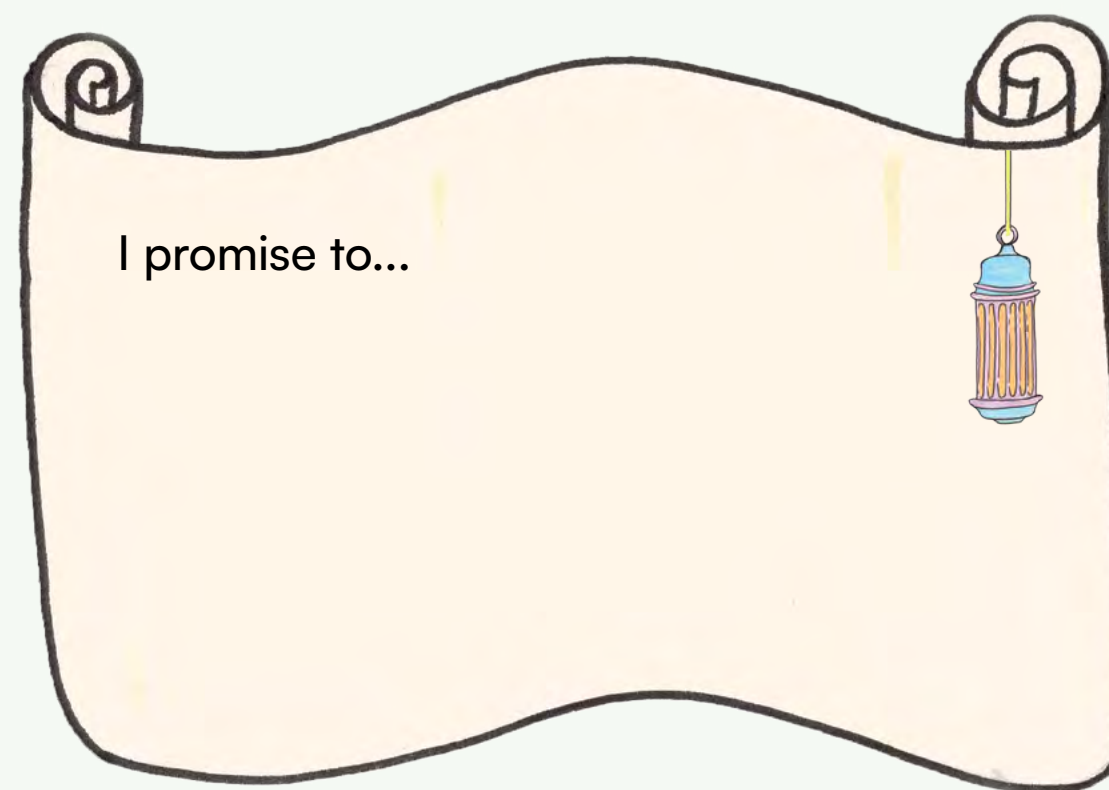
My promise cards

What small commitment can you make to Mawlana Hazar Imam following the Didar?

Tip: Write some promises that you will keep.



I promise to...



I promise to...



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young heart for the blessing of Didar of Mawlana Hazar Imam.





**May you continue
to grow on your
journey...**

Stay curious

Keep wondering about the world
and asking questions.

Be kind

Choose kindness
in what you say and do.

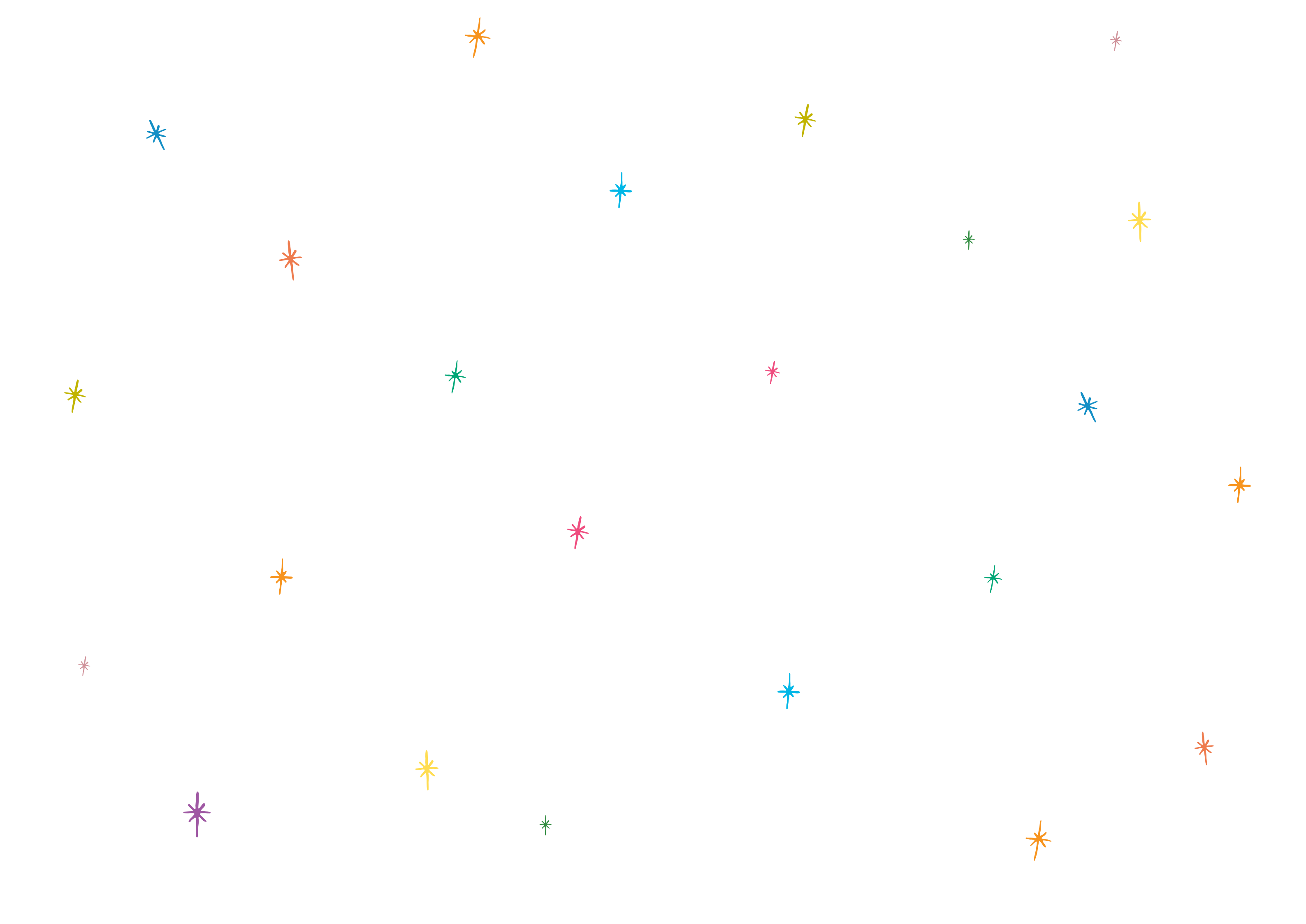
Share goodness

Help others and spread smiles
wherever you go.

And never stop exploring...

There is always something new
and wonderful to discover.







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