

Bait-ul Ilm
Nursery

Light my way



My Didar Journey



This booklet belongs to

Name _____ Age _____



Didar Mubarak to you and your family

A note for parents

This booklet has been designed to help you support your child on their Didar journey.

Hassan, a young member of the Jamat, will accompany you.

He is curious and kind, just like your little one. He wonders, asks questions and enjoys learning new things every day.

Hi, I am
Hassan



Hassan's stories and the activities in this booklet will help your child to:

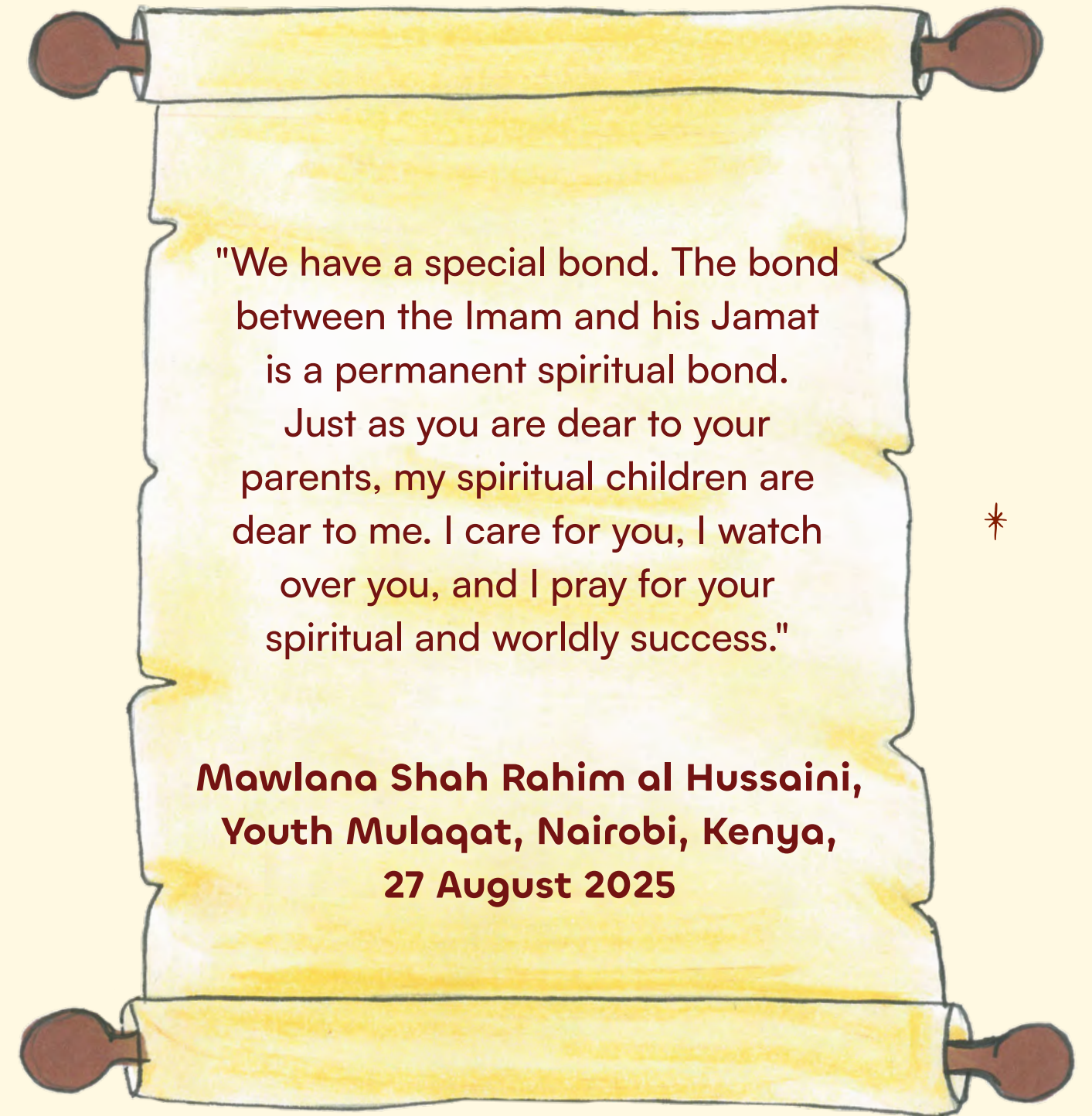
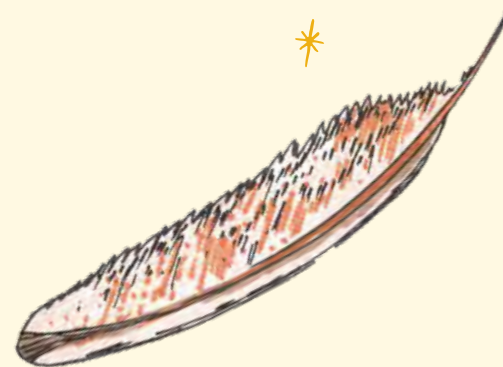
- ◇ Notice the people who love, care for and guide them.
- ◇ Appreciate, take care of and be grateful for Allah's beautiful creation.
- ◇ Prepare their hearts for Didar with Hazar Imam.

Enjoy this booklet together. Encourage your child to draw, colour and take moments to reflect.

A useful link for parents



Additional resources, including guidance on how to use this booklet with your child, are available on the UK Visit website at the.ismaili/visit/uk/learning-resources



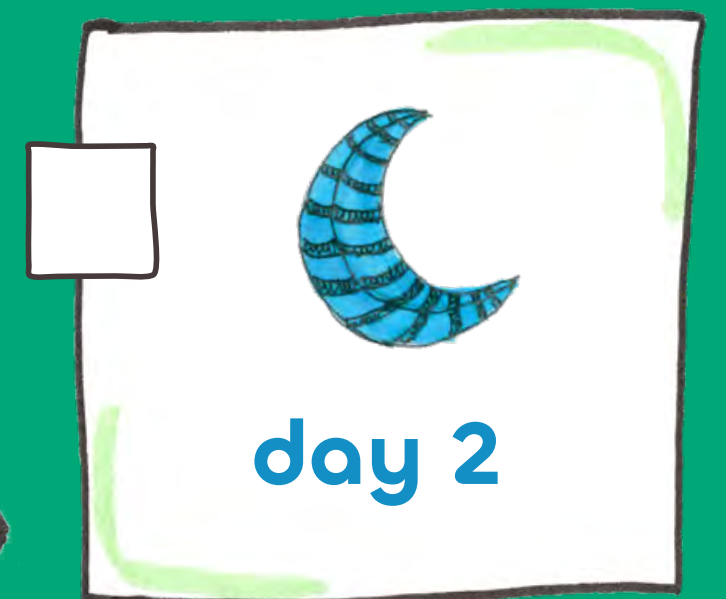
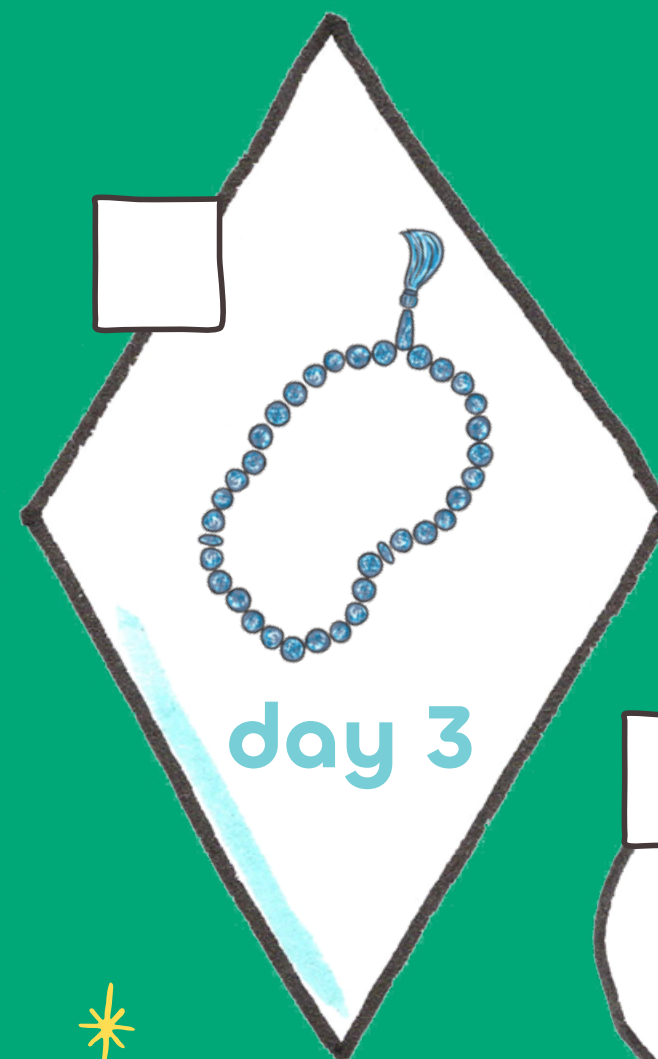
"We have a special bond. The bond between the Imam and his Jamat is a permanent spiritual bond. Just as you are dear to your parents, my spiritual children are dear to me. I care for you, I watch over you, and I pray for your spiritual and worldly success."

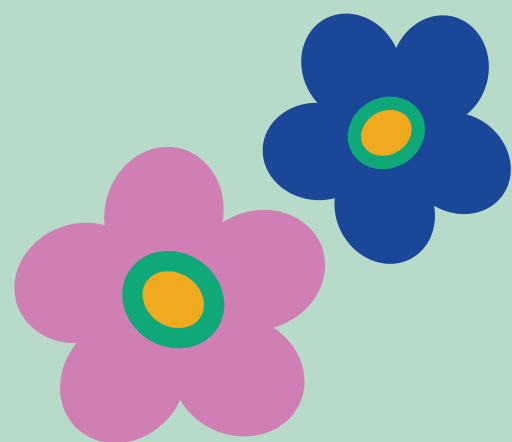
**Mawlana Shah Rahim al Hussaini,
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Count down to Didar

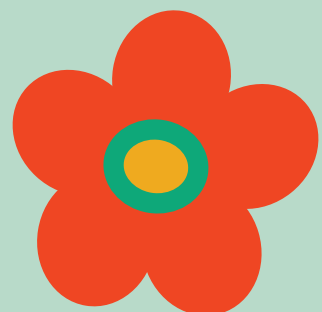
Seven days to go.

Tick off each day together with your child. Feel the excitement grow as you count down to the Didar day.





**This booklet is
divided into three
parts, each with a
story and activities
to explore and
enjoy together**



**1 I love
my family**

**2 I love
my world**

**3 I love
my Imam**



**I love
my family**

Hassan's day with his family



The sun plays peekaboo through the lush green trees.

Hassan wakes up, stretches out his arms and says, "Good morning, Mama."

His mother beams with excitement and replies warmly, "Good morning, my darling!"

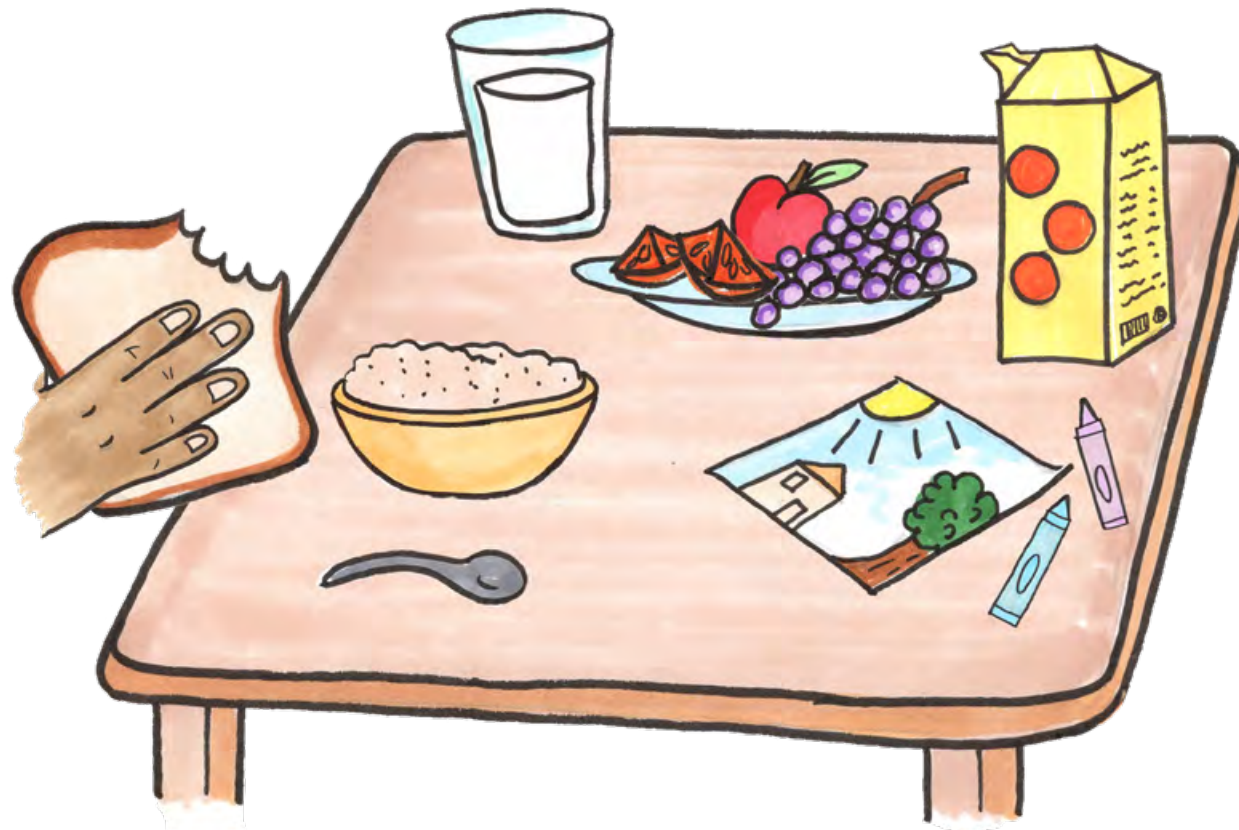
Hassan asks, "Mama, how do Ismailis greet one another?"

Mama explains, "In our community, we have Ismailis from all over the world. We are all different, and greet each other in many different ways. We might say '*Ya Ali Madad*', '*Salam*' or '*Marhaba*'. There are many other beautiful ways too."

Hassan whispers, "*Ya Ali Madad* birds, *Salam* trees, *Marhaba* little butterfly," as he gazes out of the window.



**Bismillahir
Rahmanir Rahim**



Hassan then washes his hands and face and joins his family for morning Du'a. Soon after, he smells something delicious. Breakfast is ready: warm porridge, fruit and toast. Hassan recites, "*Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim*," before he begins to eat.

It's now time to play and Hassan shares his toys with his sister Hana. Together they run, tumble and laugh, always remembering to be kind to one another with caring hearts and gentle hands.

The evening comes and the stars begin to twinkle in the sky. It's time for Jamatkhana. Papa says, "Don't forget your tasbih, keep it with you at all times."

In Jamatkhana, Hassan takes out his tasbih and bead by bead as he quietly says, "*Ya Allah, Ya Muhammad, Ya Ali*."

Hassan then whispers, "Thank you for my family. I love them, and they love me." His heart feels calm and full.

**Ya Allah,
Ya Muhammad,
Ya Ali**



Make faith part of every day

Use these expressions and recite these tasbihs with your child.



Ya Ali Madad

May Ali help you

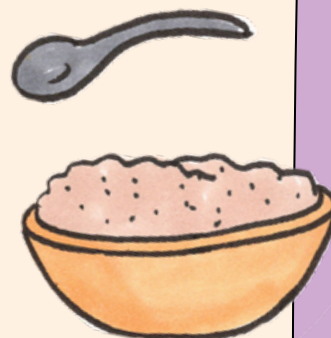
We say this when greeting family and our Ismaili sisters and brothers.



Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

In the name of Allah,
the most Beneficent, the most Merciful

We say this when beginning a journey,
before eating a meal or before starting
a new activity.



Allāhumma salli ‘alā muhammadiw-wa ‘āli Muhammad

O Allah, send Your blessings
on Muhammad and his family

We recite this when looking at a photograph
of Hazar Imam. Explain that we will recite
Salawat when we see Hazar Imam in person.



Shukran li'l-lah wa-l-hamdu li'l-lah

All thanks are due to Allah
and all praise is due to Allah

We recite this to offer thanks to Allah
throughout the day and before going
to sleep each night.



activity 2



Grateful for your family

Help your child to trace the hands of each of your family members. Start with the smallest hand and draw larger hands around it so that they are one inside the other.

After tracing each hand, say together, “I am happy to have a family that loves me. I am blessed.”



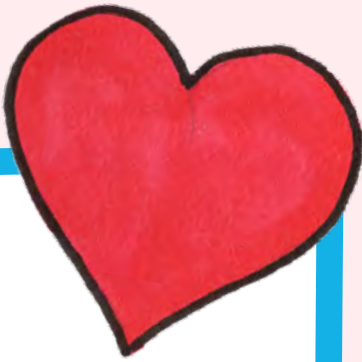
activity 3



Space to express your gratitude



Help your child to draw a picture of your family.





**I love
my world**

**We love our world and
want to look after it.**

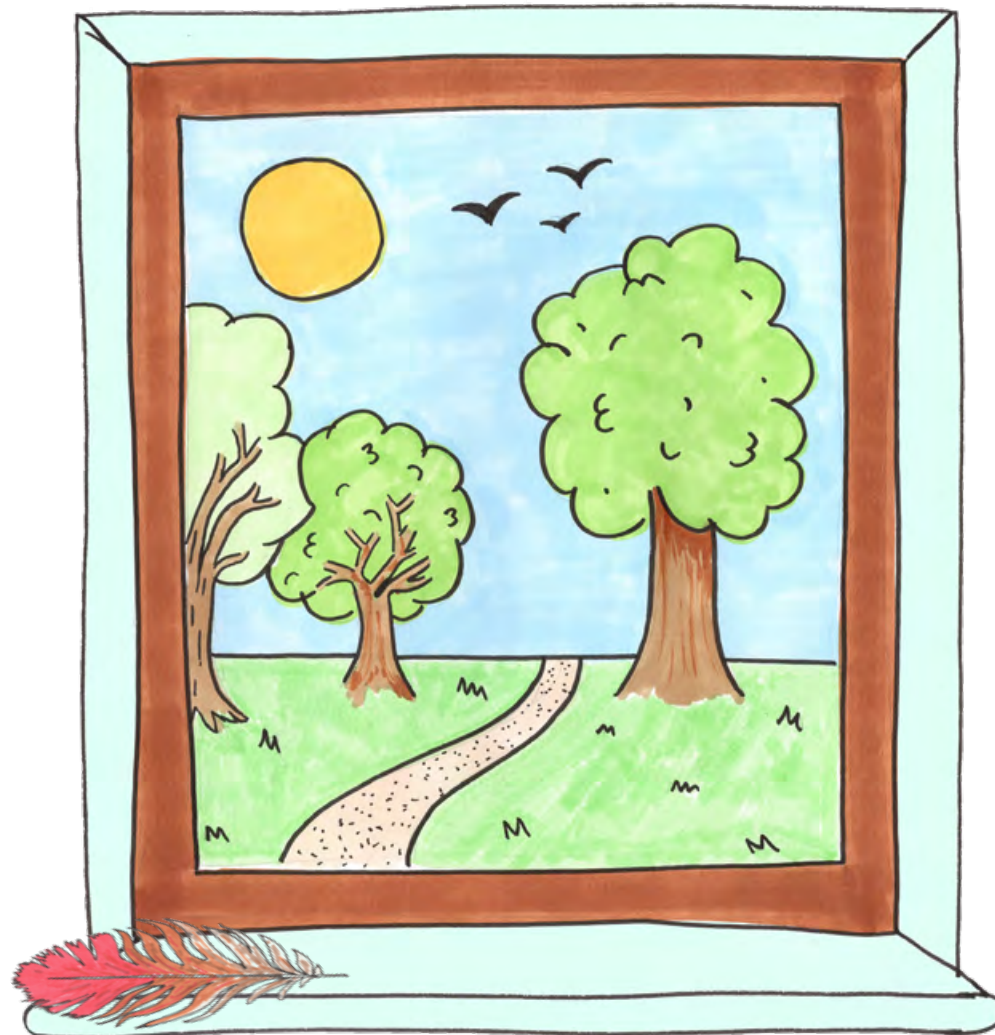
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Hassan goes for a walk

Hassan sits by the window. He sees the bright sun in the sky. He sees green trees dancing in the breeze.

He hears the birds sing, "Tweet-tweet, chirp-cheep."

"Wow," says Hassan. "My world is so beautiful."



Later, Hassan goes for a walk with Mama. He watches a tiny ant crawl.

"Mama, who made all this?" he asks.

Mama smiles and says softly, "Allah made the world."

Hassan looks up at the sky. "Did Allah make the sun too?"

"Yes, Allah made the sun, the trees, the animals and even you."

Hassan feels warm inside.

"Thank you, Allah," he whispers.

Hassan gently touches a flower. He sees a bird fly away.

He asks again, "Mama, how do we take care of Allah's world?"



Mama thinks for a moment and says, “Long ago, Allah sent someone to teach us. His name was Prophet Muhammad (may peace be upon him and his family). He showed people how to be kind, how to be gentle and how to care for others, all living things and the world.”

Hassan nods. “I can be gentle” he says.

Later, Hassan squeezes Mama’s hand and asks, “But Mama, who teaches us today?”

Mama replies, “Prophet Muhammad told us to follow the teachings and guidance of his family starting with Hazrat Ali (may peace be upon him). He was our first Imam. Today, our Imam is Mawlana Shah Rahim. We call him Hazar Imam, and he is our 50th Imam. He teaches us how to care for the world and for one another. ”

Hassan asks, “When can I see Hazar Imam?”

“Soon my darling, very soon, *insha’Allah*”

Hassan sees an empty wrapper in the grass, he picks it up and puts it in the bin. “I am taking care of the planet,” he says.

Mama smiles. “Yes, you are.”

Hassan looks up at the sky one more time. He feels calm and happy. “This is Allah’s world,” he says softly, “and I love it.”



activity 1

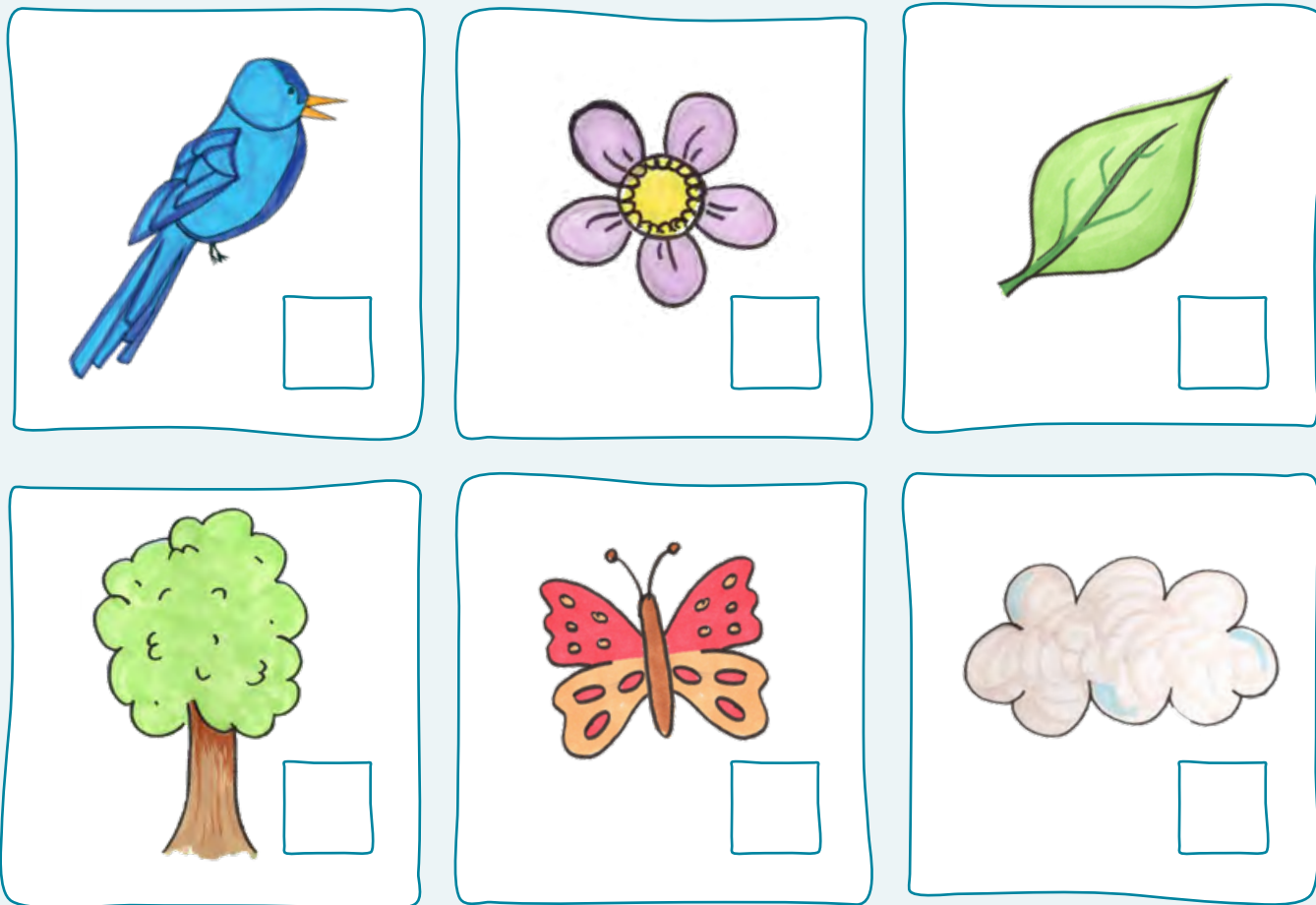
Take a walk to admire Allah's creation

Go for a walk with your child and see what you can find.
Explore the look and texture of things you encounter.

As you start the walk, say, “*Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.*”

Tick off the items below with your child as you go. When
you see each of these say, “I can see Allah’s creation.”

When you end your walk, offer thanks to Allah together and
say, “*Shukran li'l-lah wa-l-hamdu li'l-lah.*”



activity 2

Colour some of Allah's creation



Mawlana Shah Karim Shah, our 49th Imam, often spoke about the importance of looking after Allah's creation.

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For our faith constantly reminds us to observe and be thankful for the beauty of the world and the universe around us, and our responsibility and obligation, as good stewards of God's creation, to leave the world in a better condition than we found it.

Presentation of the Gold Medal
by the Royal Architectural Institute
of Canada, Ottawa, 2013.



activity 3

Learn to be kind to Allah's creation

- ◇ Allah has given us this beautiful world and we must remember to look after it.
- ◇ To mark this special occasion of Didar, let's plant a seed together, look after it and watch it grow.
- ◇ When planting a seed, explain to your child that they are responsible for helping it grow. Water the seed, give it light and check on it every day. Over time, these repeated small actions help the plant grow.





**I love
my Imam**

Hassan gets ready for Didar



The sunrays shine through the soft green trees.

Hassan wakes up to the sound of the birds singing.

He stretches his arms, smiles and says, “Ya Ali Madad, Mama.”

Mama smiles back. “Mawla Ali Madad, Hassan. Today is a very special day.”

Hassan’s family is getting ready. Mama helps Hassan put on his best clothes. Papa helps him with his shoes. His sister Hana cheerfully claps her hands..



“Didar day is finally here!” exclaims Hassan.

“Yes,” Mama says gently. “Are you ready to see our Imam?”

“Yes, Mama,” says Hassan. As Hassan holds Mama’s hand, his heart feels happy and excited.

Before they leave, Hassan eats his breakfast. “*Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim*,” Hassan says softly. Everyone smiles.

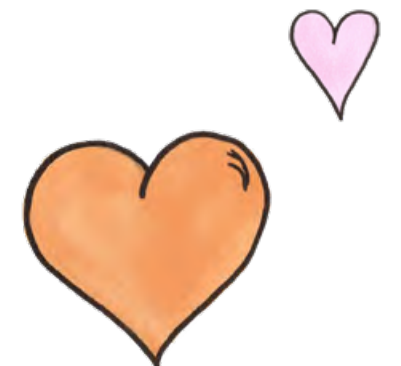
Warm food fills his tummy. He watches his Mama pack a bag for the Didar hall. She packs some clothes, toys and snacks. She even remembers to pack his Light My Way book.

The Didar Hall feels peaceful and calm. Hassan sees many families. Everyone is talking, hugging and laughing.

He feels the love and excitement, and it gives him butterflies in his tummy.

Papa gives Hassan his tasbeeh. Hassan holds it carefully. Bead by bead, he whispers, “*Allāhumma salli ‘alā muhammadiw-wa ‘āli Muhammad*.”

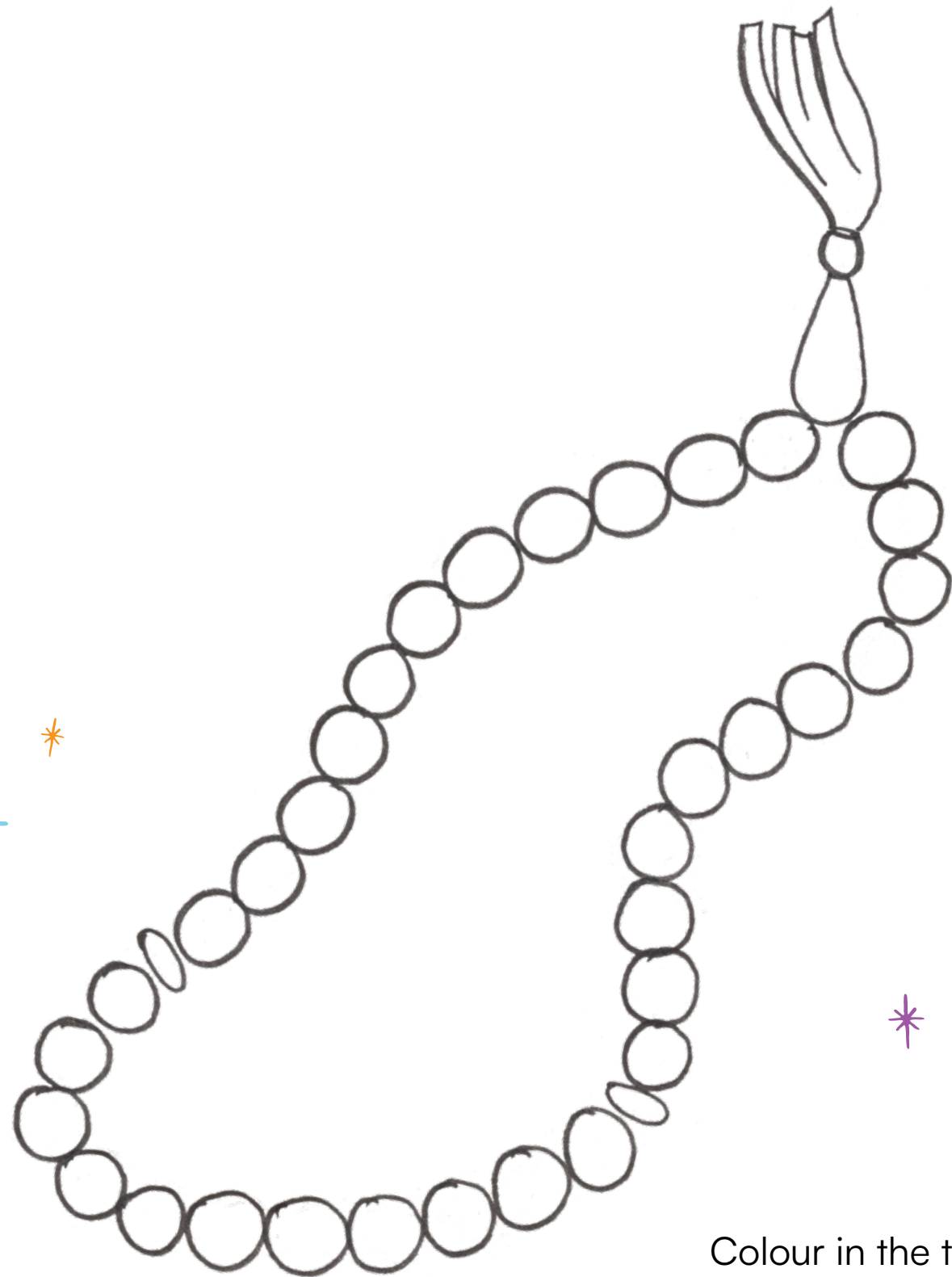
Hassan feels love all around him. He knows his family loves him. He knows his Imam loves him, and he can’t wait to see his Imam.



activity 1

Recite tasbeeh together at Didar

*Allāhumma salli ‘alā muhammadiw-wa ‘āli Muhammad
Shukran li’l-lah wa-l-hamdu li’l-lah*

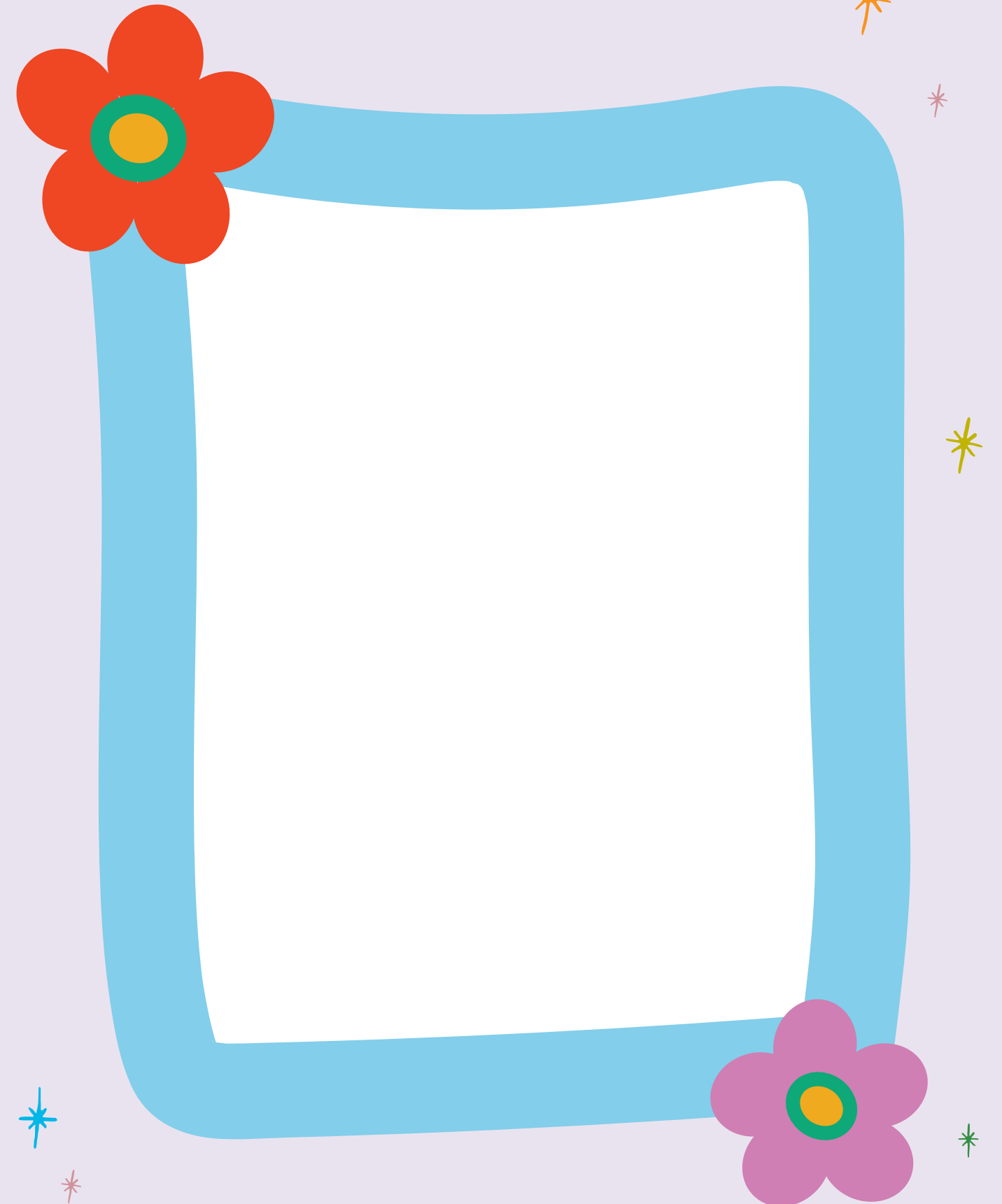


Colour in the tasbeeh.

activity 2

Remember Didar day

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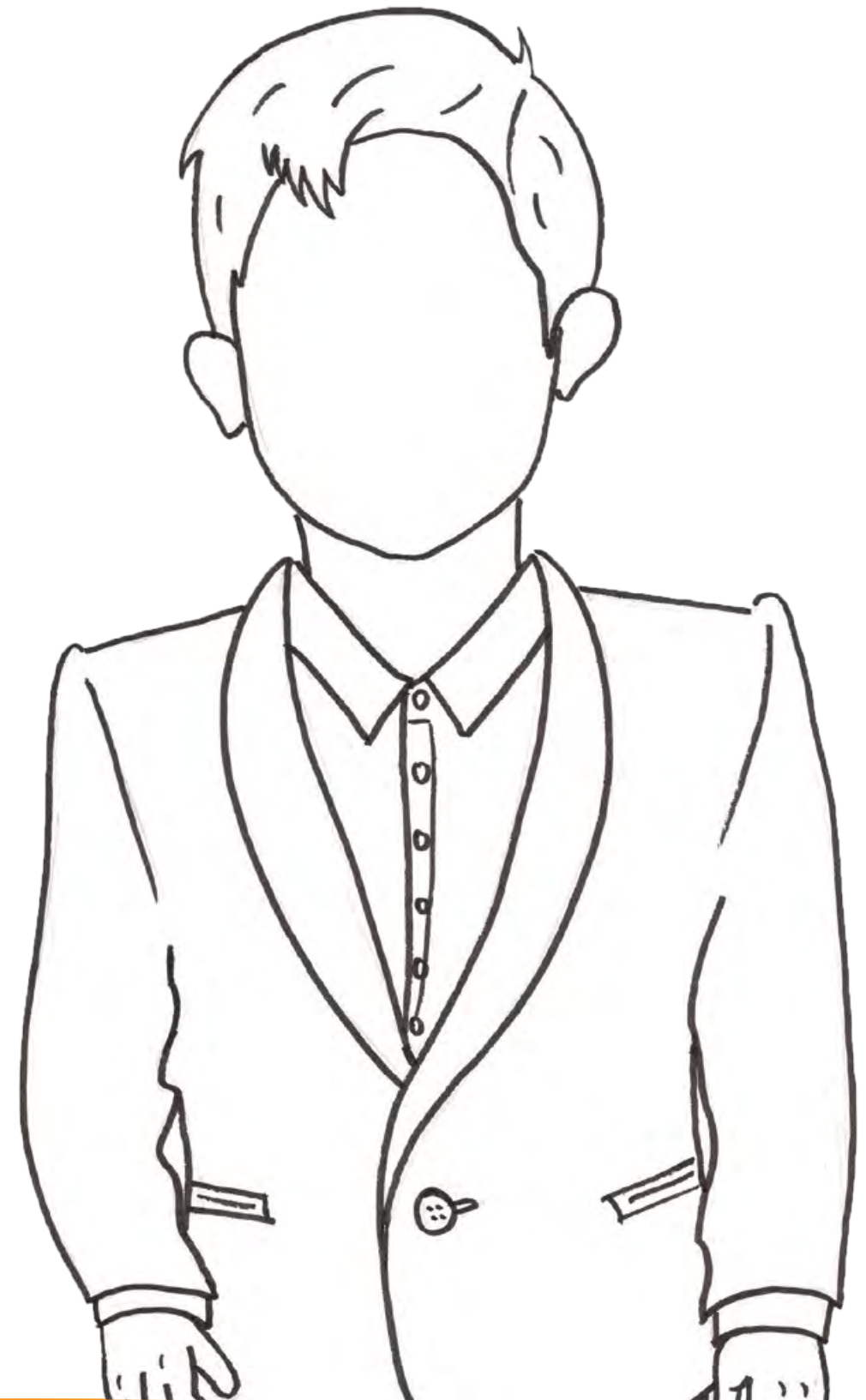


Use colours to show how Didar
makes you feel

Didar
Mubarak



Fill Hassan with happy and special feelings.



Take this booklet with you to Didar.
Use this page to draw, colour and enjoy



May your child
continue to
grow on their
journey...



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