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# STORIES OF INSPIRATION



# THE MAGICAL MUSTARD SEED

There is an old Chinese tale about a woman whose only son died. In her grief, she went to the holy man and asked, "What prayers, what magical incantations do you have to bring my son back to life?"

Instead of sending her away or reasoning with her, he said to her, "Fetch me a mustard seed from a home that has never known sorrow. We will use it to drive the sorrow out of your life." The woman went off at once in search of that magical mustard seed.

She came first to a splendid mansion, knocked at the door, and said, "I am looking for a home that has never known sorrow. Is this such a place? It is very important to me."

They told her, "You've certainly come to the wrong place," and began to describe all the tragic things that recently had befallen them.

The woman said to herself, "Who is better able to help these poor, unfortunate people than I, who have had misfortune of my own?"

She stayed to comfort them, then went on in search of a home that had never known sorrow. But wherever she turned, in hotels and in other places, she found one tale after another of sadness and misfortune.

The woman became so involved in helping others cope with their sorrows that she eventually let go of her own. She would later come to understand that it was the quest to find the magical mustard seed that drove away her suffering.

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# A JEWISH GIRL AND BISMILLAH

A pious man was once lecturing on the virtues of "Bismillahir Rahman nir Raheem". A Jewish girl was also listening to his lecture. She was so moved by the lecture that she accepted Islam. Now, whenever she did anything she always said "Bismillahir Rahman nir Raheem" first. When her father, who was the king's minister, discovered that she had embraced Islam, he became very upset. He feared that the people would look down upon him. So, he began threatening her in the hope that she would forsake Islam. But she would not. Finally, he decided, the only solution was to kill her.

Thus, he thought of a plan: he gave her the ring, which was used for sealing letters and documents in the king's court. He said to her: "Keep it until I ask for it." Saying "Bismillahir Rahman nir Raheem" she took it and put it in her pocket.'

That night the father tip-toed into her room and stole the ring

and flung it into the river. That would give the king all the reason to hang her.

The following day a fisherman came along to the minister and gave him a fish as a gift. The minister took it and gave it to his daughter to prepare it. As soon as she opened the stomach to clean the fish she found the ring. She was shocked! For it looked exactly like the ring her father had given her! She searched for the ring in her pocket but couldn't find it. She read "Bismillahir Rahman nir Raheem" and put the ring back into her pocket.

She then prepared the fish and presented it to her father. After he had his meal. He then asked for the ring. She said "Bismillahir Rahman nir Raheem" and produced it from her pocket. The father was shocked for he had thrown it into the river! How could she take it out from her pocket! He then told her what he had done and enquired where the ring came from. She told him she found it from the fish's stomach. Witnessing the barakah (blessing) of Bismillah he accepted Islam straightaway.

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# PLAYING MINIATURE GOLF

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon. My friend was taking his two little boys to play miniature golf. He walked up to the fellow at the ticket counter and said, "How much is it to get in?"

The young man replied, "\$ 3.00 for you and \$ 3.00 for any kid who is older than six. We let them in free if they are six or younger. How old are they?"

My friend replied, "The one is three and the other is seven, so I guess I owe you \$ 6.00."

The man at the ticket counter said, "Hey, Mister, did you just win the lottery or something? You could have saved yourself three bucks. You could have told me that the older one was six; I wouldn't have known the difference." My friend replied, "Yes, that may be true, but the kids would have known the difference."

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# Al-Islam 24's

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# DUA'S & SUPPLICATIONS



# **Dua's from the Qur'an**

***Rabbana ma khalaqta hadha batila Subhanaka faqina 'adhaban-Naar***

Our Lord! Not for naught Hast Thou created (all) this! Glory to Thee! Give us salvation from the penalty of the Fire [3:191]

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***Rabbana anzil 'alayna ma'idatam minas-Samai tuknu lana 'idal li-awwa-lina wa aakhirna wa ayatam-minka war-zuqna wa anta Khayrul-Raziqeen***

O Allah our Lord! Send us from heaven a table set (with viands), that there may be for us - for the first and the last of us - a solemn festival and a sign from thee; and provide for our sustenance, for thou art the best Sustainer (of our needs) [5:114]

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***Rabbana afrigh 'alayna sabraw wa tawaffana Muslimeen***

Our Lord! Pour out on us patience and constancy, and take our souls unto thee as Muslims (who bow to thy will)! [7:126]

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***Rabbana ghfir li wa li wallidayya wa lil Mu'mineena yawma yaqumul hisaab***

O our Lord! Cover (us) with Thy Forgiveness - me, my parents, and (all) Believers, on the Day that the Reckoning will be established! [14:41]

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***Rabbana amanna faghfir lana warhamna wa anta khayrur Rahimiin***

Our Lord! We believe; then do Thou forgive us, and have mercy upon us: For Thou art the Best of those who show mercy [23: 109]



# Dua's for Students

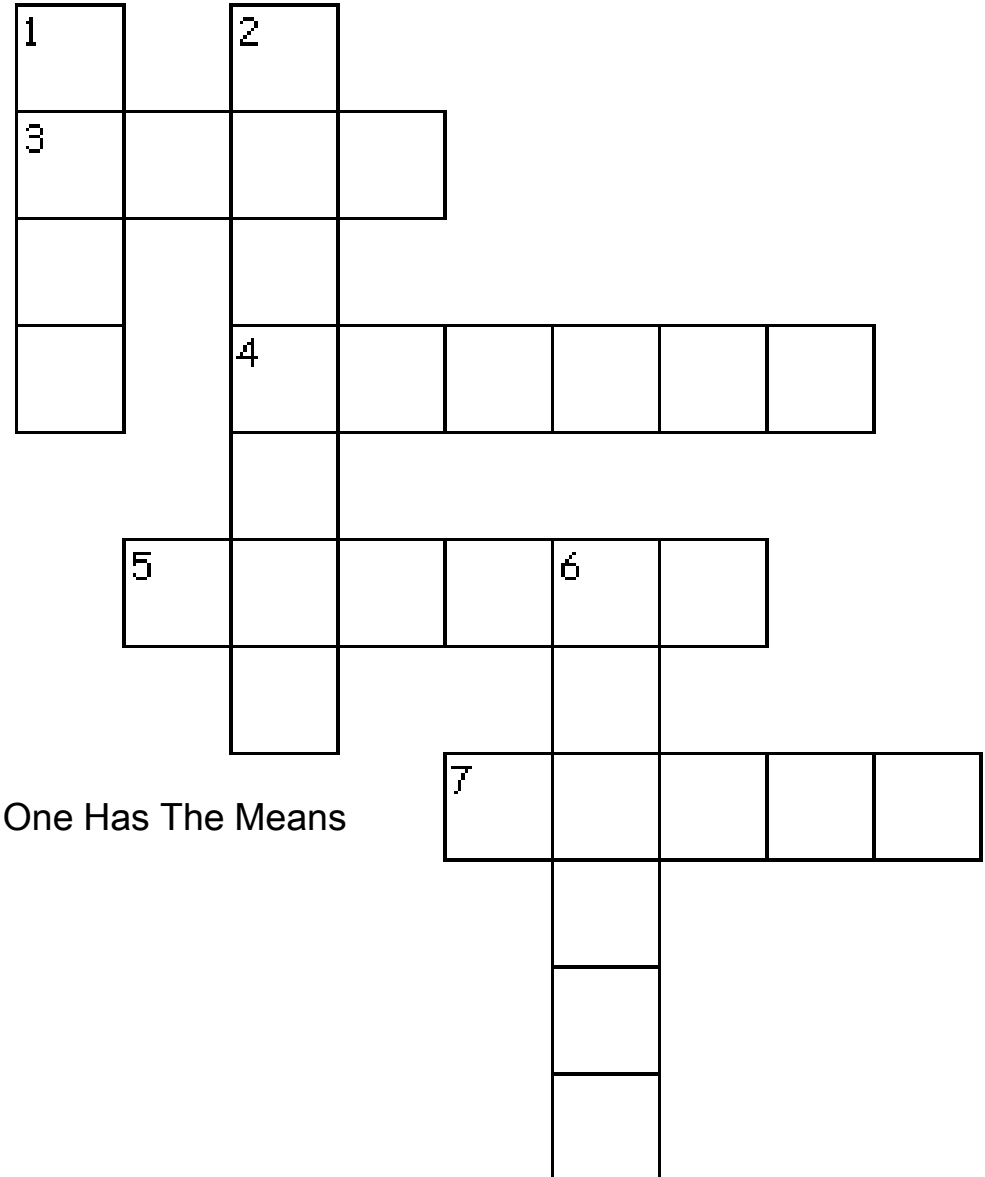
IN EVERY ISSUE, THERE WILL BE 1 DUA FOR STUDENTS TO RECITE BEFORE THEY STUDY

Dua to remove anxiety:

لِّلّٰهُمَّ اِنِّیْ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَ الْحَزَنِ  
وَ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَ الْكَسَلِ  
وَ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ وَ الْبُخْلِ  
وَ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَلَبَةِ الدَّیْنِ وَ قَهْرِ الرِّجَالِ

Oh Allah, I seek refuge in You from worry and grief,  
from helplessness and laziness,  
from cowardice and stinginess,  
and from overpowering of debt and from oppression of men

# Al- Islam 24 Cross Word Puzzle



Across

- 3. The First Prophet
- 4. The Book Sent To Isa (A.S)
- 5. The Place Where Umrah Is Made
- 7. The Book Sent To Dawud (A.S)

Down

- 1. The Pilgrimage That's Compulsory Once In A Life Time If One Has The Means
- 2. The Land Of The Prophet (S.A.W)
- 6. The Haram Situated In Jerusalem

Note: Answers to the CrossWords will be given in the next Edition

# الملك

## Al- Malík

If read abundantly each day after  
Zawaal, the reader will be given  
abundant wealth, In Shaa Allah





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