

The Prophet Muhammad and the ants

Watch this film to find out about the religion of Islam and a story about the Prophet Muhammad.

Stop the film when you get to the end of the story about The Prophet and the ants.

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1-the%20islamic-story-of%20the-prophets-and-the-ants-and-the-crying-camel/z4vpri6



The story of the crying camel later in this work comes from the RE Today book Developing Primary RE: Faith Stories.

Question time

Put a circle around the correct answer (or tick the box).

1. What is the Arabic word for God?
Allah God Prophet
2. Why were the ants in danger?
flood fire getting squashed
3. What did the people do once the Prophet told them that the fire was too close to the ants' nest?
run away nothing put out the fire

Now finish this sentence: The Prophet explained that all animals.....

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The Islamic story of the crying camel

There is another story on the film. It is called the Islamic story of the crying camel. You can watch it now. Or if you prefer, you can read the story on this page instead (or listen to a grown up reading it).

The Islamic story of the crying camel

The desert is a hard road. It had been a long journey, and everyone was tired, including Ahmed. The last few miles, everyone was looking ahead to the oasis and at last they arrived. Arriving after so many days' travel, the Madinah oasis was such a relief. People threw off their dusty garments, took showers, had drinks and at last found some time to relax. Animals were tied up and made comfortable. Gradually, people began to rest. Ahmed found a cool place among the flower beds, and took some fruit juice. He knew he really should look after his camel and unload it first, but he was so tired. Ahmed sat down and relaxed.



The Prophet had to pass that way during the afternoon, and as he came near the oasis, he heard a dreadful whining sound, something was very sad. He hurried to see what was so distressed. It was a camel, tied to a tree, loaded with huge sacks and burdens. The poor creature was filthy, sweaty, hungry and thirsty. The Prophet looked swiftly around, but there was no one looking after the animal. He brought water, untied the camel, removed the sacks and made the poor beast more comfortable. Then he headed into the oasis, breaking the tranquil atmosphere: 'Whose camel is left outside tied up?' he asked. The sharpness of his voice was unusual, and the resting travellers jumped up. Ahmed felt suddenly worried, and stepped forward to admit it was his camel. 'Aren't you ashamed of yourself?' the Prophet asked. 'Allah trusted you to look after this camel, but you sit resting while Allah's creature suffers!'

Ahmed promised that he would always look after his camel properly in the future.

Prophet Muhammad's message

In the two stories, the Prophet had a very important message about how people should treat animals. How did the Prophet want people to treat animals? Write or draw your ideas.

I think the Prophet's message about how to treat animals was...

Caring for animals, caring for the world

Stories about Prophet Muhammad teach Muslim people that it is important to care for animals and to care for the world. Write, draw, or tell an adult about one way of caring for animals and one way of caring for the world.

Caring for animals

Caring for the world