

Children's Corner



Ten Days of Dignity

Salaam dear young friends, and heartiest felicitations to you. Iran is basking in the blessings of the Ten Days of Dignity and there are celebrations everywhere.

For the information of our young readers, the "Dah-e Karamat" or Ten Days of Dignity spans the birth anniversaries of the blessed brother and sister, whose shrines are the two most sacred spots in Iran.

Yes, you are absolutely right. The first of Zi'l-Qa'dah was the birthday of our Innocent Lady of Qom, Hazrat Fatema al-Ma'soumah (SA), while the 11th of this month happens to be the birthday of Imam Reza (AS), the 8th Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), who shire is in Mashhad, Khorasan.

Imam Reza (AS) was born in 148 AH, while Ma'soumah (SA) was born in 173 AH, and the shrines of these two are filled with pilgrims, day and night, throughout the year, from all over the world.

Yes dear friends, celebrations and celebrating these auspicious days are good, but we should learn not to waste anything during these ceremonies.

As our young readers know, unfortunately due to the heat wave and low rainfall in Iran, this year's electric power generation was low, and due to this reason, authorities are requesting the people for energy conservation and a reduction in power usage, especially during the peak hours.

Abnormally hot temperatures cause electricity demand to increase during the peak summertime hours of 4 to 7 p.m. when air conditioners and water coolers are straining to overcome the heat.

If a hot spell extends to three days or more, however, night time temperatures do not cool down, and the thermal mass in homes and buildings retains the heat from previous days. This heat build-up causes air conditioners to turn on earlier and to stay on later in the day.

As a result, available electricity supplies are challenged during a higher, wider, peak electricity consumption period. Heat waves often lead to electricity spikes due to increased air conditioning use, which can create power outages, exacerbating the problem.

At least in order to avoid power outages and cut in power supply we should listen to the authorities and cut our power usages at least by 10 percent so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of electricity.

Find the ten differences between the two pictures



RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I get wet when drying. I get dirty when wiping. What am I? Towel
2. I can be cracked, made, told, and played. What am I? Joke
3. I wiggle and cannot see, sometimes underground and sometimes on a tree. I really don't want to be on a hook, and I become a person when combined with book. What am I? Worm
4. I like to twirl my body but keep my head up high. After I go in, everything becomes tight. What am I? Screw
5. I am gentle enough to soothe your skin, light enough to fly in the sky, strong enough to crack rocks. What am I? Water
6. I can fly but I have no wings. I can cry but I have no eyes. Wherever I go, darkness follows me. What am I? Cloud

Answers to last week questions:

1. Chair
2. Snail
3. Fish
4. Rain
5. Wind
6. Short

JOKES

One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher. Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid - the parrot was his at last!

As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!"

"Don't worry," said the auctioneer, "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

A man has always had the dream of being in a circus. He approaches a man in charge of a circus and tells him, "I can do the best bird impression you have ever seen."

The man in charge says, "That's nothing special, a lot of people can do bird impressions."

The man turns and says, "Okay." Then he starts to flap his arms and flies away.

A man owns a rabbit farm and is known around the world for his rabbits who can lift more than any man. A little boy asks him "How do you keep your rabbits so strong?"

The man replies, "It's no secret." He pulls out a bottle of shampoo and says, "Keeps your hares strong!"

Imam Ali ibn Taleb (AS)

"A wise man first thinks and then speaks and a fool speaks first and then thinks."

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!

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The Fox and the Wolf

A Wolf lived in a cave. It had stocked up lots of food and did not need too hunting. The Wolf then stayed in the cave and enjoyed the food. When the Wolf did not go out for many days, its friend, the Fox, looked everywhere for him. At long last the Fox found out where the Wolf was. Pretending to ask how the Wolf was feeling, the Fox came to the mouth of the cave and peeped in.

The Fox thought, he would be invited to share the goodies. But, the Wolf replied in a gruff voice, "I am too sick to see you, my dear friend."

The Fox trotted off, very angry and upset with the Wolf. It went straight to the Shepherd and said, "Get yourself a good stick and come with me, I shall show you where the Wolf lives."

The Shepherd found the Wolf and killed it with the stick. The Fox then took all the Wolf's belongings. The Fox did not enjoy the fruits of his betrayal for long! After a few days, the Man was passing by the cave. He saw the Fox there and killed him, too!

MORAL: "Betrayal ends in punishment"

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