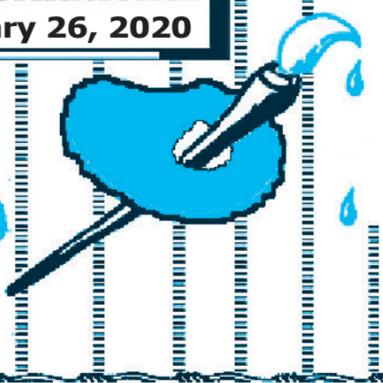


# Children's Corner



## Rajab and its Blessings

Salaam dear young friends, and hopefully by the Grace of God Almighty you are well, and enjoying the lovely rainy weather.

Yesterday, as you all know was first day of the blessed month of Rajab, the first of the four sacred months. The first day happens to be a very blessed occasion. It is the birthday of the Splitter and Spreader of Sciences, or to be more precise, Imam Muhammad al-Baqer al-Uloom (AS), the 5th Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

Tomorrow will be a sad day for us. Yes you have guessed it correctly. It will be the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Ali an-Naqi al-Hadi (AS), the 10th Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

A famous statement of the Prophet reads: "Rajab is the great month of Allah. No other month equals it in sanctity and merit. During this month fighting against the infidels is prohibited. Indeed, Rajab is the month of Allah, Sha'ban is my month, and Ramadhan is the month of my ummah. Surely, whoever fasts a day of Rajab secures Allah's greatest pleasure, distances himself from the wrath of Allah, and one of the gates of hell is shut closed for him."

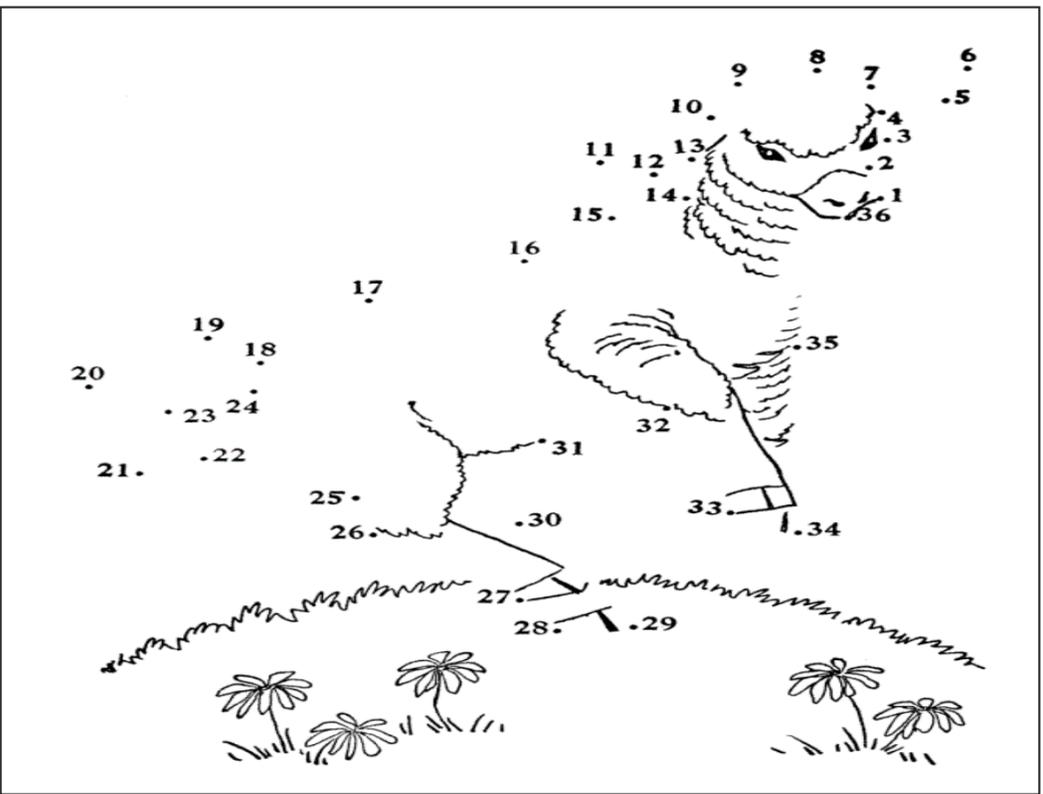
As our dear youngsters know, Rajab is the month of spiritual exercise. It is a month in which the mercy and blessings of God rains on His servants. No matter how much is said about the importance of this month, it will not pay due to its true worth. The coming of this month is a blessing of which we must seek to benefit optimally from—not allowing our days and nights to be cloaked by the garb of negligence.

Rajab is a golden opportunity for believers to avail of the special bounties that the All-Merciful has reserved for those who strive to achieve them. Tomorrow, Thursday, is one such occasion that should inspire you youngsters. So don't miss it. For your information it is the "Laylat ar-Ragha'eb" which occurs on the first Friday Eve of Rajab.

It could be translated into English as the "Night of Desirability". The word "Desirability" here means the display of the innate desires of dedicated and pious Muslims for attaining the proximity of the Lord Most High. And this is possible only through acts of virtue.

For this auspicious night, a special observance has been narrated from Prophet Mohammad (SAWA), and among the virtues of this observance is expiation of many sins. It is mentioned that when someone who has offered this prayer dies, on the first night of his burial, God Almighty sends the reward for it in the most beautiful of forms, with a bright and gracious face, to greet him.

Please remember us in your prayers. Good-bye and see you all next week.



## RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. If you're looking for something sweet, I know what to do. But if you don't like heat I'm not for you. What am I?
2. I am the word that has three syllables and twenty-six letters. What am I?
3. I am two-faced but bear only one. I have no legs but travel widely. Men spill much blood over me. Kings leave their imprint on me. I have greatest power when given away, yet lust for me keeps me locked away. What am I?
4. I fly forever, Rest never. What am I?
5. I am the building with the most number of stories. What am I?
6. My days are numbered. What am I?

- Answers to last week's questions:
1. Valley
  2. Clock
  3. Neck
  4. Cat
  5. Cotton
  6. Light
  7. Key

## JOKES

The first twelve months of children's lives are spent teaching them to walk and talk. The next seventeen years are spent telling them to sit down and shut up!

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It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came over the intercom: "Will the students who are parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing."

Twenty minutes later there was another announcement: "Will the nine hundred students who went to move fourteen cars return to class?"

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A boss was complaining in a staff meeting one day that he wasn't getting any respect. Later that morning he went to a local sign shop and bought a small sign that read "I'm the Boss". He then taped it to his office door.

Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said, "Your wife called, she wants her sign back!"

## Imam Ali an-Naqi (AS)

"This life (of the world) is a market in which some people gained and others lost."

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!  
Don't hesitate! Mail it to us.  
Kayhan International address: Ferdowsi St., Shahid Shahcheraghi Alley, Tehran.

## Basic protective measures against the new coronavirus

Dear youngsters, take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

- Wash your hands frequently and regularly and thoroughly with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Practice respiratory hygiene and make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.
- Stay home if you feel unwell and follow the directions of your local health authority.

Courtesy: <https://www.who.int>

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**THE FRUIT SALAD TREE,** A MULTI-GRAFTED PLANT, CAN GROW UP TO SIX DIFFERENT TYPES OF FRUIT FROM ONE ROOT SYSTEM—INCLUDING STONE FRUITS, CITRUS AND APPLES!

**ISAAC JOHNSON** OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, HOLDS THE RECORD FOR LARGEST MOUTH GAPE—3.67 INCHES!

**STONEFISH** ARE THE WORLD'S MOST VENOMOUS FISH!

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Panel 1: Woman: "MY NEW GOLDFISH HAS VANISHED" / Garfield: "WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED TO IT, GARFIELD?"

Panel 2: Woman: "HE LEFT YOU THIS NOTE" / Garfield: "I'M GOING ON VABATION?"

Panel 3: Woman: "THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE 'VACATION'" / Garfield: "I'M DAVES 2-24"

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