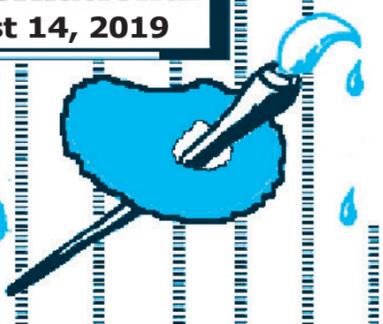


# Children's Corner



## Day of Great Blessings

Salaam dear young friends, and hope you are all hale and hearty. May God Almighty protect you from all calamities and grant you happiness in both the worlds.

Well, two days back on the 9th of Zi'l-Hijjah, most of you might had the chance to participate in the special rituals of the Day of Arafah, when Hajj pilgrims gathered on the plain of the same name, to spend the day in prayers and supplications for developing the proper cognizance of God Almighty, as the Prophets had done, including Abraham and the Father of the human race, Adam.

As you all know, it is a day of great blessing when the Mercy of the All-Merciful God is at its peak, eager to envelope in its affectionate embrace all those beseeching the Lord Most High for forgiveness of sins and faults, however insignificant.

In the Islamic Republic of Iran, mosques, husseiniyas and holy shrines, were crowded to their capacity of the Day of Arafah, as the faithful gathered for the rituals, especially the recitation of the famous supplication taught by the Martyr of Karbala – a supplication that is a treasure trove of moral virtues, self-enlightenment, gratitude to the One and Only Creator for His infinite mercy, and firming of the resolve for promoting and defending in society humanitarian values, even if it means sacrificing one's own life in the process.

Yes friends, speaking of sacrifice, reminds us of the 10th of Zi'l-Hijjah, the Day of the Feast of Sacrifice (Eid al-Adha) – which was yesterday. The day is celebrated throughout the world by Muslims with the special Eid Prayer as thanksgiving, and often the sacrifice of a ram. This is in memory of Prophet Abraham's earnest endeavour to sacrifice his young son Ishmael in the way of God, which was accepted in the Divine Court, but with a ram sent miraculously from heaven as substitute for the Patriarch's son.

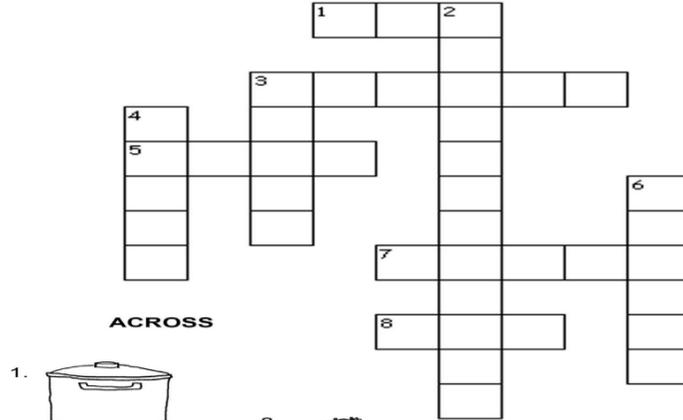
The Holy Qur'an informs us in ayah 107 of Surah Saff: "We ransomed him with the Zibhin Azeem (Great Sacrifice)".

This is a reference to the martyrdom of Imam Husain (AS) in 61 AH (680 AD), in the full limelight of history, in order to salvage Islam and all humanitarian values, since the sacrifice of Ishmael in antiquity would not have served such a perennial purpose.

Now we understand why the faithful recite the special Ziyarah (salutation) for the Martyr of Karbala on the day of the two Eids – al-Fitr and al-Adha.

Do remember us in your prayers and supplications on this day and also tomorrow. Happy Eid al-Adha; God bless you and good-bye, until we meet again next week.

## I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie



- WORD BANK**  
AUTUMN  
BREAD  
CAKE  
CIDER  
POT  
PIE  
PUMPKIN  
ROLL  
SALAD  
SWALLOWED  
THANKSGIVING  
TURKEY

**ACROSS**



**DOWN**

2. Happy \_\_\_\_\_!



## RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

- My first part compliments people. My second part makes things known. My third part hurts feelings. My fourth part ma hold a previous treasure. My fifth part is used when sharing fancy beverages. What am I?
- Though I am only two words, I have thousands of letters in me. What am I?
- I can be sweet or sour. I do not rhyme with any other word. What am I?
- I lose my head in the morning and regain back it at night. What am I?
- I wear a red robe, with staff in hand and a stone in my throat. What am I?
- Two in a whole and four in a pair. Six in a trio you see. Eight's a quartet but what you must get is the name that fits just one of me. What am I?

Answers to last week's questions:

- Abbreviation
- Atlas
- Bat
- Saw Dust
- Q
- Zero

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

Don't hesitate! Mail it to us.

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## JOKES

There were four teenagers who played hooky one morning. Upon coming to class in the afternoon, they reported that their lateness was because their car got a flat tire. That's fine the teacher said much to the students relief. But there was an oral test this morning which you boys have to make up, so please have a seat and take out a piece of paper. "Now for the first question, which tire was flat?"

A biology teacher was teaching her class about the flow of blood in the body. After the class lecture she asked the class the following: "Why is it that if I would turn upside down, my face would turn red since the blood would flow to my head, but when I stand upright my feet don't turn red?" She was taken aback when a boy blurted out, "That's because your feet aren't empty!"

A man walked into the office in a school. "Excuse me," he said to the secretary "I would like to come to school; I want to learn to read and write." "OK," the secretary responded in a bored voice, "just fill out this form."

## Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali (AS):

"The day on which a person abstains from sin, is indeed a day of Eid or rejoicing for him/her."

## The Town-Mouse and the Country-Mouse

A town-mouse paid a visit to his friend who lived in the countryside. The country-mouse was happy to see his friend. So he prepared a fine feast for him. The town-mouse looked at the fruit and the car of corn with hatred

"Is this how you live?" He asked, "Life in the country does not offer much."

He persuaded the country-mouse to accompany him to the town and see all the good things there.

So, the country-mouse packed all his belongings and off they went to the city. The country-mouse was really surprised to see the things there. But as soon as they settled down to enjoy a fine meal of cheese and fruit, a big cat leapt in through the window.

Seeing the cat, both the mice ran into their hole to save themselves, so the cat ate up all the cheese and fruit.

When the cat had gone away, the mice came out of their hole.

"I am going," Cried the country-mouse, "I like my simple fare in safety than this grand feast in such a danger."

MORAL: Safety is the first importance.

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A SHRIMP'S HEART IS LOCATED IN ITS HEAD!

STARCHY STAY!  
THERE IS A HOTEL IN IDAHO MADE IN THE SHAPE OF A POTATO.

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"DEAR ASK A DOG, WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO GUARD A HOUSE?"

BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!

IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT IT WOULD BE YOUR BIG MUSCLES

JIM DAVIS 7-17