The Greatest-Ever Eid

Salaam dear young friends, and heartiest felicitations to you. In fact, the most heartiest felicitations of the year for refreshing your youthful hearts and making them bastions of faith

Yes, youngsters, the 18th of Zilhijja is that immortal day in the history of mankind on which the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) on the express commandment of the Lord Most High, proclaimed his dear cousin and son-in-law as vicegerent, after delivering a memorable sermon to a huge gathering of 120,000 at the pond (Ghadeer) in Khom, near Juhfa, while returning from his farewell Hajj pilgrimage.

The immortal words of the Prophet "man kunto Mowla fa haza Aliyun Mowlahu" which means "For whomsoever I am Master this Ali is his Master" continue to awaken human conscience and inspire the youths and elders with the essence of faith

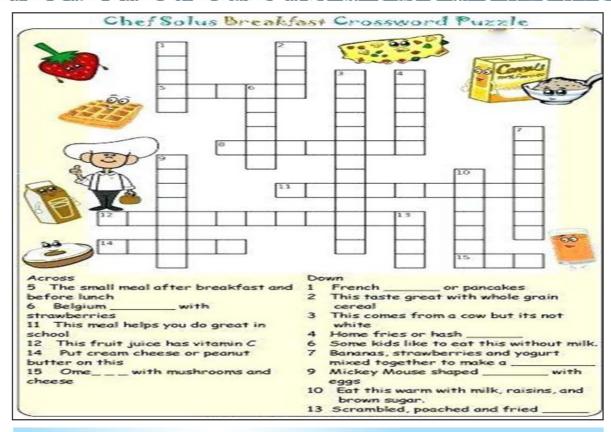
In Iran, this immortal phrase was written everywhere, at every public square and street corner, as the Islamic Republic observed an official holiday on the Day of Ghadeer.

No wonder, Ghadeer is supposed to be the greatest Eid in Islam. As a matter of fact, according to the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), it is the Greatest Eid in Islam, more significant than Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, because this day decided the continuation of divine guidance for humanity, despite the plots of the seditious, such as the scandalous gathering of Saqifa Bani Sa'da.

It is the day on which God Almighty perfected faith, completed divine favours, and decreed Islam as the religion of mankind. That is the reason that even under the barrage of bombs of the Godless Saudis, the faithful people of Yemen observe this day, as was evident by the tens of thousands who assembled on the main streets of Sanaa' and other cities with bold banners and placards, celebrating the merits of Imam Ali (AS).

May God increase in the hearts of you youngsters – as well as in our hearts – the love, affection, and veneration of the Commander of the Faithful, the Leader of the Pious, the Symbol of Justice, the Epitome of Wisdom; the Paragon of Valour that the Prophet's First Infallible Heir was! Amen.

It is adherence to the path of the Ahl al-Bayt that guarantees our success in life and salvation in afterlife, no matter to what low levels the dastardly enemies of humanity descend in a vain bid to tarnish the image of Islam – whether in Syria, whether in Iraq, whether in Yemen, and whether in and around Mecca. Goodbye and God bless you.



JOKES

Teacher: Why are you late? Student: Because of the sign. Teacher: What sign?

Student: The one that says, "School Ahead, Go Slow."

Pupil (on phone): My son has a bad cold and won't be able to come to school today.

School Secretary: Who is this? Pupil: This is my father speaking!

Son: I can't go to school today.

Father: Why not? Son: I don't feel well

Father: Where don't you feel well?

Son: In school!

Imam Ali (AS)

"Failures are often the results of timidity and fears; disappointments are the results of bashfulness; hours of eisure pass away like summer-clouds, therefore, do not waste opportunity of doing good."

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

- 1. I twist and turn and leaves a loop. What am I?
- 2. I am always in front of you, but you will never see me. What am I?
- 3. I will go within you, and destroy you. Only because you wanted me too. What am I?
- 4. To cross the water I'm the way. For water I'm above I touch it not, and truth to say, I neither swim nor move. What am I?
- 5. I can be simple or I can be complex. I can be found in this riddle or in everyday life. I can be shapes or even colors. What am I?
- 6. I am edible, pink, and a great summer food. What am I?

Answers to last week's questions:

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Post Office
Orange
Pillow
Cherry
Half

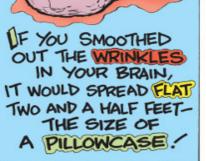
Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!

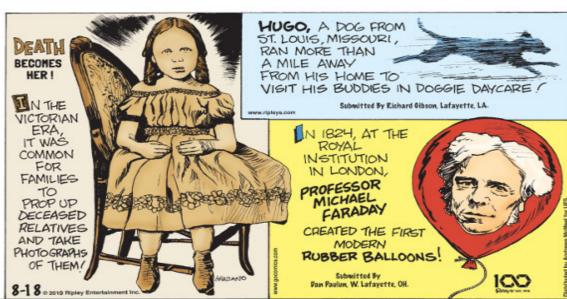
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Believe It or Not!











The Hungry Fox who got caught in the tree trunk

Once upon a time, there was a hungry fox that was looking for something to eat and was very hungry. No matter how hard it tried, the fox could not find food. Finally the fox went to the edge of the forest and searched there for food. Suddenly it caught sight of a big tree with a hole in it.

Inside the hole was a package. The hungry fox immediately thought that there might be food in it, and became very happy. The fox jumped into the hole and when it opened the package, the hungry fox saw there were a lot of food, bread, meat and fruit in it!

An old woodcutter had placed the food in the tree trunk while he

cut down trees in the forest. He was going to eat it for his lunch.

The fox happily began to eat. After the fox had finished eating, it felt thirsty and decided to leave the trunk and drink some water from a nearby spring. However, no matter how hard it tried, the fox could not get out of the hole. Do you know why? Yes, the fox had eaten so much food that it became too big to fit through the hole.

The fox was very sad and upset and told itself, "I wish that I had thought a little before jumping into the hole."

Yes children, this is the result of doing something without thinking about it first, as is evident by the adage: "Look before you leap."