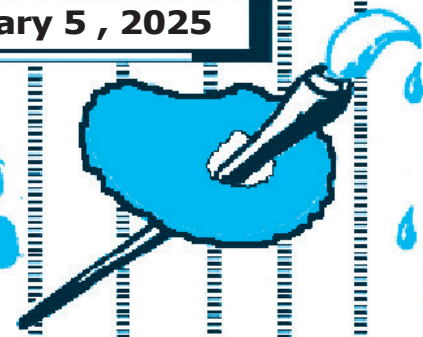


# Children's Corner



## Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS)

*"Fear God and know that you will inevitably return to Him, when everyone will see his good and bad deeds right before his very eyes, he will wish for the longest period of time to separate himself from his bad deeds."*

## Enjoying the Blessed Birthdays

*Salaam dear young friends. Heartiest congratulations to you on the auspicious blessed days of Sha'ban, the month especially associated with Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and his Immaculate Ahl al-Bayt.*

*We are basking in the blessed birthdays that we celebrated over the past few days and are looking to celebrate the rest of these propitious birth anniversaries in the coming days.*

*As you know, the 3rd of Sha'ban was the day on which the Immortal Martyr of Karbala, the Prophet's younger grandson and 3rd Infallible Heir, Imam Husain (AS), was born in Medina in 4 AH.*

*The 4th of this month (26 AH) was the birthday of Valiant Standard-Bearer of Karbala, Hazrat Abu'l-Faz al-Abbas (AS), whose shrine stands like a sentinel to the shrine of Imam Husain (AS), as though he is still guarding this sacred land on which blood triumphed over swords to ensure victory for faith over falsehood.*

*The 5th of Sha'ban that went by yesterday was the birth anniversary of the Survivor of the heartrending tragedy of Karbala, Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS), the son and successor of Imam Husain (AS). He graced Planet Earth in the year 38 AH, and waged a unique jihad through imprisonment and the medium of prayers and supplications to salvage Islam in those day of Omayyad and Zubayrid tyranny and deviation.*

*Tomorrow on the 7th of Sha'ban, we would be celebrating the birthday of Hazrat Qasim, the son of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS), who on entering teenage hastened towards martyrdom in Karbala with the words death in the way of God is "sweeter than honey".*

*On the 11th of Sha'ban (Monday February 10 this year), we will be marking "Day of the Virtuous Youths" in honour of Imam Husain's (AS) son, Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS), who despite bearing a striking resemblance to his great-grandfather Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), was cruelly martyred in the prime of youth in Karbala.*

*Well dear friends, as you all know, we are also celebrating the Ten-Day-Dawn, beginning with the day the beloved Leader Imam Khomeini (RA) arrived in Tehran to a grand welcome by 5 million people after 15 years of exile in 1979.*

*Ten days later, on 22nd of Bahman (which will be on Monday), the Iranian people threw into the dustbin of history the monarchic system thus paving the way for establishment of the Islamic Republic system of government.*

*As usual, celebrations are underway in the country and various programs have been organized by the authorities. This year too, millions of people across Iran will take to the streets on Monday to celebrate the victory of the Islamic Revolution.*

*Well, this was all for our weekly chat. Goodbye and God bless you all.*

## The Tree and the Reed

"Well, little one," said a Tree to a Reed that was growing at its foot, "why do you not plant your feet deeply in the ground, and raise your head boldly in the air as I do?"

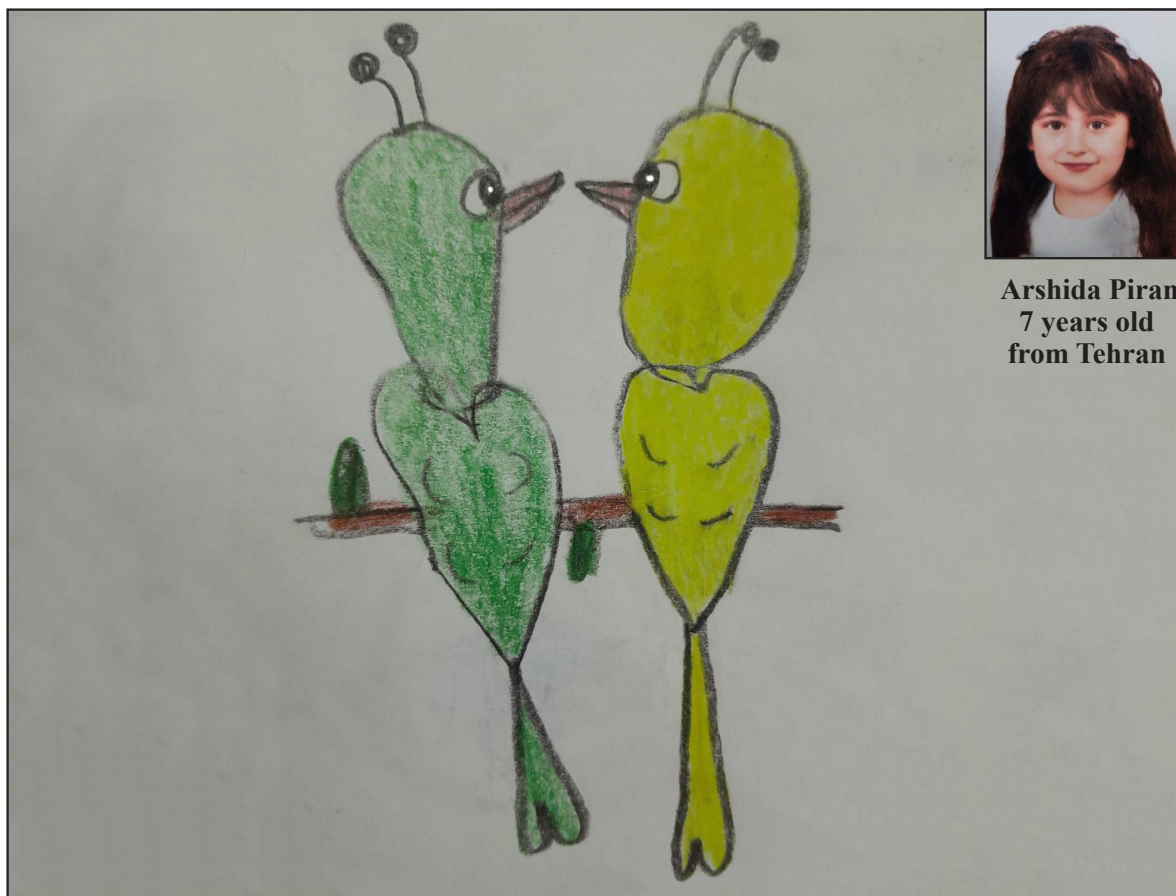


"I am contented with my lot," said the Reed. "I may not be so grand, but I think I am safer."

"Safe!" sneered the Tree. "Who shall pluck me up by the roots or bow my head to the ground?"

But it soon had to repent of its boasting, for a hurricane arose which tore it up from its roots, and cast it a useless log on the ground, while the little Reed, bending to the force of the wind, soon stood upright again when the storm had passed over.

MORAL: "Obscurity often brings safety"



Arshida Piran  
7 years old  
from Tehran

## RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. You throw away my outside, you cook my inside. Then you eat my outside and you throw away my inside. What am I?
2. I go in hard, come out soft. Blow me hard and I'll make a pop. What am I?
3. I am a food with 5 letters. If you remove the first letter I am a form of energy. Remove two and I'm needed to live. Scramble the last 3 and you can drink me down. What am I?
4. I have a hundred legs, but cannot stand. I have a long neck, but no head. I cannot see, and I help keep your house neat and tidy. What am I?
5. I cannot be bought, cannot be sold, even if I'm sometimes made of gold. What am I?
6. I can be found after you remove 6 letters from BSAINX-LEATEARS. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

1. Photographer
2. Autobiography
3. Iceberg
4. Clone
5. Tie
6. Kite

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

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"  
Johnny: "Seven."  
Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"  
Johnny: "Seven."  
Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"  
Johnny: "Six."  
Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"  
Johnny: "Seven!"  
Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"  
Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

Q: Why did the banana go to the Doctor?  
A: Because it was not peeling well

Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?"  
Student: "My father's check book!"

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