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Islamic stories are a great source of learning and shaping our behaviour and manners in a positive manner.

Let us enjoy and learn some beautiful stories of Prophet Muhammed pbuh.

The Orphan Boy

Prophet Muhummed pbuh was going to perform the Eid Salah (Prayer) in the company of his companions. They were walking and chanting the Takbeer. "Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar". (God is Greatest, God is Greatest) And the streets of Medina were echoing with these chants of "Allahu Akbar".

Everyone was excited and dressed nicely and everyone had their perfume on.

Prophet (pbuh) suddenly saw a young child sitting on the side with his face buried under his hands and he was sobbing and crying away.

Prophet (pbuh) stopped and told the companions" You may continue and I will join you later."

He went to the child and he sat next to him by the side of the street.



He patted him on the back and said:

"Young child, why are you crying?"

The boy replied, "Today is the day of Eid. And all the young children are holding their father's hand and they are going for Eid Salah. My father was martyred in the battle so I have no father. There is no father's hand for me to hold".

Prophet listened intently and he continued to sit beside the crying boy.

The boy said,

"Leave me alone, let me sit here and cry while the rest of the world enjoys itself".

The Prophet (pbuh) said to this child

"If you are crying, Muhammad will also not celebrate the day of Eid". Then the Prophet (pbuh) held the child's hand and he said,

"While all the children are holding the hands of their fathers, you will hold the hand of Muhummed (pbuh). And from today onwards you will never say you do not have a father. From today onwards Muhummed is your father and Aisha is your mother."

The Prophet (pbuh) then walked with the child all the way up to the place of Eid Salah and when Prophet (pbuh) was giving the Khutbah, (The Islamic Talk on Eid) he had this child sitting on his shoulders.

This is how kind, loving, caring and merciful the beloved Prophet Muhummed was; may peace and blessings of God be upon him.

The Kindness of Muhummed pbuh

One day Prophet Muhummed pbuh was going somewhere at noon and it was too hot in the desert when He saw an old woman carrying her luggage on her head. Prophet Muhummed pbuh helped her and took the luggage from the woman and carried it for her..

Prophet asked the woman where she was going and why? She said that I am leaving this town as I have heard that a magician named Muhummed is in town and I do not want to see him.

As Prophet pbuh was very patient and kind He didn't say a word and kept listening. The old lady kept complaining about Muhummed pbuh and that she was leaving the town.

The basic reason of her leaving the town was her misconception about Muhummed pbuh, who was walking beside her and she didn't know that.

While walking with the Holy Prophet (peace be upon Him), that old women noticed that this young man had a brightness on his smiling and humble face. And she also noticed that His sweat is perfumed. She was very impressed.

When they reached the destination, Muhummed pbuh put down the bag and was about to leave when the old woman asked,

"O, kind person! Tell me your name please". Prophet Muhummed pbuh replied,

"My name is Muhummed and I am the person you have been complaining about"

The old lady was amazed to hear that and she began to think to herself that such a kind, helping and true gentleman can never be wrong and she asked him what he invited people to and after hearing she accepted Islam..

In the above story of prophet pbuh there is a great lesson for us to be kind to our elders and help them with daily routine activities and by carrying stuff for them.

The Prophet pbuh And The Sour Grapes

One day a poor man brought a bunch of grapes to the Prophet Muhummed (peace be upon Him) as a gift.

The Prophet (pbuh) ate one, two, three and then the whole bunch of grapes by himself. He did not offer grapes to anyone present. The poor man who brought those grapes was very pleased and left.



One of the companions asked, "O Prophet of God! How come you ate all the grapes by yourself and did not offer to any one of us present? As this was very unusual for the Prophet pbuh not to share with others!

The Prophet (peace be upon Him) smiled and said,

"I ate all the grapes by myself because the grapes were very sour. If I would have offered you, you might have made funny faces and that would have hurt the feelings of the poor man. I thought to myself that it's better that I eat all of them cheerfully and please the poor man. I did not want to hurt the feelings of that man."

There is a great learning point for us all. We should always appreciate the gifts that are given to us, regardless of how big or small the gift is. It is the thought that matters more. If a person has taken the trouble to bring us a gift we must show gratitude and be thankful. Never hurt the feelings of a person who loves us and gives us respect.

Sacrifice Of The Lamb

No sooner had the Prophet pbuh and his companions landed from their camels, and laid the loads down, it was decided that they would use a lamb for dinner.

One of the companions volunteered: "I will get the lamb."

Another: "I will prepare it."

Third: "I will cook it."

Fourth: "I will..do such and such.."

Thus everybody volunteered to do something to help prepare the dinner or set up the camp site for everyone.

The Prophet pbuh said:

"I will gather the wood from the desert."



The group of his companions said:

"O Messenger of God, why do you discomfort yourself. You rest. We will be honoured to do all this on our own."

The Prophet however declined their kind offer and said:

"I know that you are eager to do it all, but God is not pleased with the slave who distinguishes between himself and his companions, and considers himself better than others."

Then he went to the desert, and gathered some wood, and brought it to the group.

A true companion and friend will never consider himself above others and will always be a team player. He or she will treat everyone equally and consider each member of the group, team or class as equally important as any other or his own self.

In another similar incident of doing your own work and not being dependent on anyone; the following is reported.

The caravan had been travelling for few hours now. Signs of fatigue were obvious on their faces. They arrived at a point and stopped. The Prophet pbuh who was also in the caravan, stopped the camel, and landed. Prior to anything, they were in search of water to prepare for prayer.

The Prophet pbuh also started searching for water. But soon, returned to his camel, without saying anything to anyone. The companions were surprised that the Prophet had ordered stopping here, and now perhaps he would like to move again!

Eyes and ears were awaiting his order. But the surprise of the group increased as they saw him approach his camel, and tied its knees, and returned back in search of water.

Noises were raised from every corner:

"O' Prophet of God! Why didn't you order us to do this for you, and instead you put yourself in discomfort? We would have gladly and proudly done that service for you."

The Prophet pbuh responded:

"Never seek others' help in your affairs, don't lean on others, even if it is a small piece of Miswak (the wood used for brushing teeth)."

Being independent and doing your own work is a great quality to have.

Be Ready to Offer Help

Once Muhummed (peace be upon him) saw a slave grinding some grain on a grinding mill driven by hand. As he ground the grains he was crying. On seeing this Prophet became anxious. He asked the slave the reason why he was weeping.

The slave said, "I am sick. I cannot grind the grain. My master is very cruel and he will beat me up if I cannot finish my job."

At this, the Prophet stepped forward and ground the rest of the grain saying, "Always call me if you have any grain to grind. I will do it for you." Such was the compassion and care of our beloved kind Prophet peace and blessings of God be upon him.

At another time, the Prophet (peace be upon him) saw an old man walking and trembling under the weight of water which he carried in a leather jacket. The old man walked a few steps and rested a bit. Seeing this, the Prophet took the load off him and carried it to his place of abode.

We see so many people around us who need help- we should always be the first to offer help and support to those who need it. This is what Prophet pbuh taught us through his lifestyle. God loves



those who show kindness, mercy and love to the creation of God. We must be kind to our parents, teachers, friends, classmates and elderly people who may need our help.

Offering a helping hand to those who are weak and being good to everyone is a quality that is most beloved to our creator; God Almighty.

We Are Even Now

Lady Aisha, the wife of Prophet pbuh narrates:

Once the Prophet (peace be upon Him) and I were on a journey. I was thin back then and not fat. The Prophet told the people around him:

"Go ahead. We will catch up with you."

When we were left behind far enough he told me:



"Let us race!"

We raced and as I was thin and lean I won. He did not mention it again for a long time.

Then I gained some weight. Meanwhile I completely forgot about this incident. During another journey he told the people around him to go ahead.

When they went far away, he said to me, "Let us race!"

This time he won and started to laugh saying "we are even now." Prophet pbuh had a brilliant way of showing his love and enjoying time with his family. He used to have fun with his family regularly and spend quality time with them.

Despite his extremely busy schedule he would make time for his family and make them laugh and provide them with what they needed. He was the most caring of all people in the whole world.

Wealth And Poverty

The Prophet pbuh was in his place and his companions gathered around him to hear the words of wisdom and guidance. Suddenly a poor man in rags appeared, saluted the assembly:

"Salamun Alaikum" (Peace be on you) And finding a vacant place comfortably sat down.

The Prophet pbuh had taught them that all Muslims were brothers and in an assembly one should sit wherever one finds a place, regardless of any status. Now, it so happened that this poor man was

seated next to a very rich man.

The rich man felt very uncomfortable and tried to collect the edges of his dress around himself, so that the poor man didn't touch them. The Prophet pbuh observed this and addressing the rich man.

He said: "Perhaps you are afraid that his poverty would affect you?" "No, O Messenger of God," he replied.

"Then perhaps you were apprehensive about some of your wealth flying away to him?"

No, O Messenger of God."

"Or you feared that your clothes would become dirty if he touched them?"

No, O Messenger of God"

"Then why did you draw yourself and your clothes away from him?"

The rich man said: "I admit that was the most undesirable thing to do. It was an error and I confess my guilt. Now to make amends for it I will give away half of my wealth to this Muslim brother so that I may be forgiven."

After the rich man finished his speech, the poor man rose and said,

"O Prophet of God, I do not accept this offer."



People present were taken by surprise, they thought that the poor man was a fool, but then he explained:

"O Prophet of God, I refuse to accept this offer because I fear that I might then become arrogant and ill-treat my Muslim brothers the way he did to me."

Wealth is no measure of greatness or superiority of any form. A person with a big heart is wealthier than any rich person. We should never judge people based on their social status or the amount of money they may or may not have. Instead the only measure of judgement is good behaviour.

Prophet pbuh About The Environment

The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) recognized the importance of looking aGer the environment. He taught that human beings were God's agents on the earth and it is their duty to protect it. On one occasion, he said:

"The world is green and beautiful, and God has appointed you his guardian over it."

He encouraged believers to plant trees and regarded it a sin to destroy them without a valid reason. He said:

"There is none amongst the believers who plants a tree or sows a seed and then a bird, a person or an animal eats from it, except that it is regarded as a charity [for which he can expect God's pleasure and reward]."



Mercy Toward Animals

Once Prophet pbuh went to a Muslim's garden. There was a camel. When that camel saw Prophet, it started crying. Prophet pbuh went close to him and put his hand over its head and said

"Where is his master?" a man came forward and said "oh Prophet! This is my came!" Then Prophet pbuh said

"God made you owner of this camel, don't you fear God regarding this poor animal. He complained that you don't give him enough to eat and take too much work out of it"



In another story one of the companions of Prophet pbuh said:

"Once we were with Prophet pbuh during a journey. We passed by a tree where a sparrow had two hosts (sparrow's babies). Some Men took those hosts. That sparrow began circling the group and was saying something.



Prophet pbuh then asked

"Who took this sparrow's hosts and hurt her?"

The people said

"We did this".

Then Prophet pbuh ordered them to put those hosts back. And they did exactly that. Thus relieving the sparrow of her anxiety and distress and reuniting her with her babies.

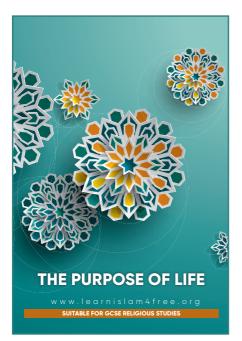
Being gentle and caring with all animals and plants makes our environment better and brings happiness and joy to everyone who helps look after the environment.

Looking after our environment is a huge responsibility on all of us and we should try our best to help protect plants and animals around us.

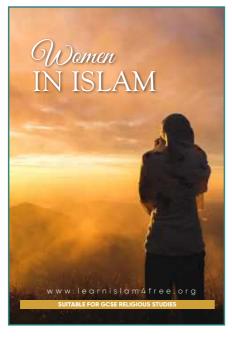
Our creator loves those who treat everyone including the animals and plants well. Our environment is like our home and the humans, plants and animals are all like a family so we must look after our home and family well.



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