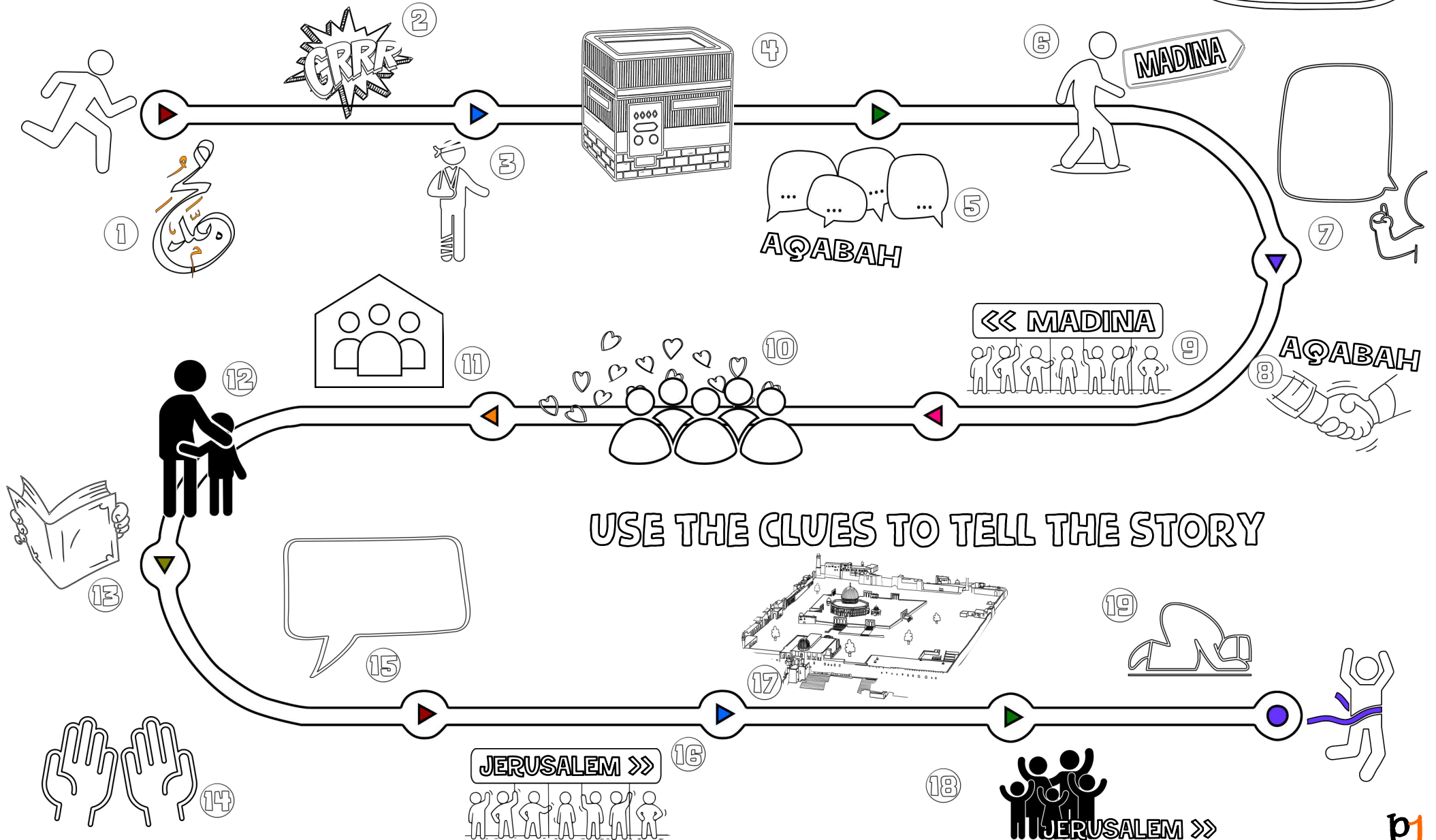


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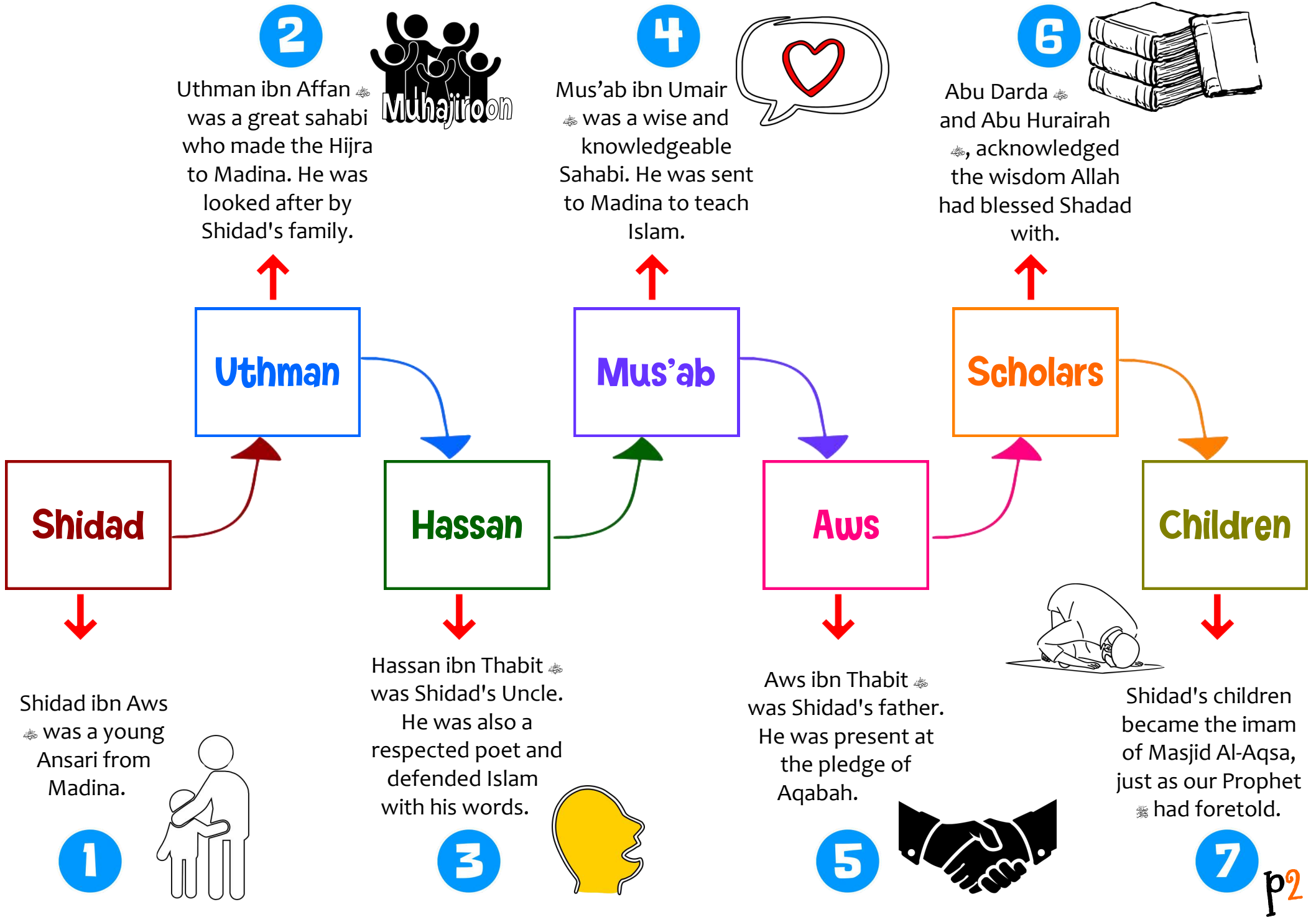
Shidad ibn Aws



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USE THE CLUES TO TELL THE STORY





The Guest from Makkah

The people of Madina would look out into the desert, looking for the arrival of Prophet Muhammad and Abu Bakr.

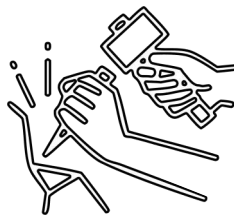


The people were very excited, as you can imagine. The mid-day sun was getting unbearably hot, and many people were returning to the shade of their homes.

Just then, there was a buzz in the air as someone noticed two figures in the distance, walking towards them.



This must be the awaited messenger of Allah and his friend Abu Bakr.



The people became excited, and there was already celebration in the air with young children singing.

When Prophet Muhammad and Abu Bakr finally arrived, everyone wanted them to be their guests. This was a truly blessed time.



After a brief stay at Quba, our Prophet Muhammad and Abu Bakr would continue their journey to Madina itself. So, a masjid was built, and people prayed jummah together in Quba.

In Madina, our Prophet saw the poverty with the arrival of the Muhajiroon (Muslims of Makkah who had migrated). Prophet



Muhammad ﷺ paired the Ansar (Muslims of Madina) with the Muhajiroon.

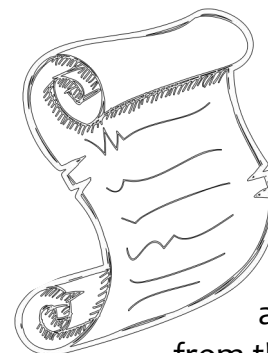


The Ansar would treat the Muhajiroon as brothers and sisters. They would share their homes, wealth and even businesses with them.

Aws ؓ waited to see who he would be paired with. To his delight, it was Uthman ؓ and his wife, Ruqayyah ؓ. She was the daughter of Prophet Muhammad.

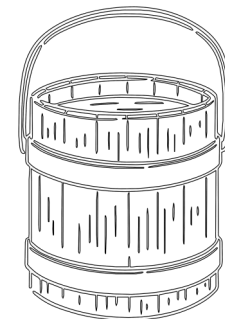


Shidad ؓ was a youngster, and he was excited to see these new guests. He spent a lot of time with Uthman ؓ and the family of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.



This significantly impacted him as he learned from these great

people. He would later grow to be a great Sahabi and a great teacher.

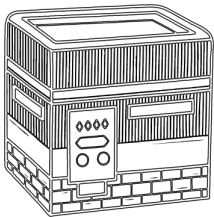


Many years later, he took his family and migrated to Palestine. Here, he spent his time teaching at Masjid Al-Aqsa. It became an education centre as many great Sahabah and scholars lived and taught there.



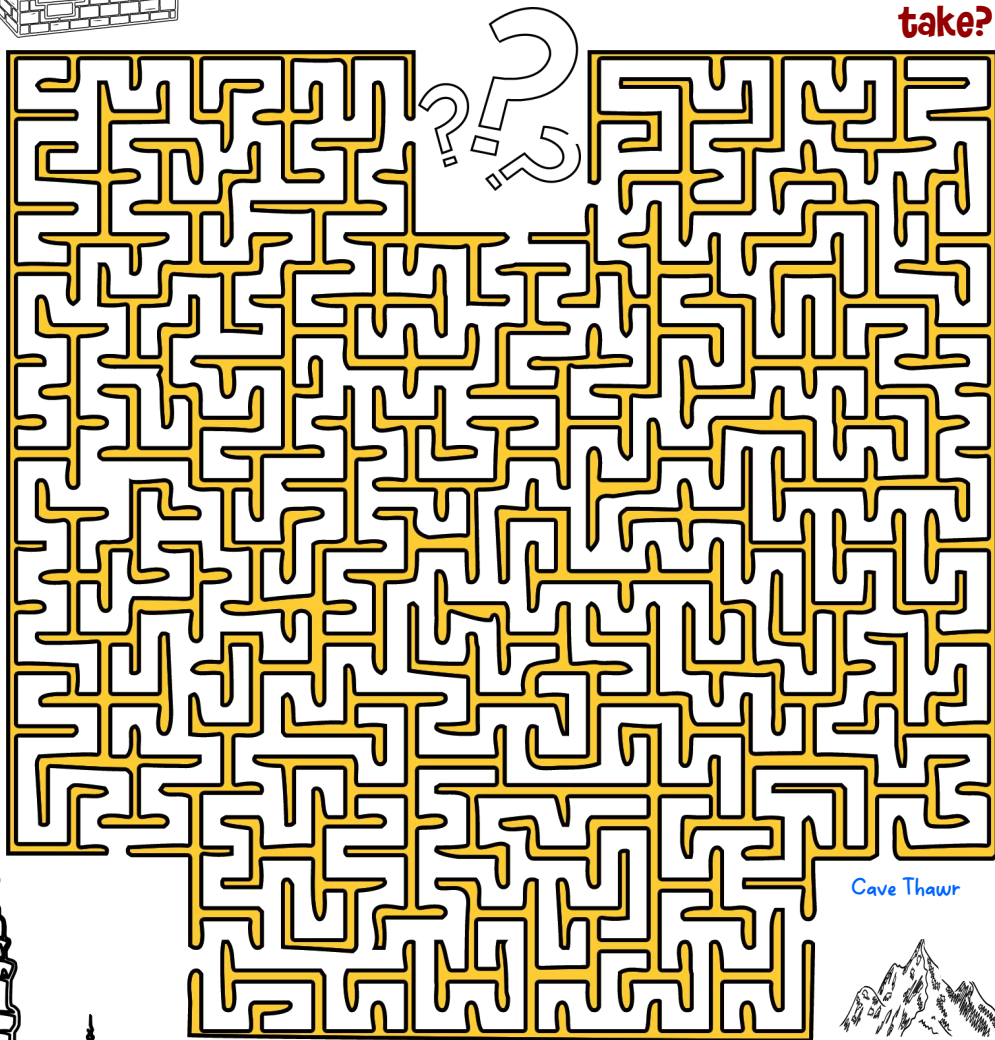
Shidad's son became the imam of Masjid Al-Aqsa. Masjid Al-Aqsa flourished into a place of worship and also a place of great learning.



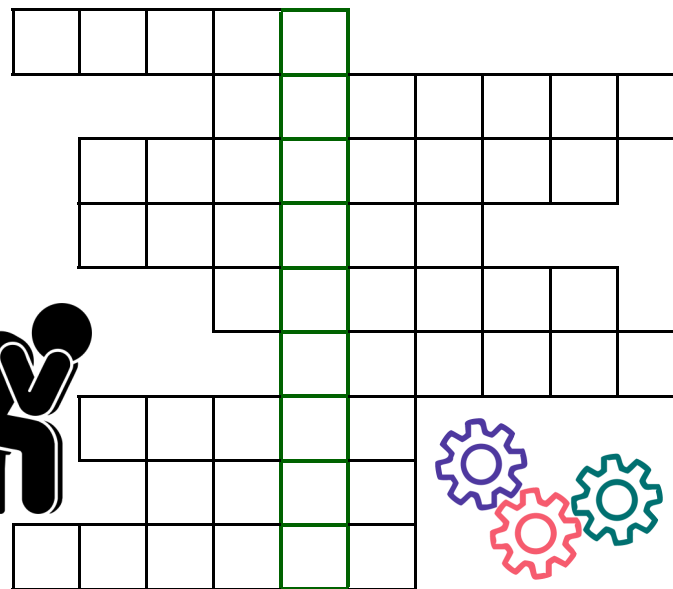


Amazed

Help Prophet Muhammad and Abu Bakr reach the safety of Madina. Which route did they take?



The Muslims migrated (made the Hijra) from Makkah to Madina. This was such an important point in Islam and for the Muslims. Finally, they could worship and follow Islam in peace.



SECRET MESSAGE

What is the secret message?

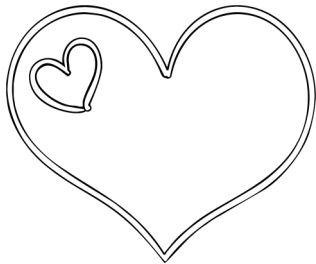
The Muslims of **Madina** met our Prophet **Muhammad** at **Aqabah**. They pledged to look after the Muslims of Makkah when they made the **Hijra** to Madina.

The Muslims made the long journey and were looked after by the **Ansar**. **Uthman** was looked after by the Aws family. Aws's son Shidad had great company. He became an excellent **teacher** and taught great **wisdom**.

Shidad's son became the **imam** of Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Shidad ibn Aws

Shidad رضي الله عنه was known for his devotion to teaching, worship and prayer. The Muslims were blessed through his teaching and sound advice. He was a truly inspirational Sahabi رضي الله عنه.



Teacher

Allah blessed Shidad رضي الله عنه with both knowledge and wisdom.

He was a loved and respected teacher.



Worship

Shidad رضي الله عنه was very gentle-natured and would love to engage in worship and study. Often spending large portions of the night in Salah.

He would love to recite the Qur'an.



Simplicity

Shidad رضي الله عنه chose to stay away from the allure of this worldly life.

Instead, he would practice Islam and teach people about the realities of this world and the next.



The young Ansari Shidad رضي الله عنه was blessed with the company of people such as Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and Uthman رضي الله عنه. He grew up to be a knowledgeable and respected teacher. From his children we had the Imam of Masjid Al-Aqsa.



Long prayers at night



Shidad ؓ would spend long parts of the night in prayer. He would stay away from the distractions and allure of the Dunya.

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QUALITIES OF SHIDAD ؓ

Shidad ؓ was an **Ansari** youngster when **Uthman** ؓ and **Ruqayyah** ؓ stayed with them.

Shidad ؓ would spend his nights in **Salah** and **Ibadah**. He was blessed with **knowledge**.

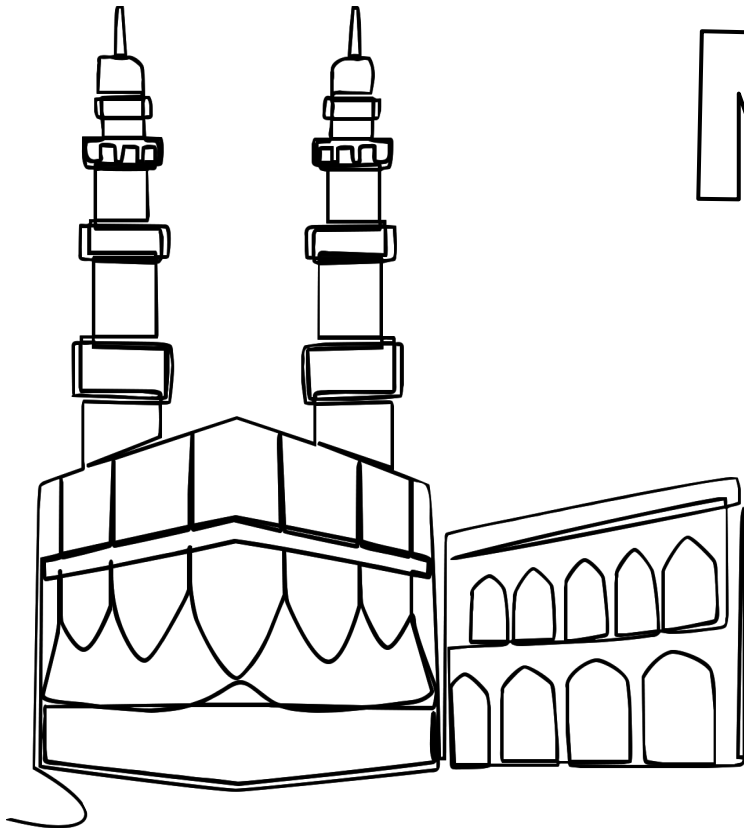
Shidad ؓ was very **pious** and loved Islam. He would **teach** Islam with his **wisdom** and insight.

In **Palestine**, he was a teacher in Masjid Al-Aqsa, and his son became the **imam**.

Muhajiroon

★ The Muslims who left Makkah and made the Hijra to Madina were known as the Muhajiroon. Many of them left everything behind: businesses, wealth and sometimes even their families.

★ The Muhajiroon had suffered torture and persecution in Makkah for 13 long years.



Ansar

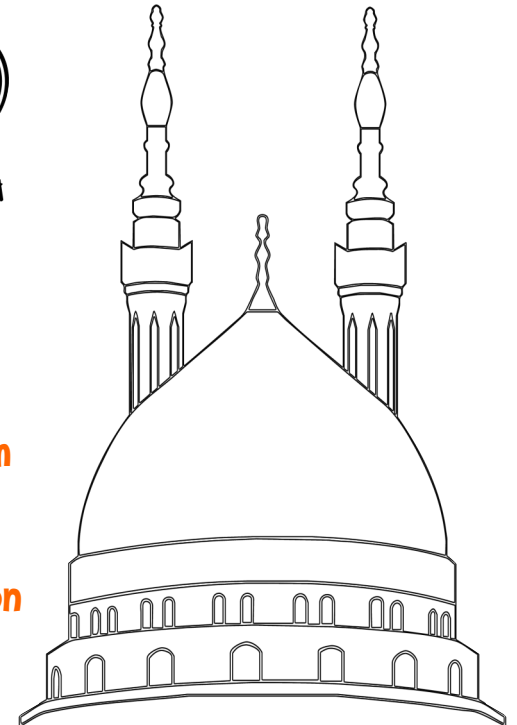
★ The Ansar (the helpers) were the Muslims of Madina. They looked after and cared for the Muhajiroon. They shared everything with the Muhajiroon.

★ They opened their homes and hearts to the Muhajiroon. The Ansar were beloved to Prophet Muhammad.

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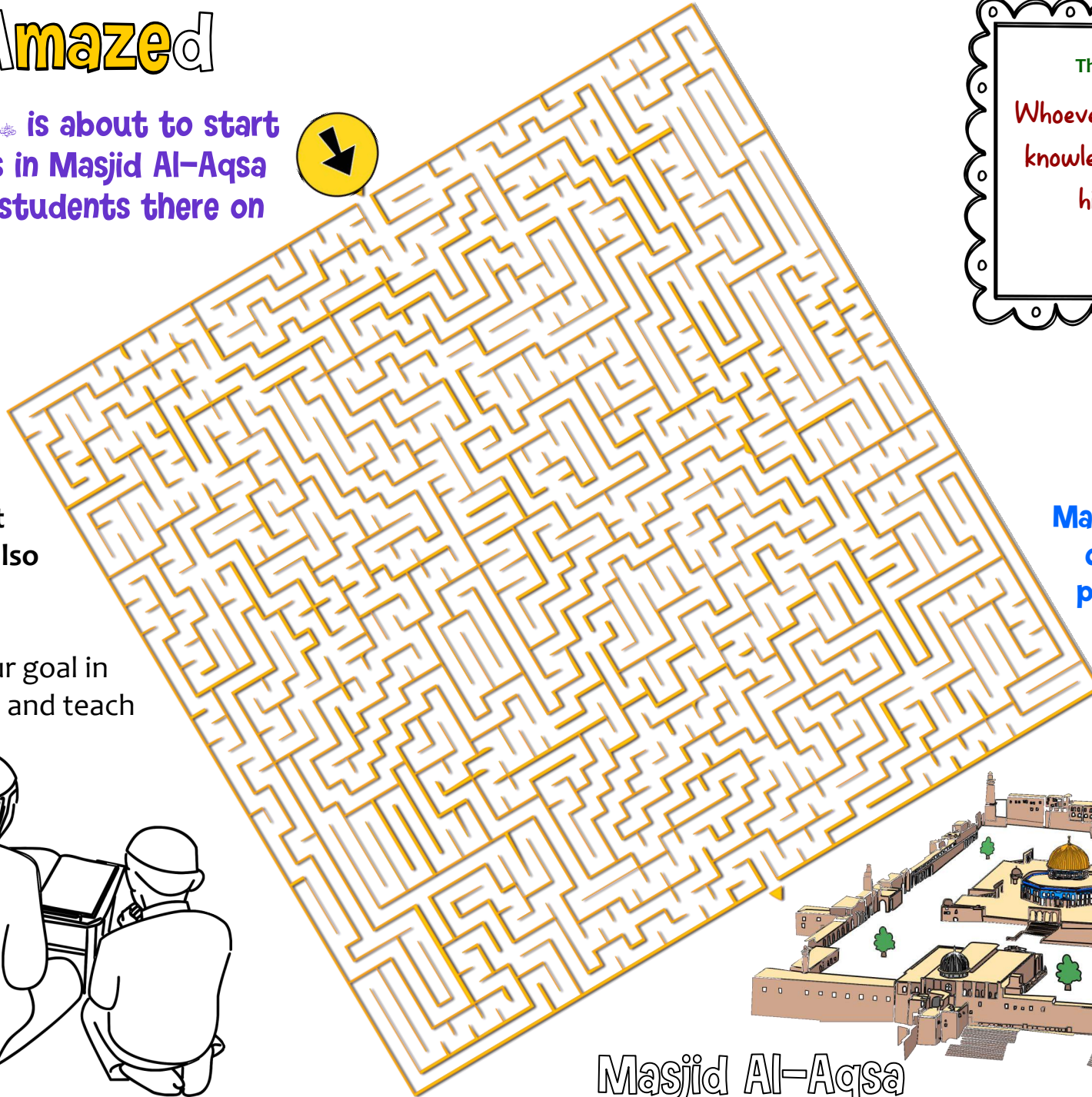
Amazed

Shidad ﷺ is about to start his class in Masjid Al-Aqsa get his students there on time!



It's a huge honour to learn about Islam and also to teach it.

Make it your goal in life to learn and teach Islam!

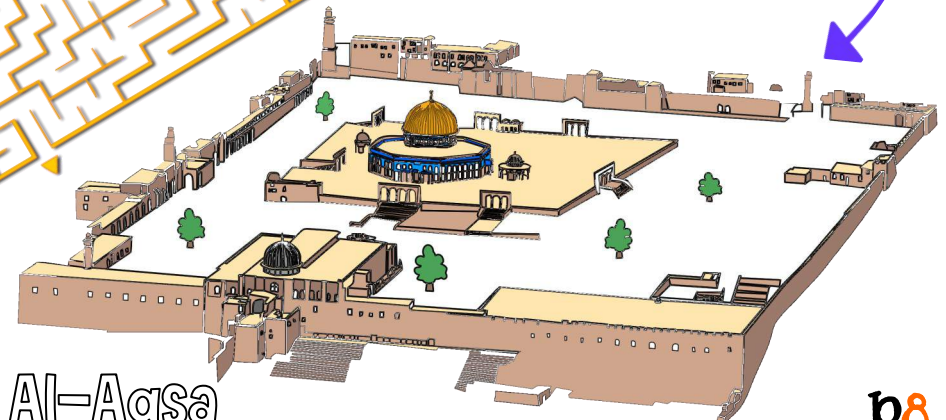


The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said

Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise...

Hadith: Sahih Muslim 2699

Masjid Al-Aqsa became a place of learning and education. A place of worship and Ibadah. Many great scholars have studied and taught here!



Masjid Al-Aqsa

Crossword



The Great Teacher

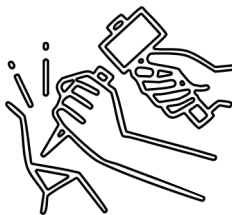
Mus'ab ibn Umair ؓ whose family was blessed with great wealth was honoured and respected by the people of Makkah. Mus'ab had the best of everything.



When Mus'ab ؓ accepted Islam, his family was furious. They removed all his wealth and treated him very badly. They wanted the young Mus'ab ؓ to give up Islam.

Mus'ab ؓ loved Islam and knew that Allah was One. He knew that Islam was the only true way of life. He refused to leave Islam.

His parents and tribe continued to mistreat him and removed all his wealth and luxuries.



Even though Mus'ab's things were taken away, Allah blessed him with knowledge and wisdom.

When the Muslims of Madina wanted someone to teach them about Islam, our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ sent Mus'ab ؓ to teach them.



Mus'ab ؓ was extremely knowledgeable about Islam and had excellent manners and character. He taught the people about Islam and told them to worship only Allah.

Soon, many people of Madina began to accept Islam and became Muslims.



Some people were

against Islam, but Mus'ab ؓ would gently explain this great religion to them.



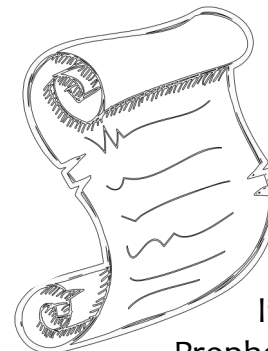
Through Allah's mercy, he would win their hearts.

Mus'ab ؓ continued teaching in Madina and many people accepted Islam. When it was time for Hajj again, a much larger group of Muslims travelled to Makkah.

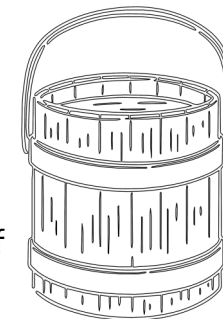
The Muslims of Madina met at Aqabah in secret. The Makkans were against the Muslims and didn't want anyone to know about Islam.



The Muslims of Madina, (who later became known as the Ansar), listened to our Prophet ﷺ attentively.



They decided to invite the Muslims to travel to Madina. They wanted them to live in the safety of Madina, away from the persecution and torture.



Our Prophet Muhammad accepted this. This became known as the Second Pledge of Aqabah.



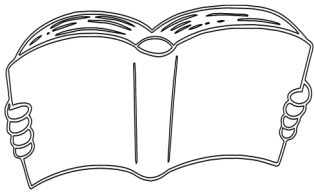
Slowly, the Muslims started making the trip to Madina, leaving Makkah behind. This epic migration was known as the Hijra.

Mus'ab ؓ was indeed an honoured sahabi. He sacrificed the honour and wealth given to him by his tribe for the honour of Islam.

His service to Islam was legendary, like his unshakable faith in Allah.

Mus'ab Ibn Umayr

Mus'ab suffered at the hands of his family because he accepted Islam. Mus'ab was prepared to give up wealth and a comfortable life for the truth.



Teaching

Mus'ab was a great teacher. Allah gifted him with knowledge and wisdom.

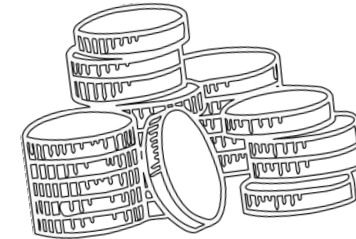
He was sent to Madina to teach the people about Islam.



Character

Once iman entered Mus'ab's heart, he became a person of great character and manners.

He was blessed with wisdom and understanding.



Wealth

When he accepted Islam, he wore simple clothes and ate simple food. Often he remained hungry

He wasn't wealthy, but his heart was content. Truth and iman was his wealth.



Mus'ab was a youngster when he accepted Islam. His family took everything from him. His excellent clothes and wealth were replaced by excellent manners, character, knowledge and respect.



Centre of Knowledge

1

There is a strong emphasis on gaining knowledge in Islam.

2

Knowledge removes ignorance and makes iman stronger.

3

The masajid are an integral part of learning.

4

Learning, worship and Faith go hand in hand



Masjid-AlAqsa became a place of learning Knowledge, Wisdom and worship.

All Masajid must become centres of learning. All Muslims should be dedicated to being long life-learners. p12

PUzzle

Sharing

1

The Ansar were prepared to share their homes, wealth and business with the people of Makkah. They shared the goodness Allah gave them.

We, too, should be prepared to share and help others in need. We must be like the Ansar.

Masjid Al-Aqsa

5

Shidad travelled to Masjid Al-Aqsa and settled in Palestine. Here, he had the honour of teaching and praying in Masjid Al-Aqsa.

We should make an effort to visit this Masjid Al-Aqsa which is so close to everyone's heart.

Time to Think

2

Respect

Shidad was dedicated to Islam and also worked hard for the next life. Everyone loved and respected him because of this.

We should focus on being the best person we can be through Islam and not get distracted by Dunya.

3 Respect the Qur'an

Mus'ab taught the people through his words, actions, beautiful character and manners.

We must remember that good actions, character and manners are crucial to our deen.

4 Good Company

Shidad was blessed with good company. He kept company with Prophet Muhammad, Uthman and many other pious people.

The effect of the good company should never be underestimated. Make friends with good people that take you towards Jannah.

