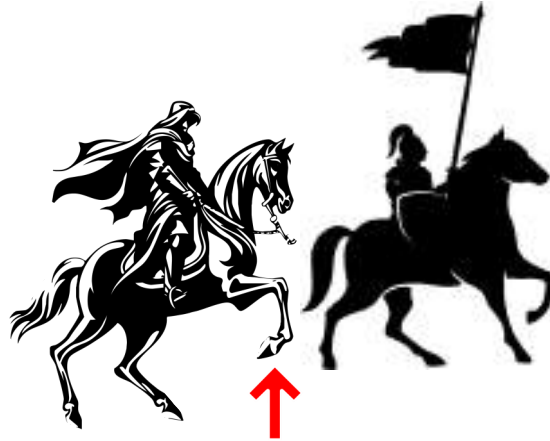




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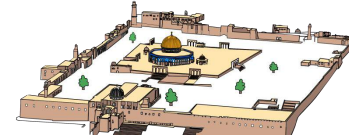
Salah ad-Din



AQSA WEEK KIDS



Defenders of Al-Aqsa



EGYPT

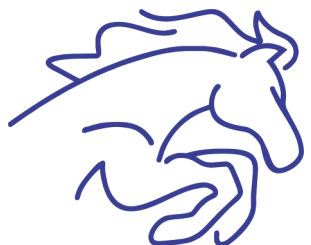


Salah ad-Din as a youngster studied the Qur'an amongst the scholars of Mosul.

He loved to learn, and it was not long before he had fallen in love with the Qur'an and was learning all about Islam. He had aspirations to be a great scholar.

Salah ad-Din studied very hard and learned a great deal about Islam.

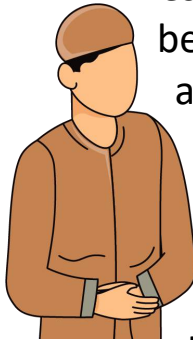
He followed the sunnah of our beloved Nabi and tried to be an excellent Muslim.



Salah ad-Din also learnt horse riding, war strategy and sword fighting. This

was also an important part of his upbringing.

Shirkuh, the uncle of Salah ad-Din was very impressed with Salah ad-Din. Salah ad-Din was also very well respected by everyone because of his love of Islam and steadfastness in praying.



Salah ad-Din applied the teachings in his life, giving him beautiful character and manners.

Salah ad-Din was called upon and given the role of defending Egypt, the biggest Muslim Country at the time.



The people of Egypt were always fighting between themselves and Salah ad-Din needed to unite them



Salah ad-Din knew that uniting the people would be very difficult unless they learnt and practiced Islam.

Salah ad-Din worked very hard to convince people to learn and practice Islam. Eventually, he was successful, and Egypt was safe. He continued to educate the Muslims about Islam until finally, they were able to save Masjid Al-Aqsa.



The liberation of Al-Aqsa was such that all the Muslims were over-joyed.

They were able to pray in peace in Masjid Al-Aqsa and were free from the violence of the Crusaders.



Watch the full story on our YouTube channel.

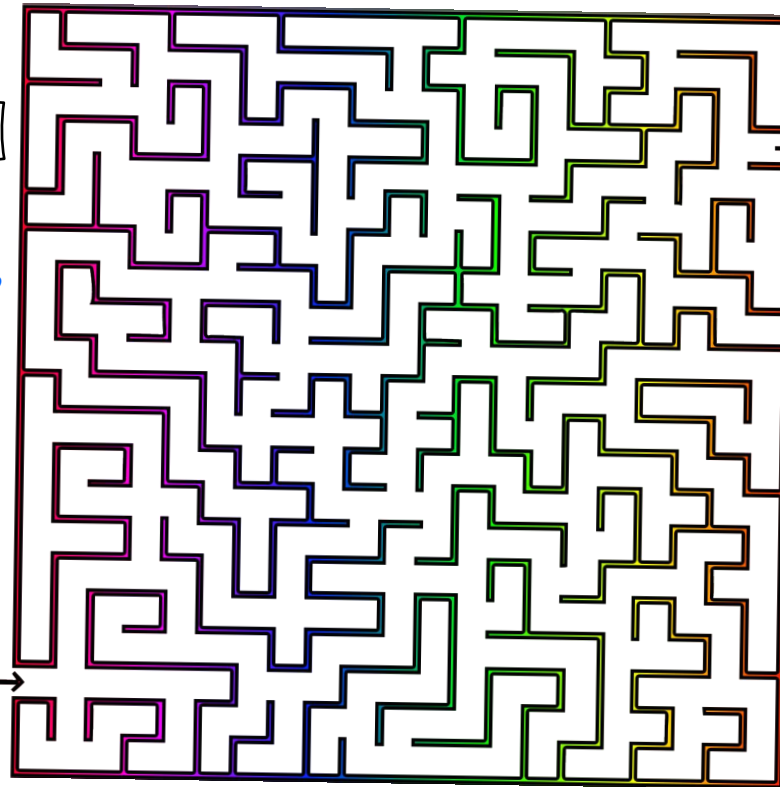
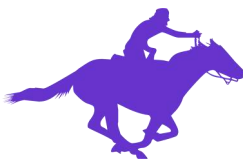
CRUSADES CONTINUE

The Crusaders were always trying to take over more Muslim lands and properties.

The crusaders had decided to attack Egypt.



Egypt's leaders have asked for help saving them from the Crusaders. Can you get Salah ad-Din there as quickly as possible?



The Crusaders wanted Egypt; they had already attacked much of the Holy Lands. The people of Egypt were weak because of infighting.



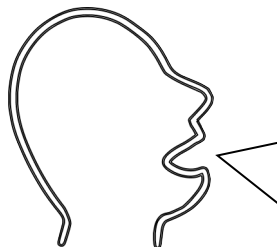
Egypt was under the rule of which empire?



Initially Salah ad-Din did not want to go to Egypt, why?



Who did Nur ad-Din send to help protect Egypt against the Crusaders?



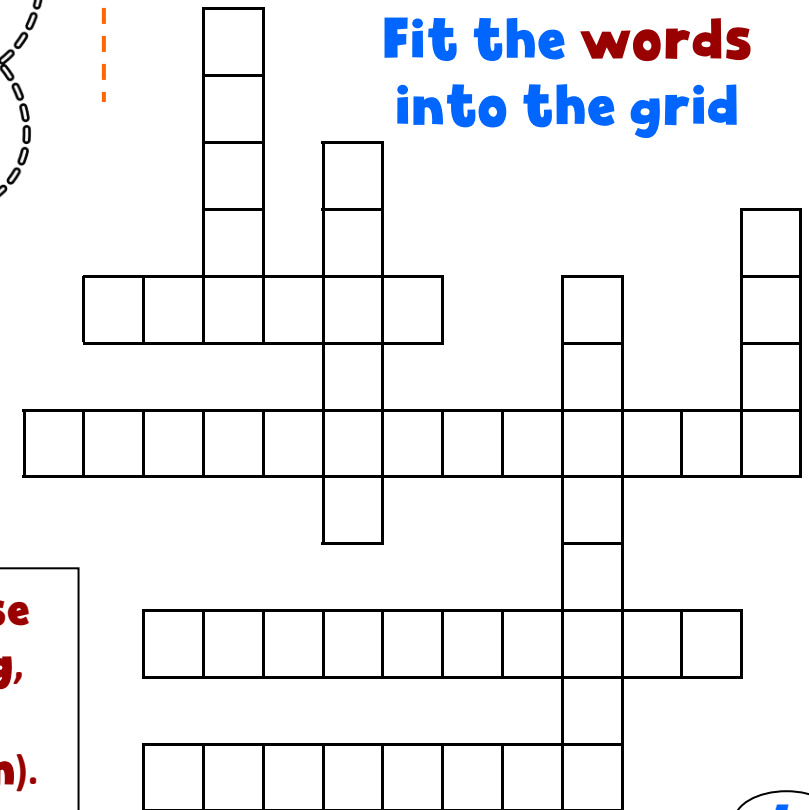
Salah ad-Din was a great **leader**, he was also very **wise** and **knowledgeable**. He knew the value of **learning**, **teaching** and **practising** Islam. He followed the **Qur'an** and our beloved Prophet's teachings (**Sunnah**).

NEW LEADER

After Shirkuh's death, Salah ad-Din, despite being so young, was chosen to be the new leader of the army.

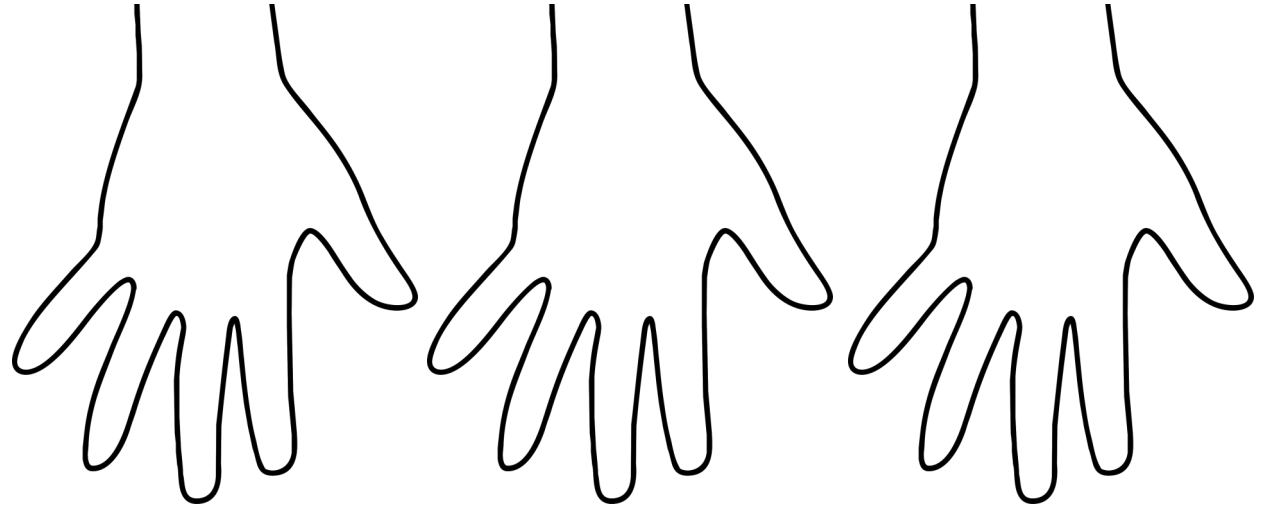
Salah ad-Din later became the leader of Egypt.

Fit the words
into the grid



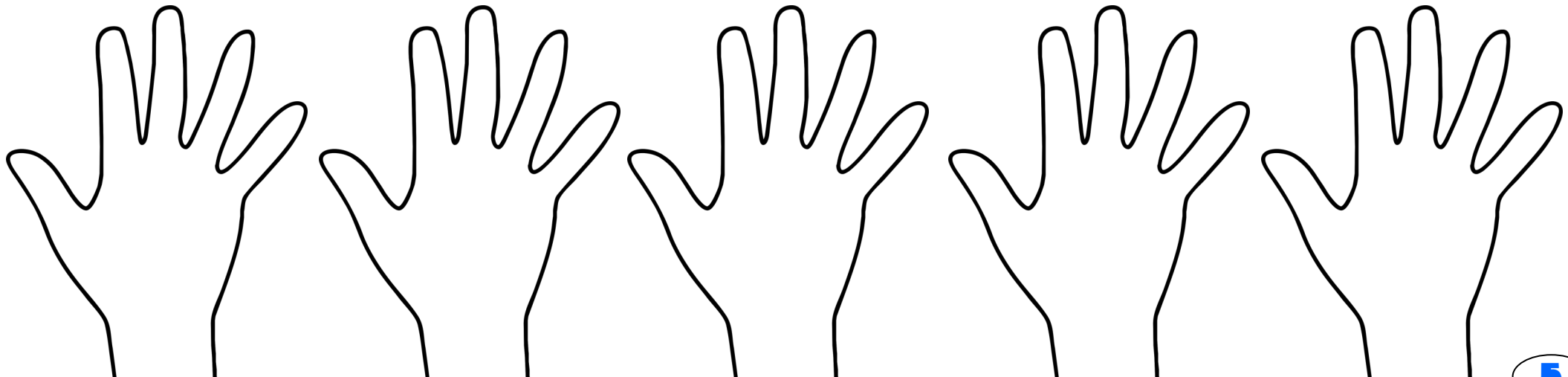
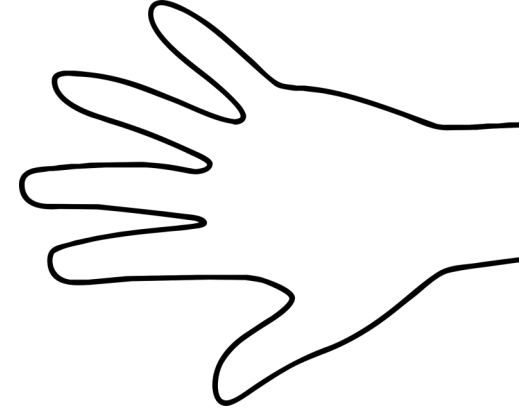
UNITY

Salah ad-Din's biggest challenge was to unite the Muslims. He knew that only through unity will the Muslims gain strength.



Pick the qualities that will help unite the people.

**compromising, caring, helpful,
fighting, pride, justice, bullying,
patient, arrogant, generous,
trustworthy, greedy, careful,
truthful, angry**



**...There is not a single
inch of al Quds
(Jerusalem) where a
prophet has not prayed,
or an Angel not stood.**

Ibn Abbas

JERUSALEM

Allah mentions Masjid Al-Aqsa as blessed in the Qur'an. Masjid Al-Aqsa is in Jerusalem.

Many prophets have visited and lived in Jerusalem, which makes it a very special place in the hearts of Muslims.



Jerusalem is also known as Al Quds.

PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH MASJID AL-AQSA



The names of these amazing people have been jumbled up. Unjumble them and then complete the facts below.

D A M A = _____

B I H I M A R = _____

Q A S I H = _____

D D U A W = _____

N A M A L U S I = _____

Y A M M A R = _____

K A H A A R I Z = _____

H A Y Y A = _____

S A I = _____

M A M U M A H D = _____

1. Prophet _____ was the first prophet to build Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem.

2. Prophet _____ migrated to Palestine and rebuilt Masjid Al-Aqsa with his son Prophet _____.

3. Prophet _____ was the king of Jerusalem. When he would read the beautiful words of Allah, even the

mountains in Jerusalem would join him in the praise of Allah.

4. Prophet Dawud began to rebuild Masjid Al-Aqsa, but he sadly died before it could be finished. Masjid Al-Aqsa was later completed by his son Prophet _____.

5. The noble lady _____ was born in Jerusalem and her mehrab was in Masjid Al-Aqsa.

6. Prophet _____ was the imam of Masjid Al-Aqsa. He made a special dua for a noble son. Allah blessed him with Prophet _____.

7. Prophet _____ lived in and around Jerusalem and performed many miracles there .

8. Prophet _____ travelled through the heavens from Masjid Al-Aqsa.