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Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This workbook has been designed for children to increase their understanding and love for Amirul Momineen Imam Ali (a). It is essential to introduce the Masoomeen (a) to children from a young age in order to prepare their hearts to accept these Divine Leaders and strengthen the roots of religion within them.

Please ensure your presence in discussing some of the content of this workbook. Your efforts will make a lasting impression on your child and will be counted in the service of Imam al Mahdi (a) as well.

Inshallah we pray this will instill a lasting love of Ahlul Bayt (a) in all these young hearts.

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To our beloved Imam Ali (a), the leader,

guide, and a helper for all.

May we always remain under the protection

of the Lion of Allāh.

This

workbook

belongs to



The Lion of Allāh

In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

"I am the warner, and the guide after me is Ali (a)."

-Prophet Muhammad (a)

(Kenz Al-Omal, 1/247)

Allah (swt) in the Noble Qur'an has said, "You **(Prophet Muhammad)** are only a warner, and for every people **(nation)** is a guide." (13:7) These guides are the **12 Imams** of which Imam Ali (a) is the first one.

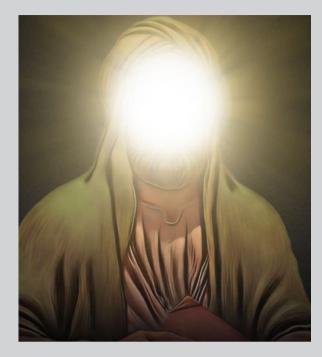
In the Islamic month of Rajab, we celebrate the birthdays of **4** of our Imams. It is the right of our Imams (a) upon us that we know about their life, obey and love them.

This workbook is designed to provide a brief introduction of our beloved Imam Ali (a), some stories about his childhood and other activities related to his life.

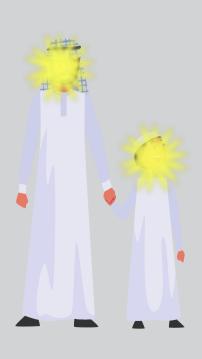


Who is Imam Ali (a)?

Imam Ali (a) is the cousin and son in law of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (s). He is also amongst Ahlul Bayt (a), members of the household of Prophet Muhammad (s), for which Allāh (swt) asked us to respect and love in the Noble Qur'an. Out of the **12 Imams**, Imam Ali (a) is our first Imam.



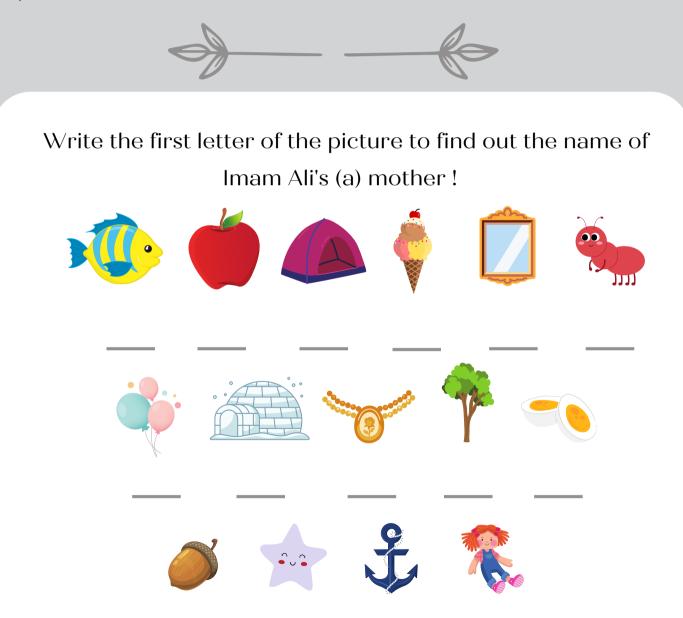
Imam Ali's (a) father **Abu Talib (a)** was Prophet Muhammad's (s) uncle. Hazrat Abu Talib (a) had trained and instructed Imam Ali (a) from a young age to always support and help our Holy Prophet (s)



The Holy Prophet (s) also had a special love for Imam Ali (a). To help his uncle, he asked Abu Talib (a) to give Imam Ali (a) under his care. Imam Ali (a) was only 6 years old when he came under the care of Prophet Muhammad (s) and his wife Lady Khadija (sa). The Holy Prophet (s) taught many skills to Imam Ali (a) and he became the best in all of them.

Who is Imam Ali (a)?

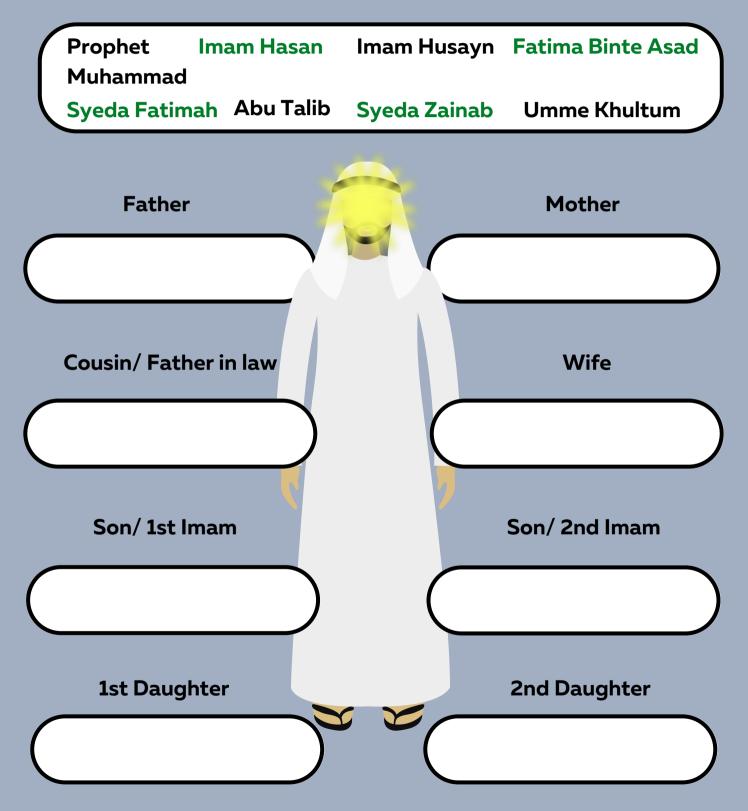
When Allāh (swt) asked our Prophet (s) to inform the people that he will be the last Prophet (s) and teach them about Islam, 10 years old Imam Ali's (a) was the first one who promised to help him till his last breath and informed everyone that he believed in the Prophet's words and will protect Islam with his life.



Family Tree

Fill the names of Imam Ali's (a) family members

in its correct box.



Miraculous Birth

In the beginning Allāh (swt) created the Holy Five (a) from His light. Prophet Muhammad (s) and Imam Ali (a) were created from the same light. When it was time to send Imam Ali (a) on this Earth, Allāh (swt) chose the best place for his birth.



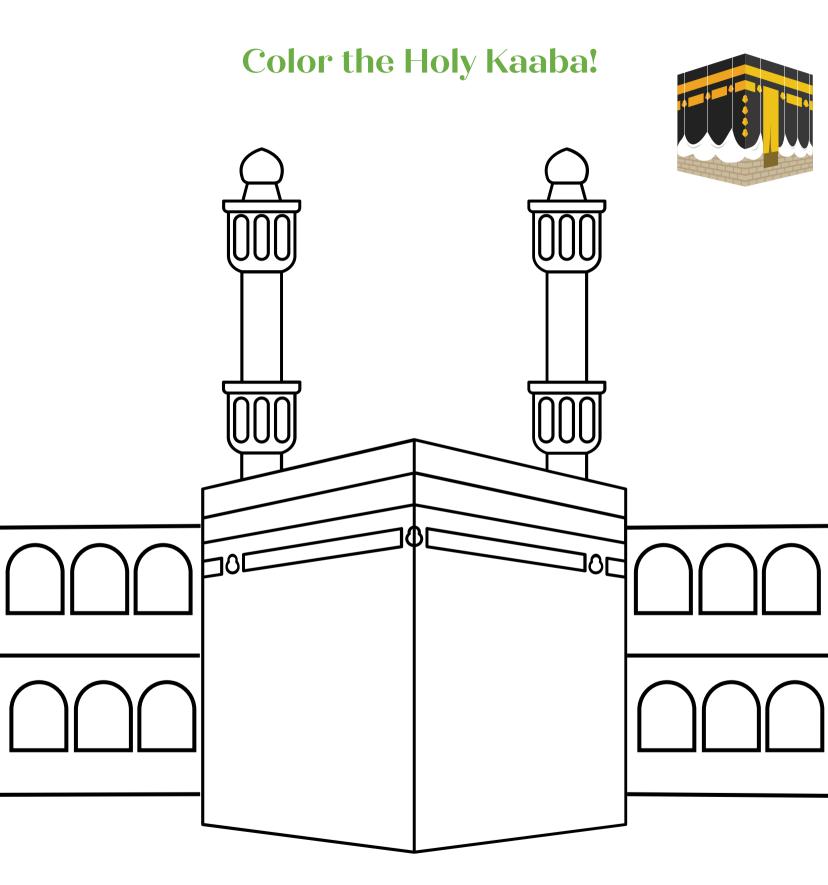
It was Friday, **13th of Rajab, 600 AD** when Imam Ali's (a) mother Fatima binte Asad (sa) was around the Holy Kaaba performing her prayers.

Suddenly she felt the time was near to deliver the baby. She prayed to Allāh (swt) for help and Allāh commanded Angel Jibraeel to crack open a wall of the Holy Kaaba. Fatima binte Asad (sa) was commanded to go inside the Holy Kaaba from that broken wall. Therefore, Imam Ali (a) became the only person to be born inside the Kaaba through the miracle of Allāh.

Write where the Holy Kaaba is located?



Birth place of Imam Ali (a)

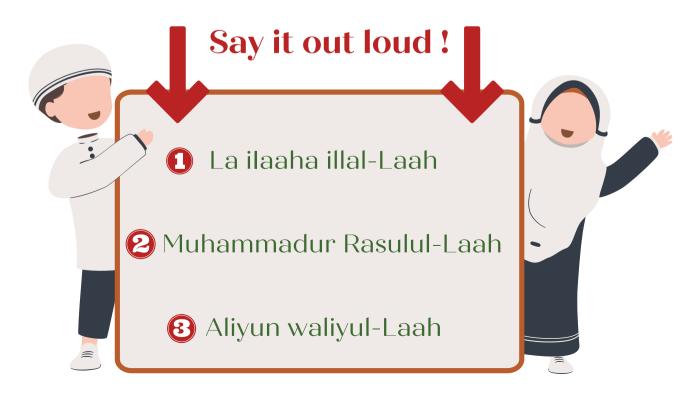


The Code Words Of Faith



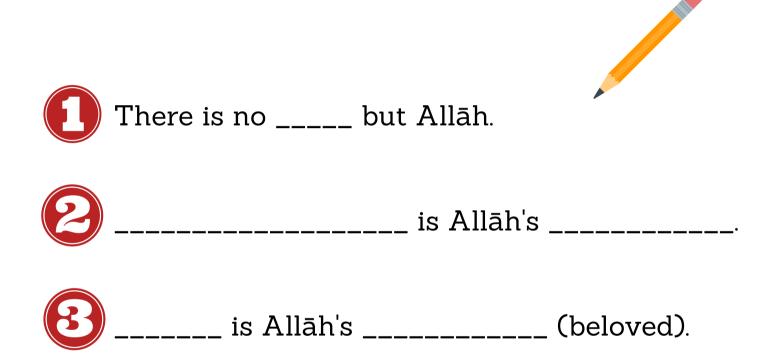
Just as we read The Pledge of Allegiance/ National Anthem in school to commit to our country, when someone decides to accept the religion of Islam they have to read some words to show their belief. These words are called **"Kalimah".**

In the Kalimah we accept the oneness of the **Allāh**, to recognize our Creator. Accept **Prophet Muhammad (s)** as Allāh's Messenger and also declare **Imam Ali (a)** as an appointed guide **(wali)** from Allāh after Prophet Muhammad (s). Once we recite these words we are called **"Muslims"**, meaning those who submit to Allāh and accept Islam as a best religion chosen for us by Allāh.



The Code Words Of Faith

Use the word box to fill in the lines of Kalimah!



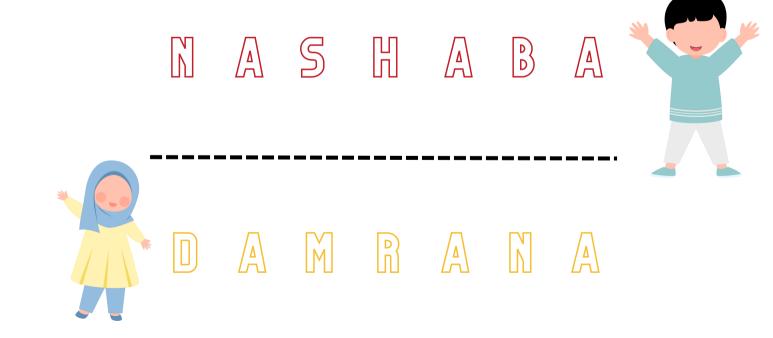
Word Box								
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Messenger								
Prophet Muhammad								

The Spiritual Season

The month of Rajab brings many blessings for us. It is the beginning of the spiritual season for all the Momineen. The Month of Rajab along with the next two Islamic months help us to gain closeness to Allāh (swt). In these special months, the reward of a good deed increases by many folds.

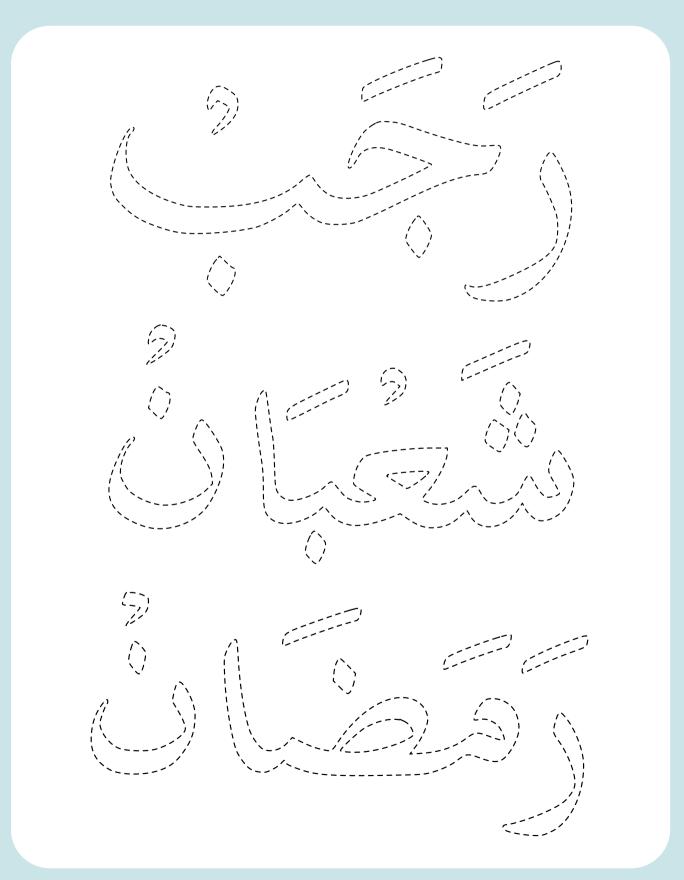
This means Allāh (swt) gives extra credit for every good deed we perform!

Unscramble to find the name of the other two months in the spiritual season!



The Spiritual Season

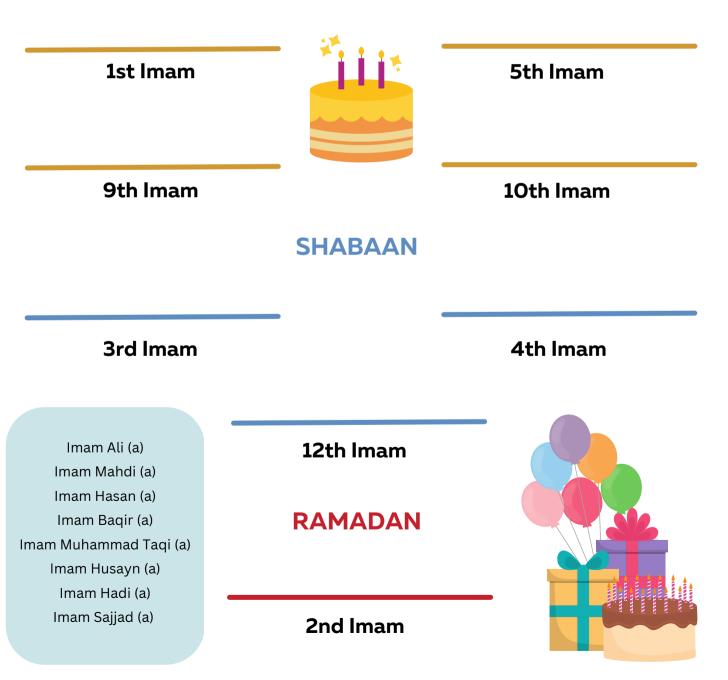
Trace and color the names of the months in Arabic!



Important Birthdays

In the months of Rajab, Shabaan and Ramadan we celebrate the birthdays of following Imams. Write the names of these Imams:

RAJAB



Gate to City of Knowledge

"I am the city of knowledge and Ali is its gate."

-Prophet Muhammad (s)

Allāh (swt) had commanded our beloved Prophet (s) to train Imam Ali (a) for a special task. While living with the Prophet, Imam Ali (a) learned all that was required to lead the people afterwards.

Circle the correct answer. Imam Ali (a) had the knowledge about:



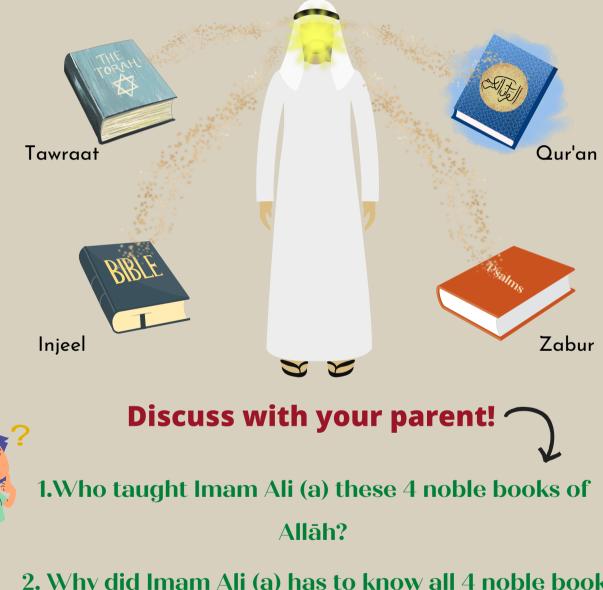
Only Math Problems

Entire Qur'an and Secrets of the Universe

Only Science Facts

The 4 Noble Books

Along with the knowledge of the Noble Qur'an, Imam Ali (a) also knew the 4 noble books Allāh (swt) had sent on other Prophets by heart. As Shia Muslims we believe in all of these noble books and respect them the same way we do the **Noble Qur'an**.



2. Why did Imam Ali (a) has to know all 4 noble books of Allāh?

Note for Parents: Simplify the responsibilities and of an Imam and importance of knowledge to your child while discussing these questions.



The 4 Noble Books

Match the book with the Prophet's name!



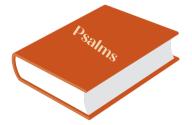
Prophet Muhammad (s)



Prophet Musa (a)



Prophet Dawood (a)

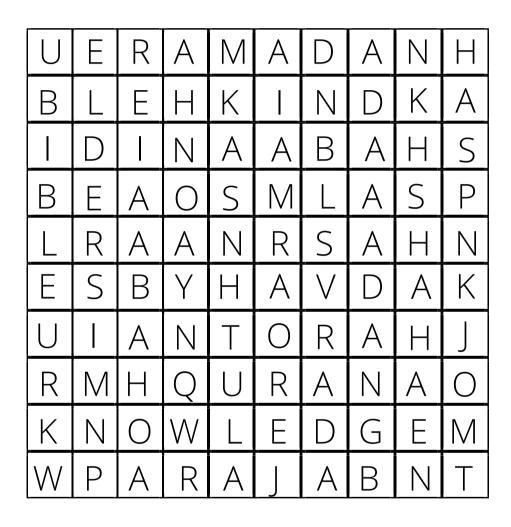


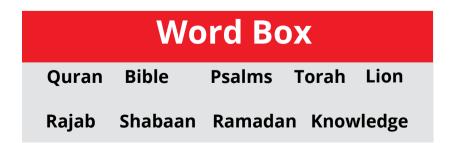
Prophet Isa (a)

Word Search

Solve the word search!

Use the words from the Word Box.

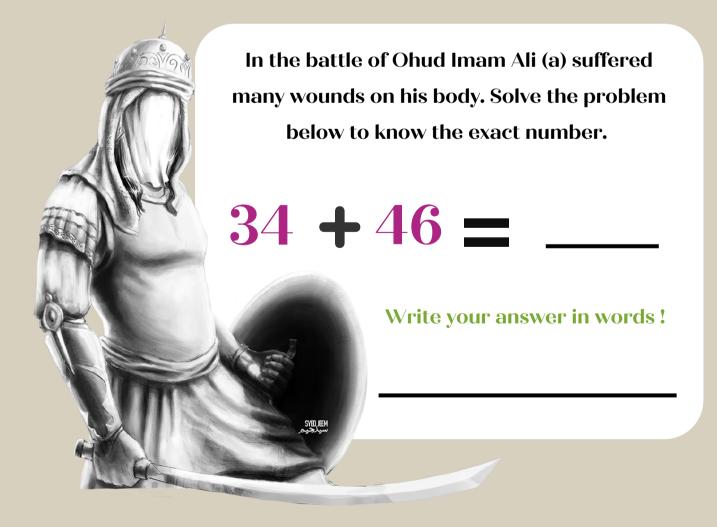




The Defender of Islam

One of reasons Imam Ali (a) was called **"The Lion of Allāh"** was that there was no match for his fighting skills in the battlefield. Anytime when he was at war, the enemies of Allāh would shake and shiver to face Imam Ali (a).

Imam Ali (a) was very fast and intelligent in his fight. The Holy Prophet (s) used to give chances to other fighters to finish the enemies, but they would always remain fearful and hesitant. That's why Prophet Muhammad (s) made Imam Ali (a) the chief to lead the army and Imam Ali (a) would always bring success for Islam.



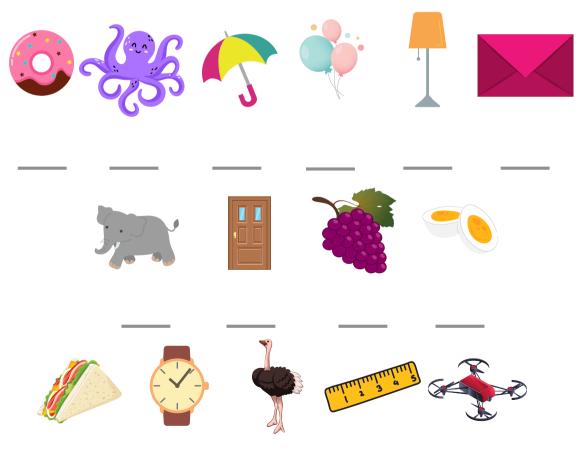
A Supreme Sword

"There is no sword but Dhul-Fiqar, and there is no hero (man) but Ali (a)."

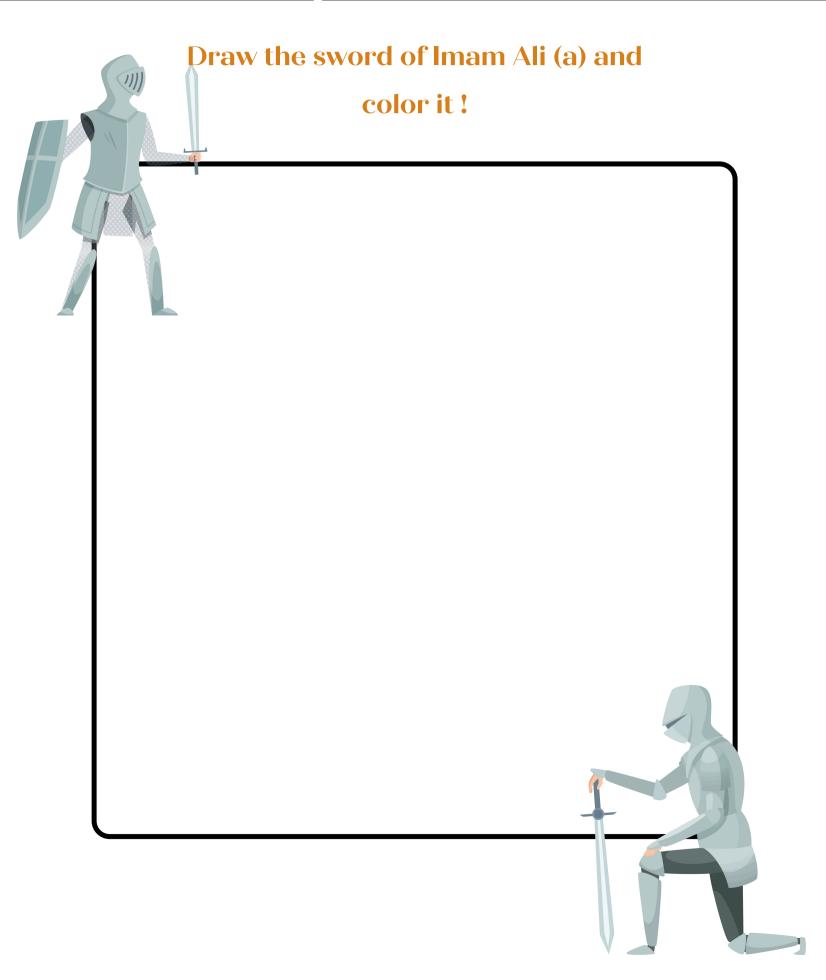
- **Prophet Muhammad (s)** Ibn Al-Maghazeli, 197; Al-Tabari, 2/514

It is reported that Imam Ali (a) carried a especial sword named, **"Dul-Fiqar"**, in the battlefield. Some narrations state that it was gifted to him by the Holy Prophet (s) in the battle of Badr. Others state that Allah (swt) sent this sword by Angel Jibraeel (a) in the battle of Ohud for Imam Ali (a).

Dhul-Fiqar was a :

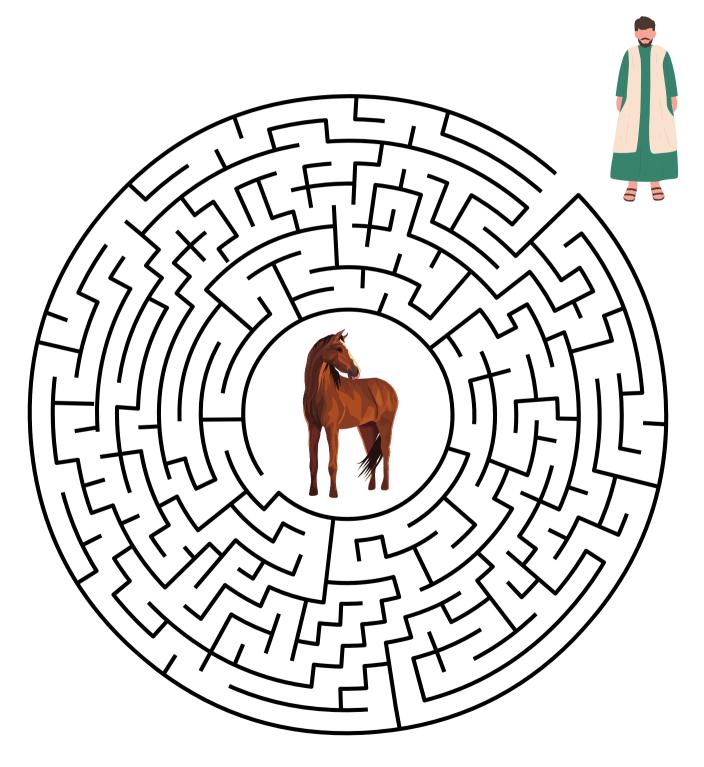


A Supreme Sword



Help Qambar

Imam Ali (a) has asked his servant Qambar to bring a horse. Help Qambar in obeying Imam Ali (a)!



Spot the Differences



Find the 12 differences in the pictures!



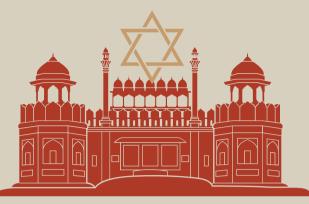
Collect the Box

Help Salman in bringing a box for Imam Ali (a)!



Battle of Khaybar

The Battle of Khaybar was fought between Muslims and the Jews of Khaybar. The Jews were protecting themselves in one of the big forts.



For many days, the Muslim army was unable to break open the main door and the Jews remain attacking them from the top. On the 40th day the Holy Prophet (s) said: **"Tomorrow I will give the flag to a man who is loved by God and His prophet, and God will give victory to Muslims on his hands, and he never runs away."** Imam Ali (a) was sick at that time and was in Medina.



The next morning Prophet Muhammad (s) with the command of Allāh called out Imam Ali (a) by reciting **"Nade Ali" (especial words to call Imam Ali for help).** The Prophet's voice reached Imam Ali (a)'s ears and he immediately grabbed his horse and within minutes reached in front of the Holy Prophet (s).

The Muslim Army was surprised to see Imam Ali (a). But the Prophet (s) knew Ali (a) would be the only one who could win this battle.

Battle of Khaybar



The Prophet (a) gave Imam Ali (a) the flag and informed him about the fort. The horns were blown and the Jewish army sent their bravest soldier **Marhab**.

When Marhab came out he yelled, " I'm Marhab, who dare to fight with the best warrior?" There was silence for few moments then everyone heard Imam Ali's (a) voice:

'MY MOTHER NAMED ME HAYDER. I WILL FIGHT YOU."

Imam Ali (a) moved his sword quickly and cut Marhab into two pieces. Then he moved closer to the fort, grabbed it's door and took it out of the wall. The Jews became astonished and ran away from his site. Imam Ali (a) then used that door as shield and killed the Jewish soldiers.

Imam Ali's Strength



The fort's door was almost 900 kg and it was



Men together!

Discuss with your parents, how was Imam Ali



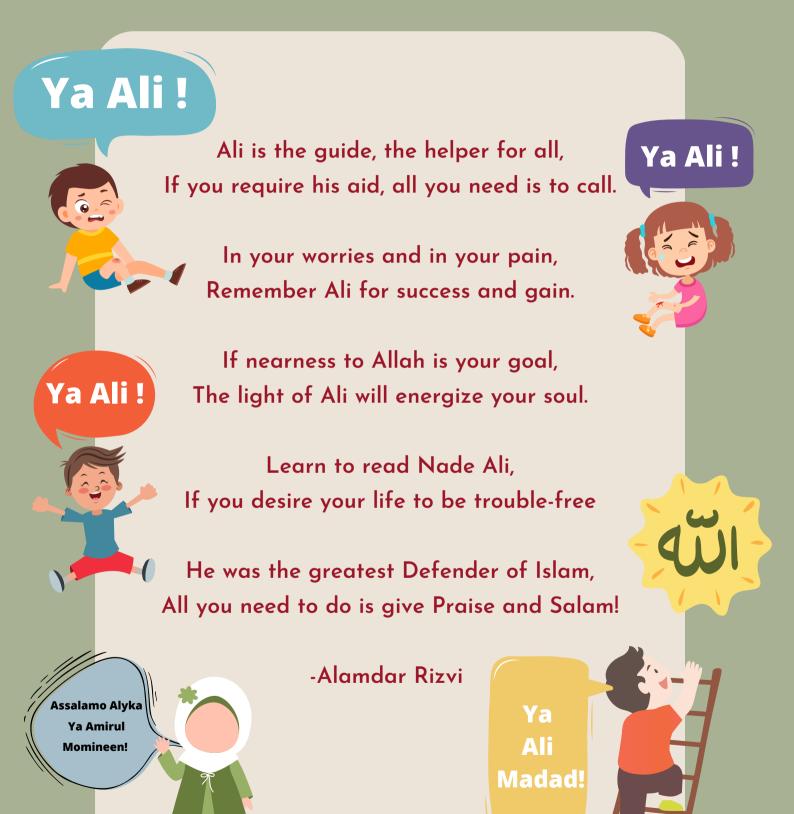
(a) able to lift both the doors of the fort

alone?



Note for parents: Read Surah Ar-Ra'd, verse 31 and connect it with the power of the knowledge of Qur'an. Remind your child about the knowledge of Imam Ali (a).

Call Upon Ali

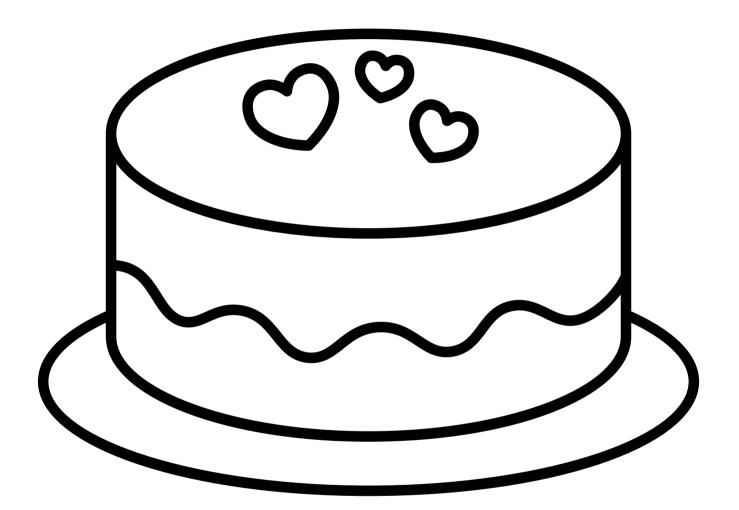


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Birthday Cake

Color and decorate the birthday cake for Imam Ali (a)

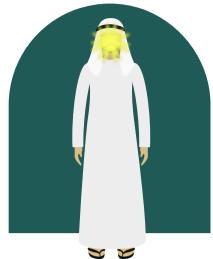
and write his date of birth !



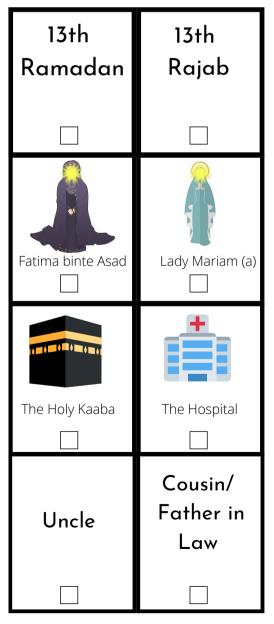
Date of Birth

This or That Quiz

Read the questions below about the life of Imam Ali (a) and check the correct answer for the quiz!



This or That



Imam Ali's (a) date of birth:

Name of his beloved mother:

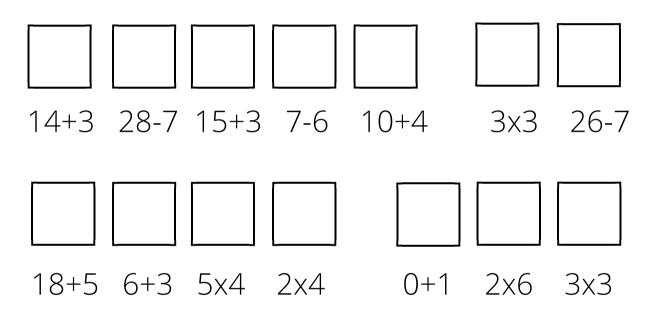
The place where Imam Ali (a) was born:

Prophet Muhammad (s) was Imam Ali's (a):

Qur'an and Ali (a)



Prophet Muhammad (s) knew about the knowledge of Imam Ali (a) and wanted the ummah to understand that as well. Therefore he said to everyone: **"Ali is with Qu'ran and ...**



Match the answer of each problem to the letters below and write the letter in the box to complete the message .

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This or That Quiz

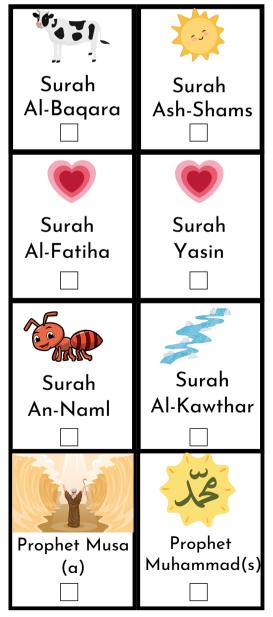


Test your Qu'ran

Knowledge!



This or That



Longest Surah of the Noble Qu'ran:

Heart of Qur'an:

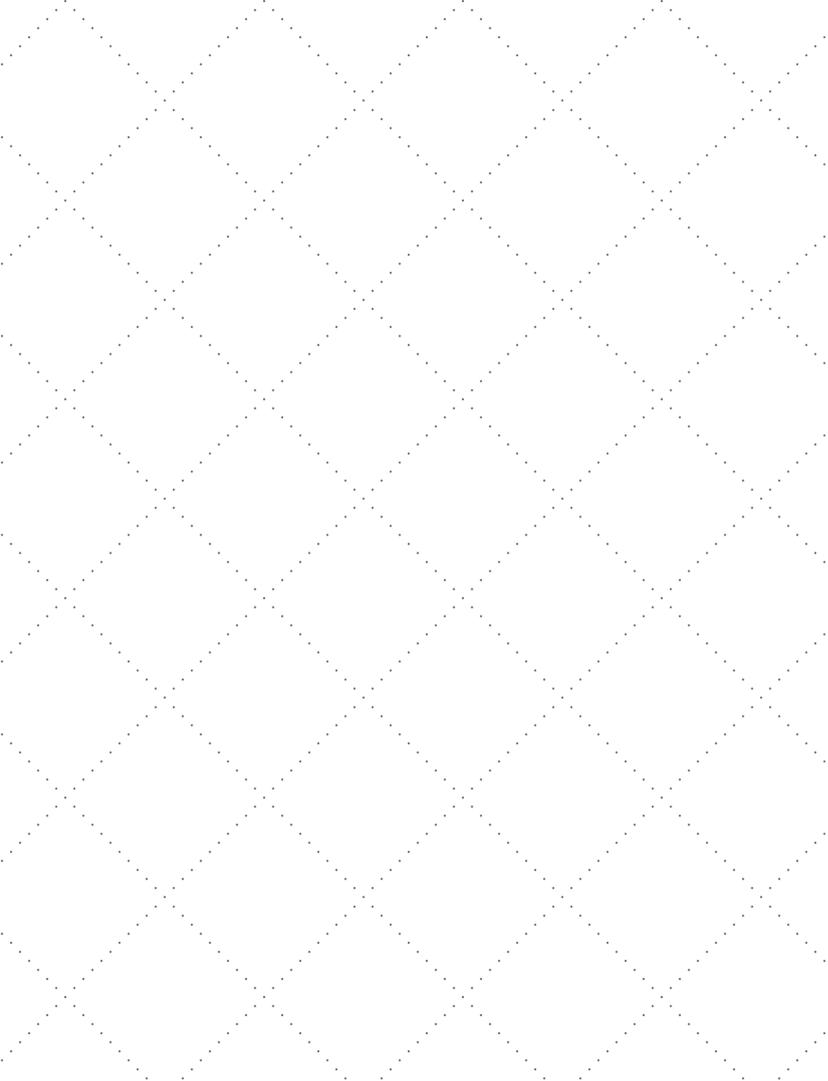
Shortest Surah of the Noble Qu'ran:

Most talked about Prophet in the Noble Qur'an:

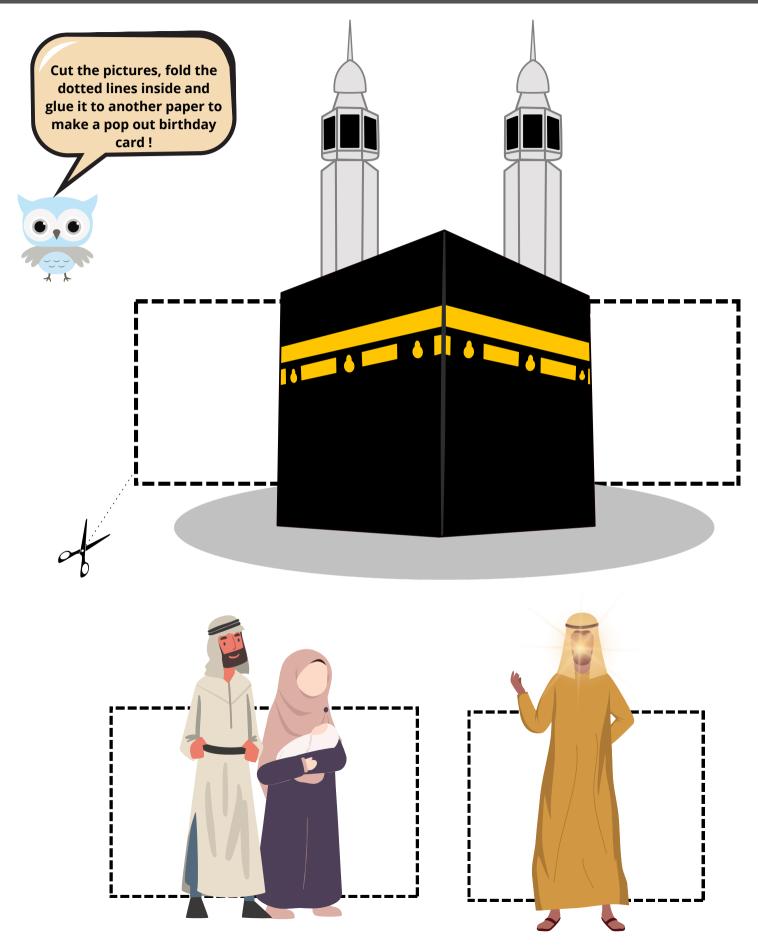
Birthday Card

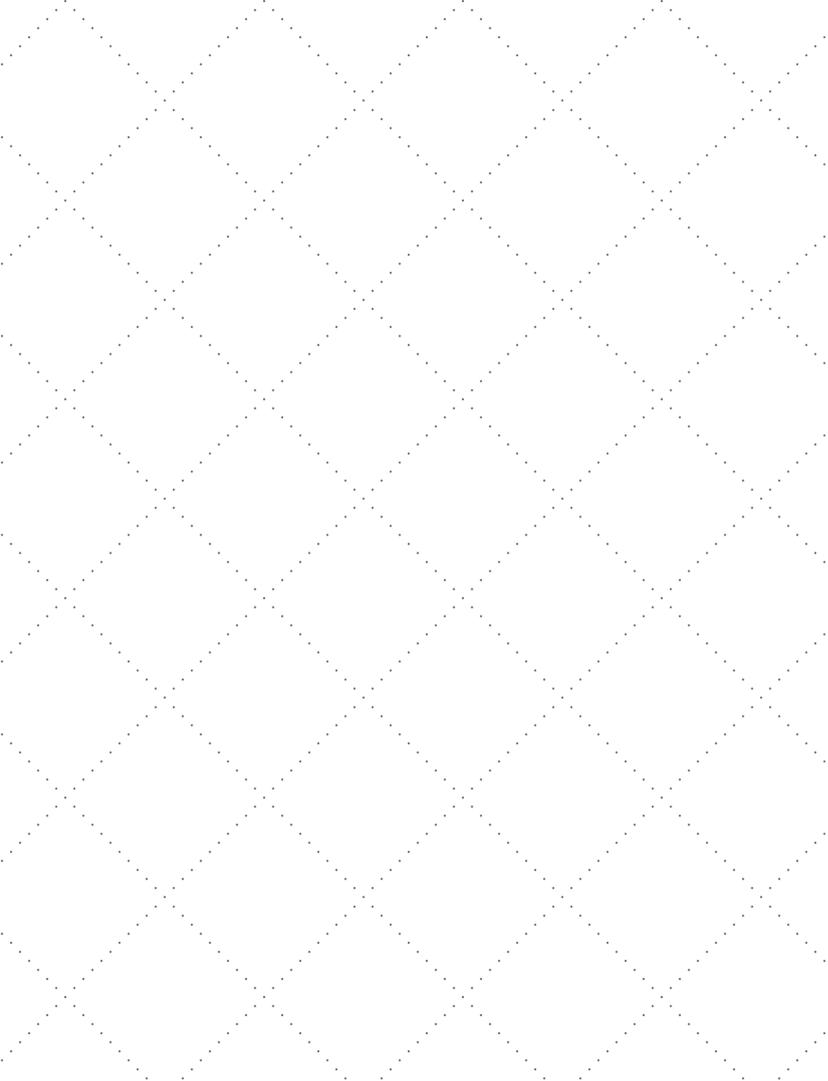
Make a card for Imam Ali's (a) birthday ! Follow the instructions on the next pages !

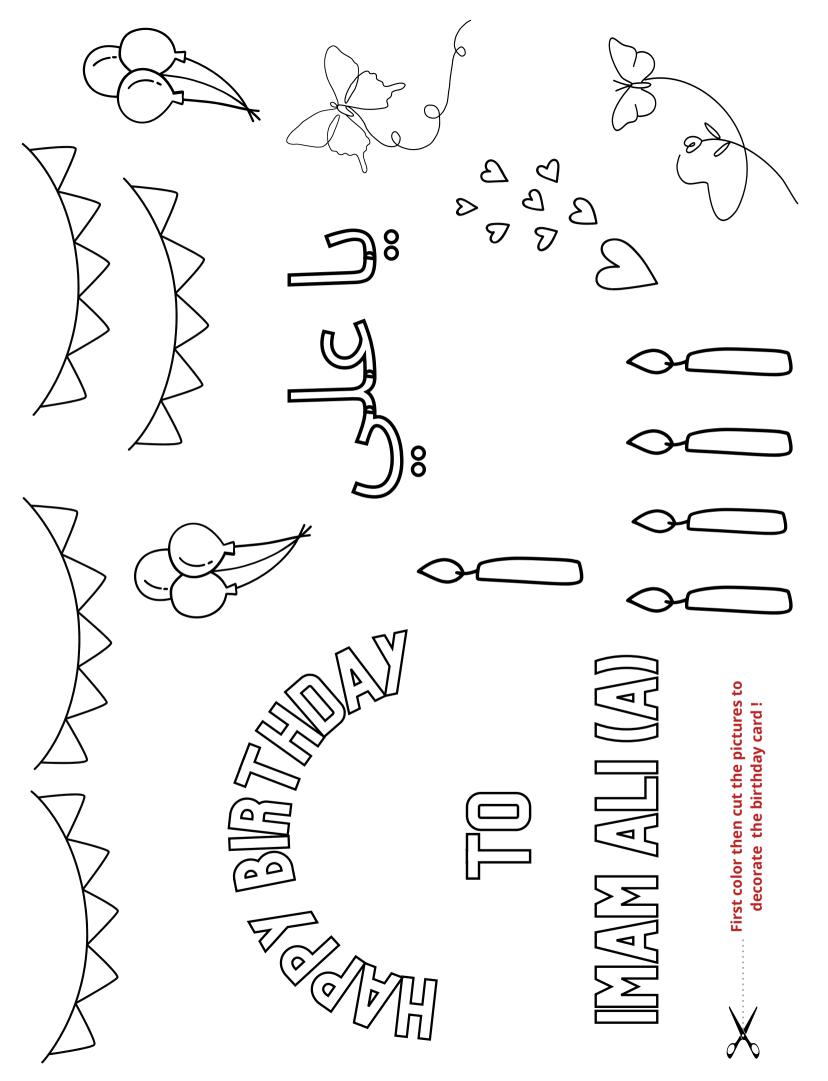


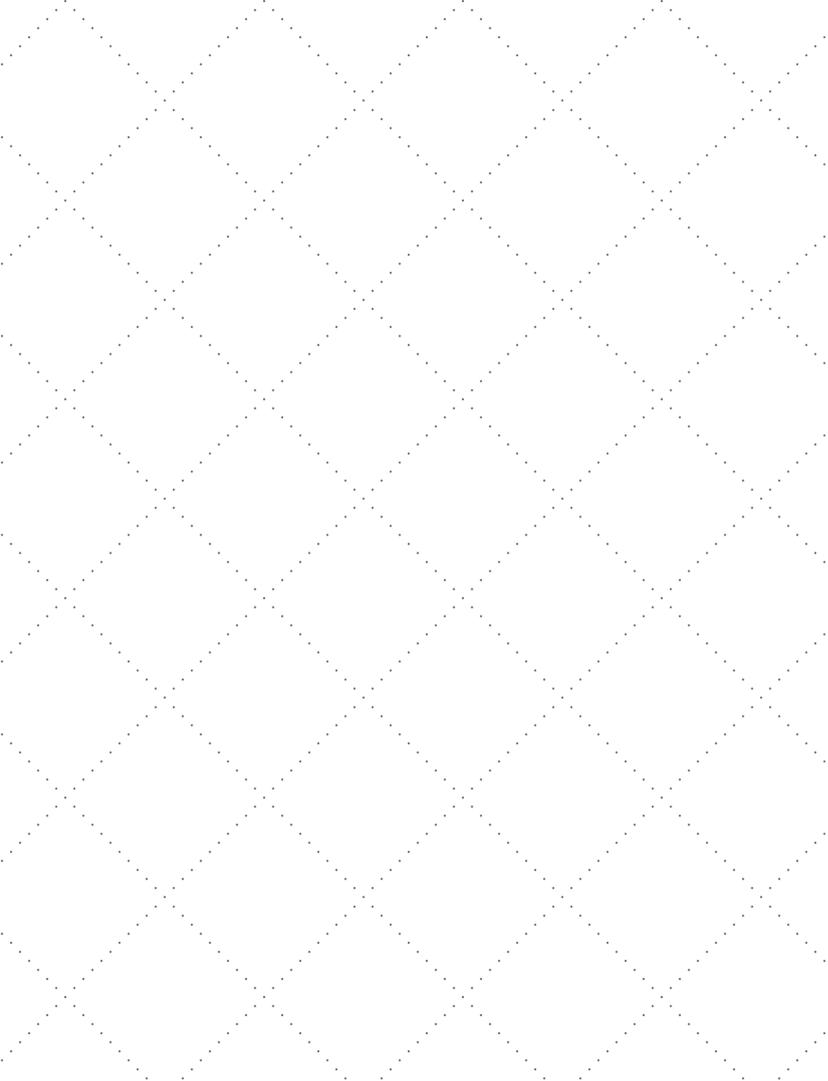


Birthday Card













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"Ali (a) is the most beloved of God and His Prophet in all of creation."

- Prophet Muhammad (s)

Kenz Al-Omal, 5/33; Al-Riyadh Al-Nudhra, 2/211

