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Story book

KIDS LOVE THE WAY



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UMAR (RA) AND THE STARVING FAMILY



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Reference:

Umar ibn al Khattab - His Life and Times.

By Dr. Ali Muhammad As Sallabi


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Reference of dua: Jami Tirmidhi




Madinah has never been better! He has set everything right. Army, treasury- you name it.

Disclaimer:




Tell me about it. Umar Farooq is the best ruler ever... Here have some more gravy

Everyone in the land of Madinah lived happily.
But there was one family that wasn't happy.



Mom! I'm
starving! Is dinner
ready yet?



We'll have something
soon dear, why don't you
go and play?
There's a good girl



The night was getting darker and colder.
Umar and his companion, Aslam, were
walking in the streets of Madinah.


Who's out there
at this time of
the night?

It must be the Caliph,
Umar Farooq!
He patrols the streets
to make sure
everyone is okay

A night scene in a desert. In the foreground, two large, bright orange and yellow campfires burn on wooden logs. In the background, a small white tent is pitched on a sandy dune. A person is visible near the tent, and a white animal, possibly a camel, is partially visible. The sky is dark blue with a large yellow crescent moon and several white stars. The overall atmosphere is quiet and mysterious.

Umar and Aslam hurried towards the fire.

Aslam, looks like there are some travellers here. Let's go and investigate" said Umar.

An illustration of a woman in a purple hijab and three children in a tent. The woman is on the left, looking distressed with her mouth open and hands raised. A child is lying on the ground in the bottom left, also looking distressed. Two other children are on the right, one looking up and one crying. The background shows the interior of a tent with a brown wall and a brown mat.

Just a few
more minutes
my dear

Mama! I want
food now!

You have been
saying this
since so long!

Umar arrives at her tent

“Peace be upon you /
Assalam u alaikum”
Umar greeted the
woman.

وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ

And upon you
be peace /
Wa alaikum
assalam

“Is everything
alright? Why are
these kids crying?”
he asked.



It's dark and cold and the kids are starving...

“So, what’s there in the pot?” asked Umar



Just water, to calm them down till they fall asleep. The Caliph doesn't care about us. Allah will judge between us and 'Umar.

Umar was surprised.

Umar arrives at her tent

“May Allah have mercy on you, how could Umar know about you?” He said to the woman

He’s responsible for us! He should know!





Umar Farooq turned back. He and Aslam ran to the room where food was stored. Umar took out a sack of wheat and some oil.



“Aslam, please put this bag on my back” Umar requested his companion.

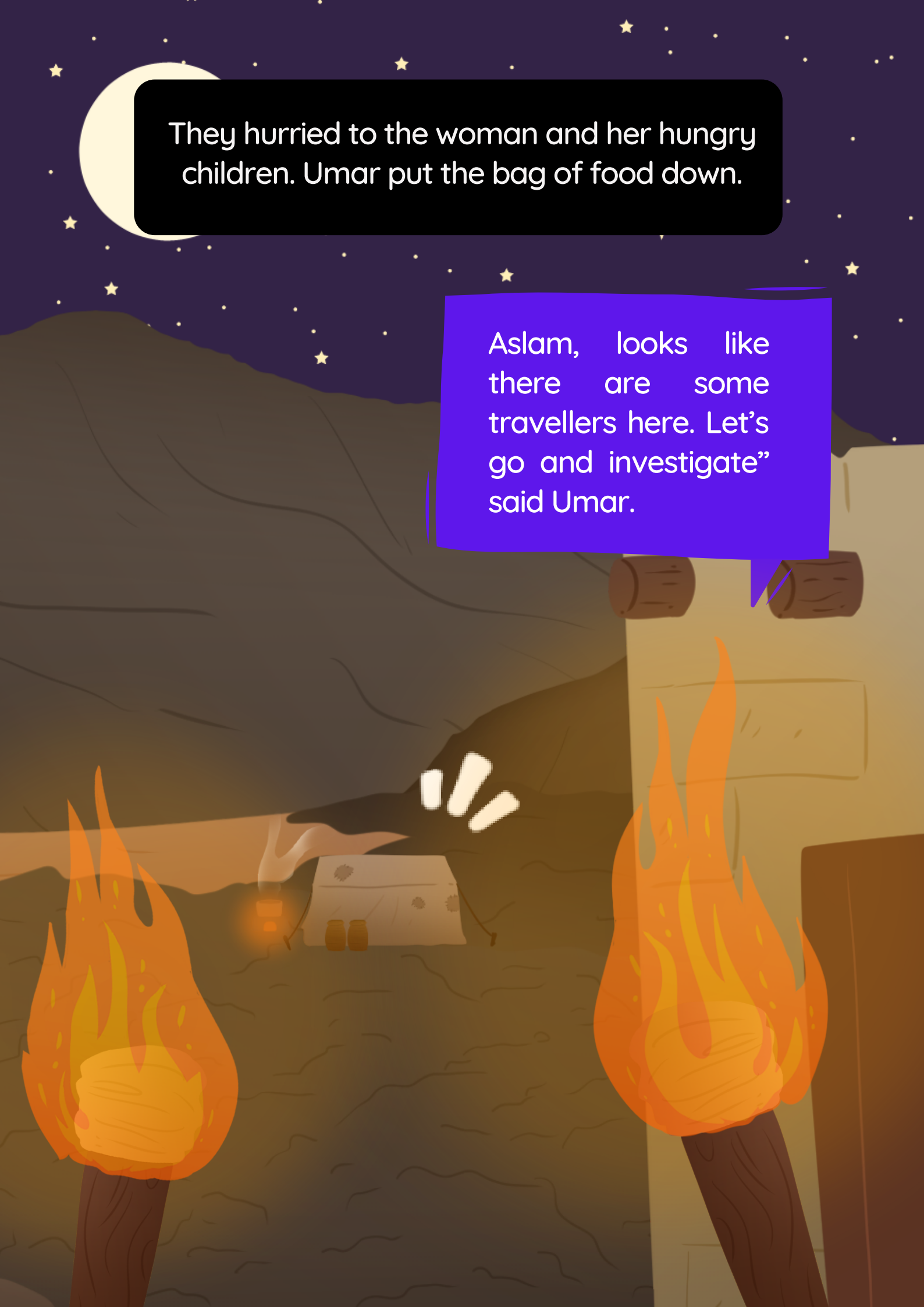




“Can I carry this for you, O Leader of the Muslims!”, offered Aslam


Umar replied, “Will you carry my burden in the Hereafter too?”

Aslam remained quiet and hoisted the bag on Umar’s back.

A night scene in a desert. In the foreground, two large, bright orange and yellow flames burn on wooden logs. In the middle ground, a small white tent with a dark roof is pitched on the ground. A person is visible near the tent, and a small lantern is lit. In the background, there are dark, rolling hills under a dark blue night sky filled with stars and a large, bright crescent moon. The overall atmosphere is quiet and mysterious.

They hurried to the woman and her hungry children. Umar put the bag of food down.

Aslam, looks like there are some travellers here. Let's go and investigate" said Umar.

An illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a blue headscarf, cooking in a large, light-colored pot. She is pouring a thick, yellow, textured substance from a brown bowl into the pot. A wooden spoon and a green vegetable are in the pot. The background is a warm, orange-brown color. A black text box is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

They hurried to the woman and her hungry children.

Umar put the bag of food down.
Umar took out some of the wheat and oil.

He started blowing at the fire.

He was the ruler of the Islamic state and there he was covered in smoke and cooking for a poor family.


The children gathered around
the food eagerly to eat.



اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهَا رَزَقْتَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Translation:

"O Allah, bless us in it and feed us with what is even better"



May Allah reward you,
Kind man. You are better
than Umar Farooq. You
should be our caliph, not
him!”

“If you go to Umar
Farooq, you will
find me there
insha 'Allah!” said
Umar.

The woman didn't know the kind man
was Umar - the Caliph himself!

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