

# The Ramadan Drummer



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### Glossary

Alhamdulillah: praise be to God.

Barak Allah fi kum: May the blessings of God be with you.

Jazak Allahu khairan: May God reward you will good.

Mash'Allah: God has willed it, refers to something good happening.

Ramadan: name of the 9<sup>th</sup> month in the Islamic lunar calendar. Also the month of fasting.

Sahoor: pre-dawn meal

Subhan'Allah: Praise be to God or glory be to God.

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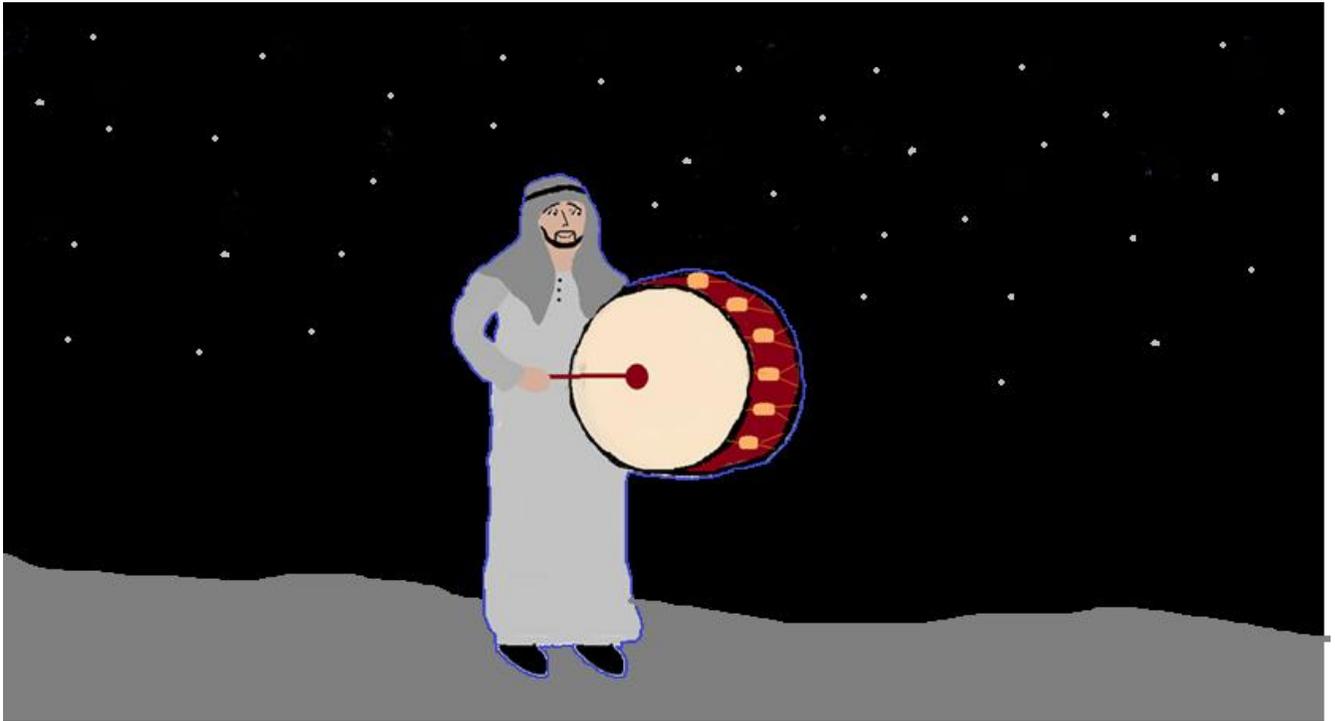
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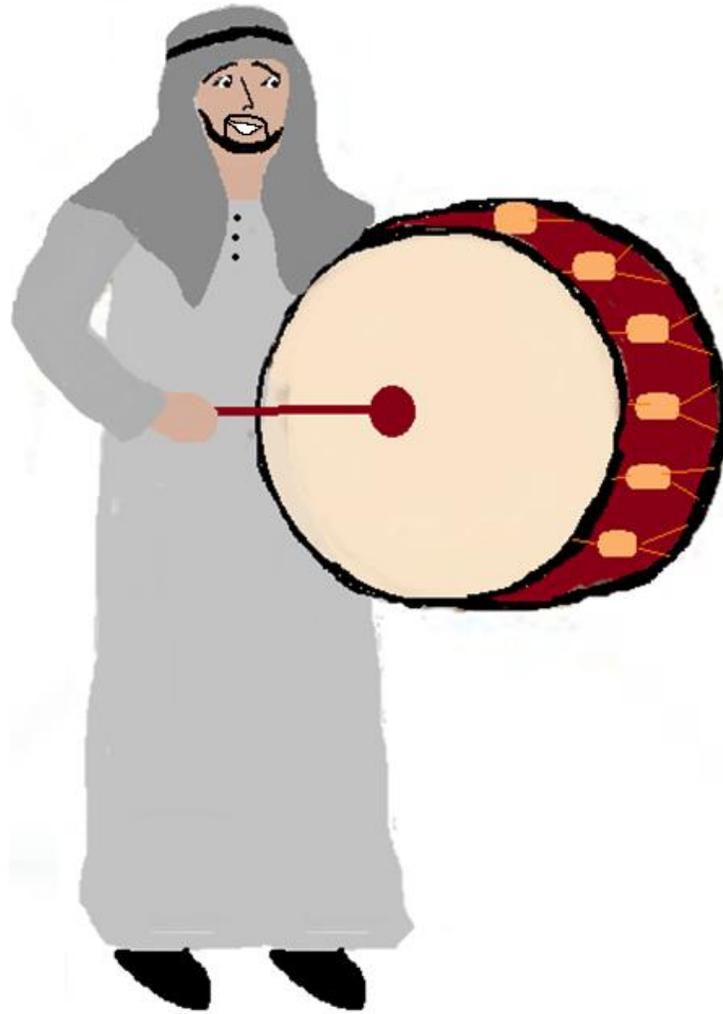
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Abu Dubdub, the Ramadan Drummer was very happy. Tomorrow would be the first day of Ramadan. "Alhamdulillah!" said Abu Dubdub.



It was dark when the Ramadan Drummer walked outside to wake the people for sahoor.



Abu Dubdub began to beat his drum and sing his song.

"Dum dum bada dum dum.

Time for sahoor, time to eat.

Time to get up from your sleep.

Dum dum bada dum dum!"

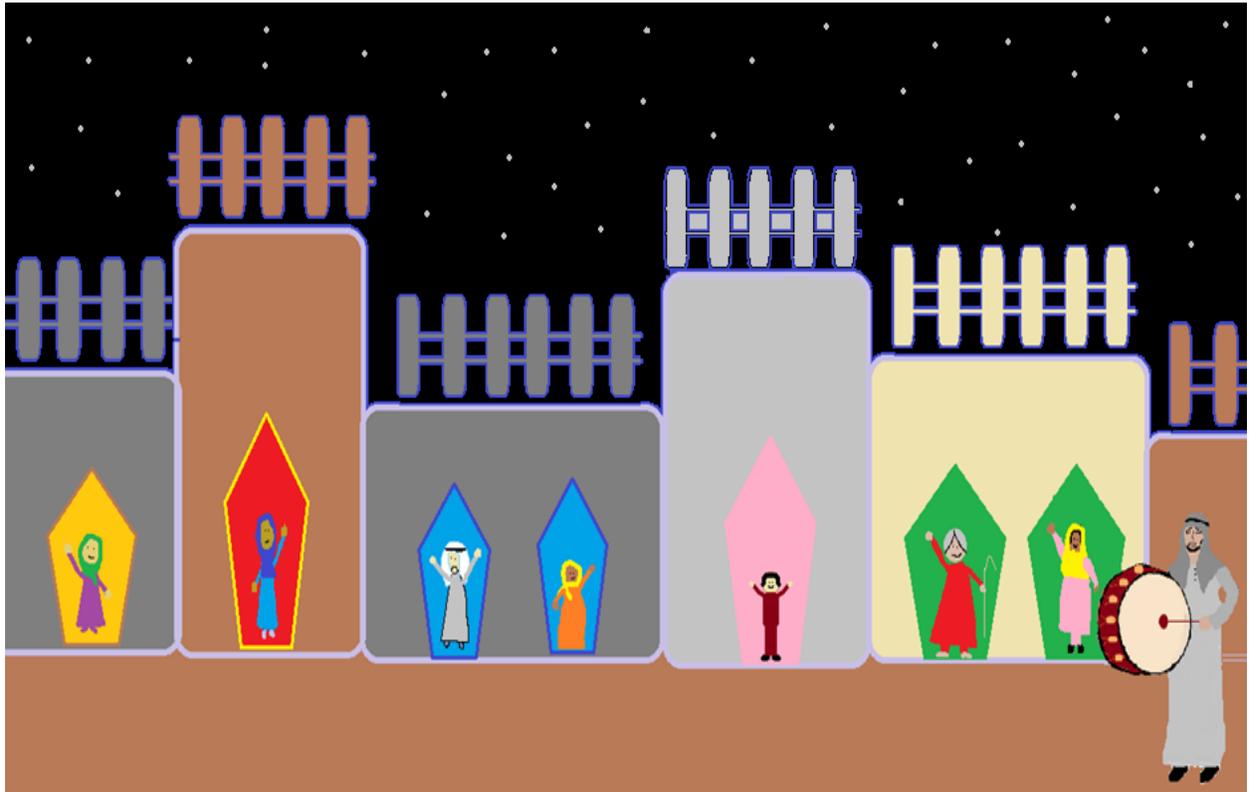


Moms and dads woke up, boys and girls woke up. Everyone woke up!



"Thank you for waking us up, Abu Dubdub," they said and they gave Abu Dubdub some food for sahoor.

"Jazak Allahu khairan. Thank you!" said the Ramadan Drummer.



Everyone was happy. Everyone got up for sahoor. Everyone ate their food and drank their water.

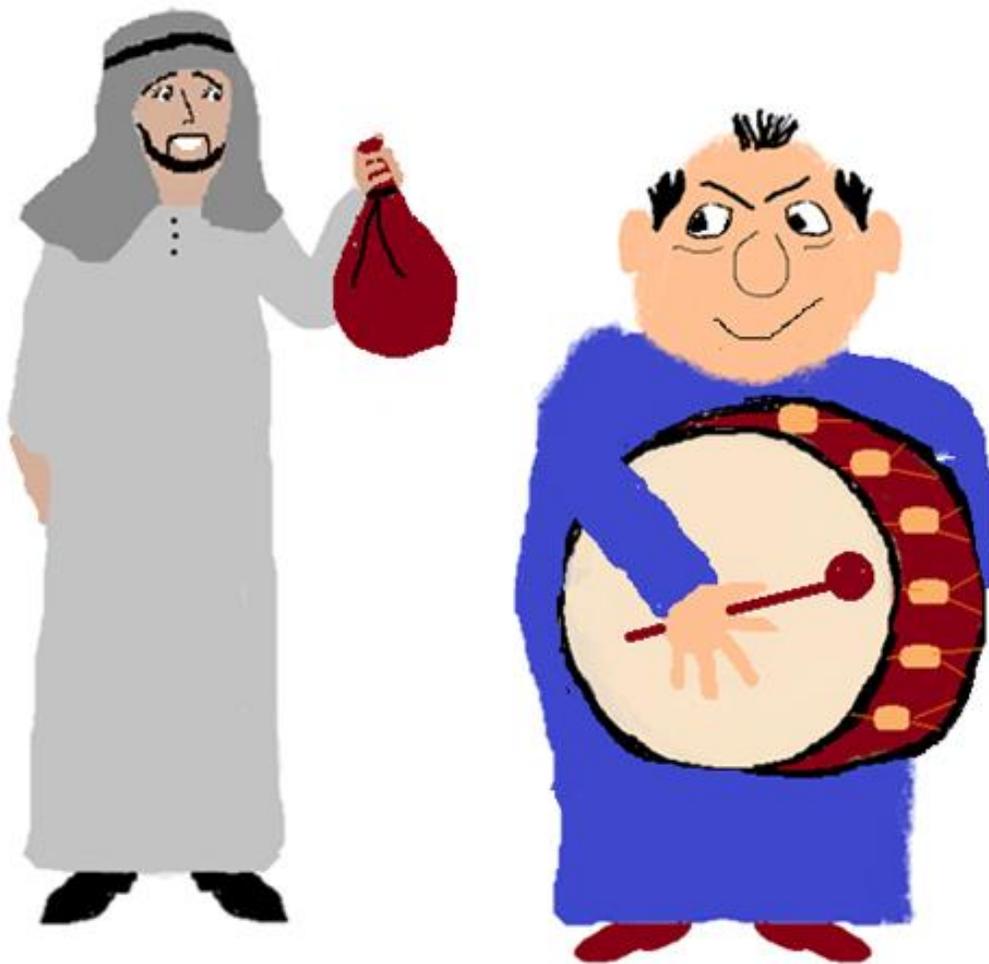


But one day a rich man came to live in the town. When Abu Dubdub played his drum the rich man was angry.

"I want to sleep!" he said.

He watched Abu Dubdub from his window.

"I will stop the Ramadan Drummer," said the rich man.

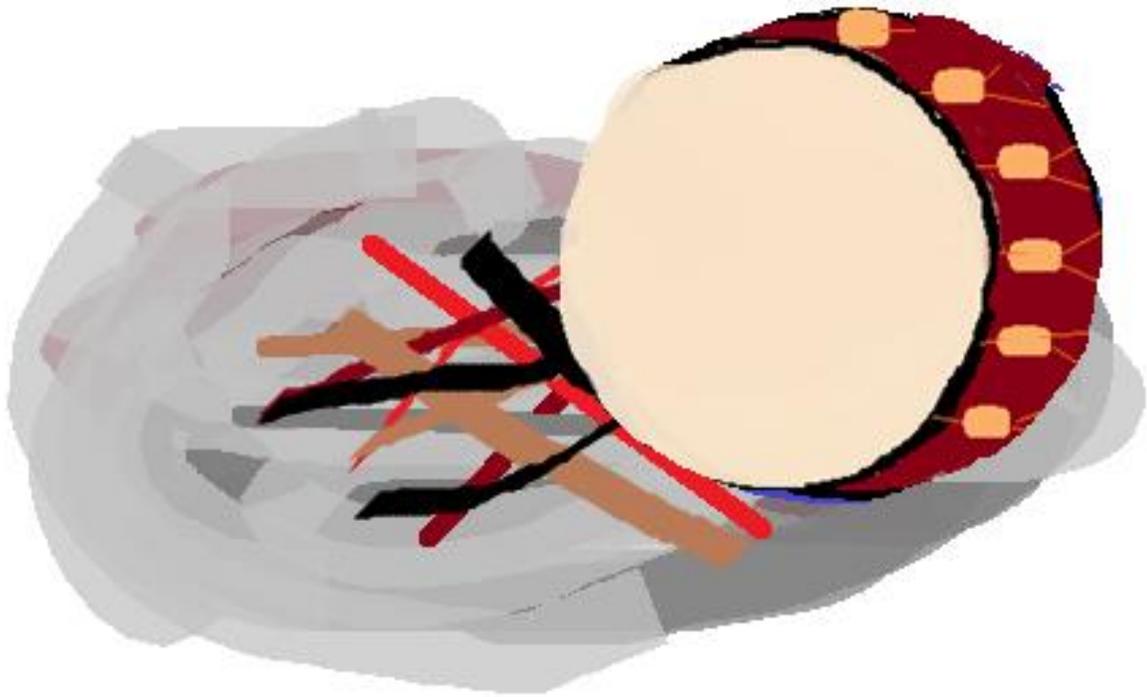


"Here is a bag of gold," said the rich man.

"Give me your drum."

Abu Dubdub looked at the gold and said,

"Thank you. I will buy another drum with the gold."



"No, no, no," said the rich man. "If you take the gold you cannot be a Ramadan drummer."

"But I like my Ramadan drum," said Abu Dubdub.

"Yes, but you are poor," said the rich man.

"Take the gold so you can be rich."

So Abu Dubdub took the gold.

The rich man threw Abu Dubdub's drum in his burn pile.



Early in the morning at sahoor Abu Dubdub did not play his drum so the people did not get up for sahoor.



When the people woke up the sun was in the sky!

"Subhan'Allah!" they said, "What happened to the Ramadan Drummer?"



"I did not eat!" said a man.

"I did not eat!" said a girl.

"We did not eat," said everyone.

Everyone was hungry and everyone was sad



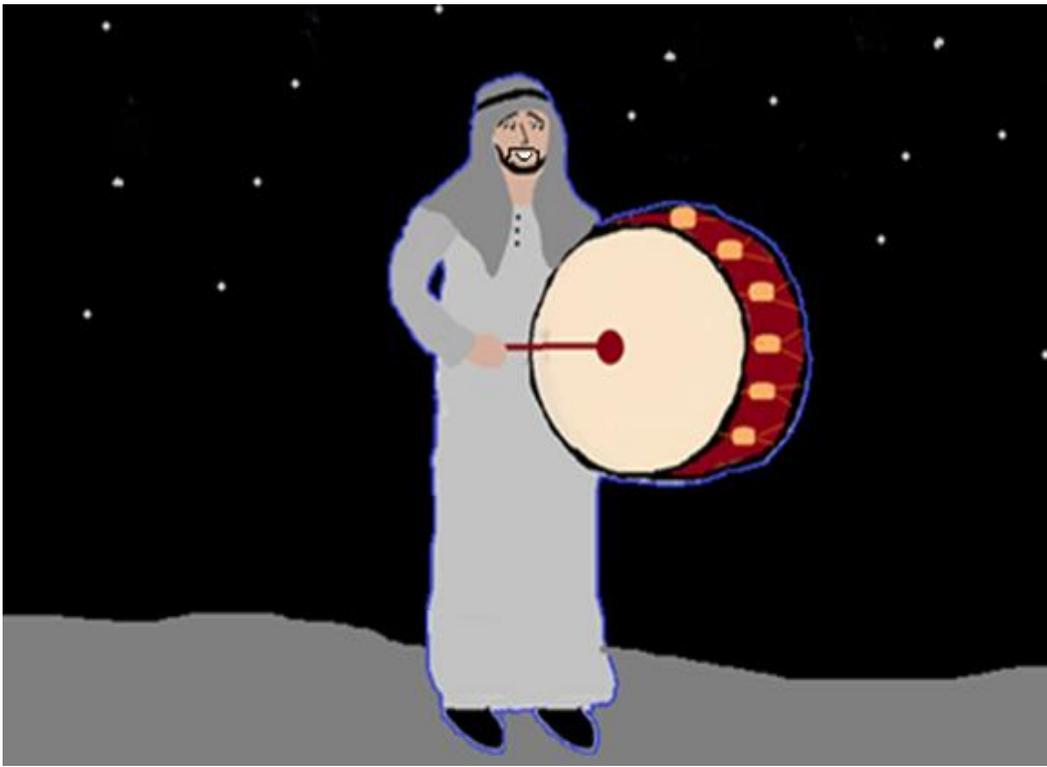
Only the rich man was happy.  
"Good!" he said, "Now I can sleep!"



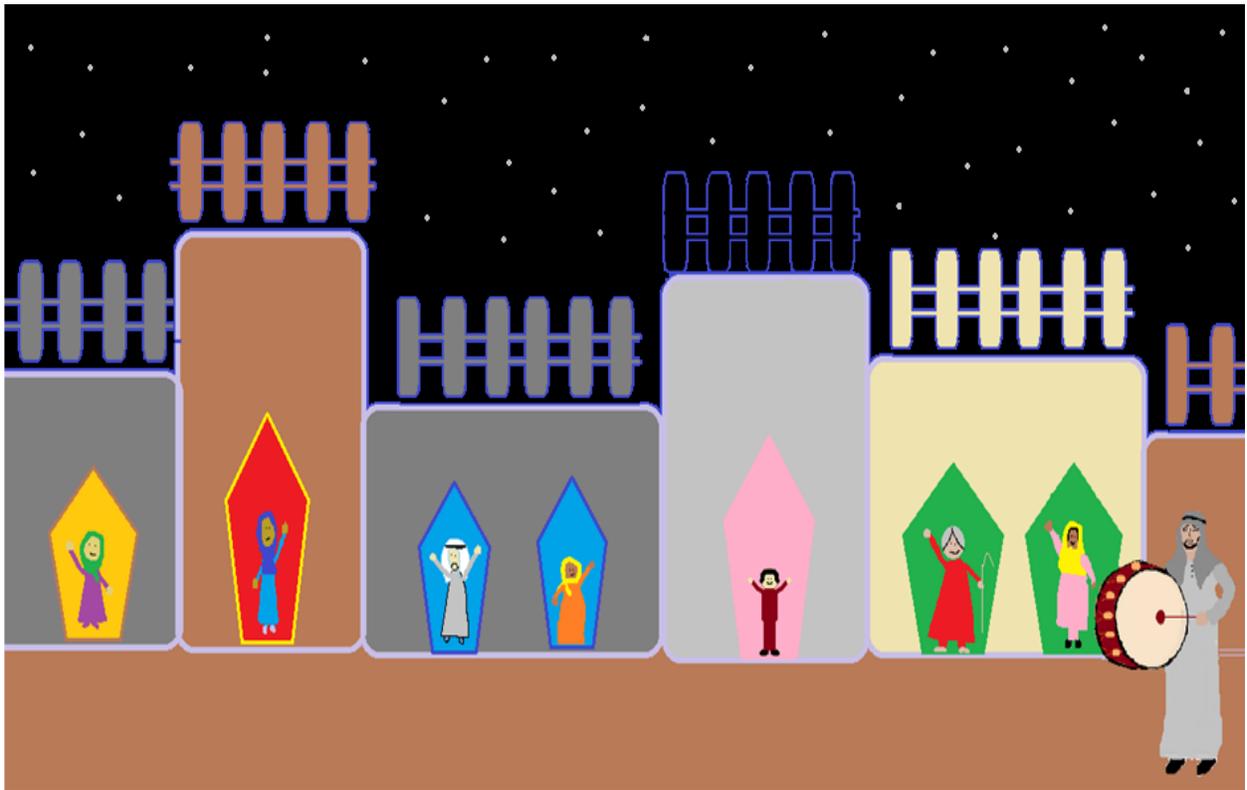
Abu Dubdub was very sad too. He missed playing his drum. Abu Dubdub looked at the gold and said, "I do not need the gold. I need my Ramadan drum!"



So Abu Dubdub took the gold to the rich man and got back his Ramadan drum.



Early in the morning when it was still dark  
Abu Dubdub took out his drum and walked up  
and down the streets waking people up for  
sahoor.



"Dum dum bada dum dum.  
Time for sahoor, time to eat.  
Time to get up from your sleep.  
Dum dum bada dum dum!"  
sang Abu Dubdub.



When the rich man heard the Ramadan Drummer he was very angry. "I will not stay here anymore!" he said.



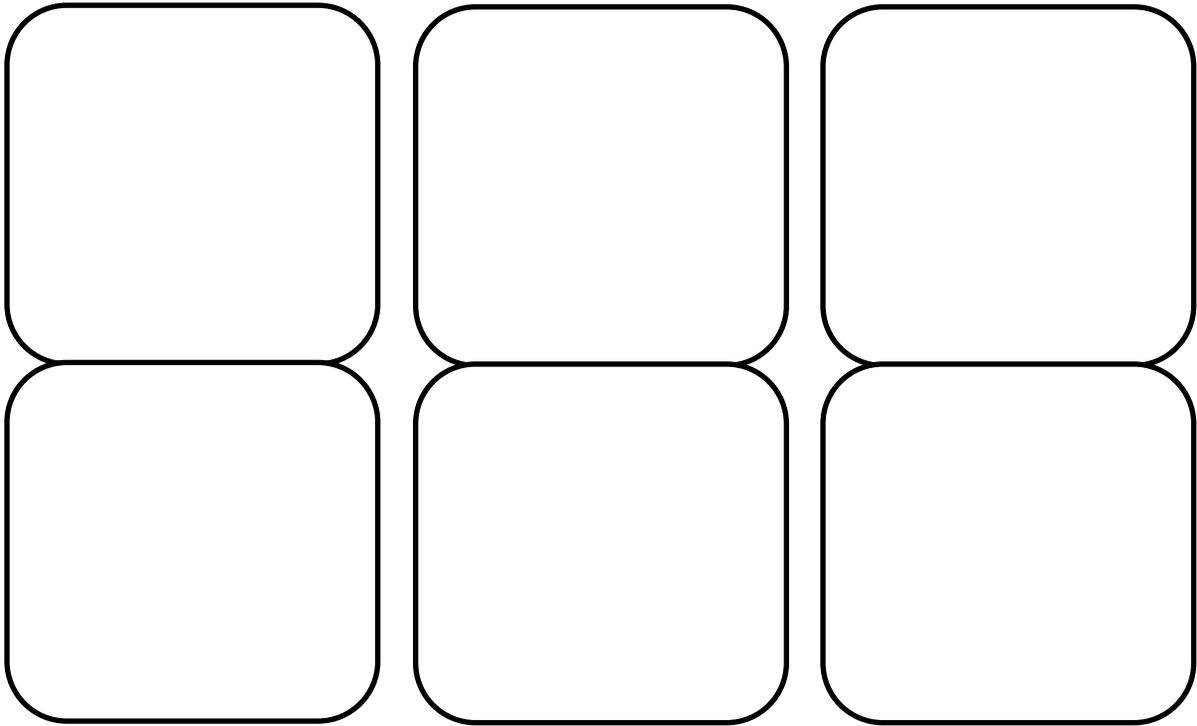
Everyone was happy when they heard Abu Dubdub's Ramadan drum. Everyone got up for sahoor.

"Thank you, Abu Dubdub! Jazak Allahu khairan!" they said.

"Barak Allah fi kum!" said the Ramadan Drummer.

# Community Helpers

Abu Dubdub helps people in Ramadan. Draw and write sentences about your community helpers.

Six empty rounded rectangular boxes arranged in two rows of three, intended for drawing community helpers.Seven horizontal dotted lines provided for writing sentences about the community helpers.

# When I Grow Up

Draw a picture and write a sentence of what you want to be when you grow up?



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Every day we see people helping us in our community. Write and draw how you help people in your family and community.



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# The Ramadan Drummer



Abu Dubdub is a Ramadan Drummer. He wakes people up for sahoor. One day a rich man comes to live in the town. He wants to sleep. "I will stop the Ramadan Drummer!" he says. Find out what happens when the rich man gives Abu Dubdub a bag of gold and throws the Ramadan drum away.

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