

# Ziñjabeel

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### **Glossary**

Dua: Arabic term for prayer or asking something from God (not worship)

Eid Kareem: An Arabic holiday greeting, the term means a generous Eid.

Eid Mubarak: An Arabic holiday greeting, the term means a blessed Eid.

Fajr: There are five times of worship in Islam. Fajr is the name of the first, the early dawn prayer.

Insh'Allah: Arabic term meaning God willing.

Jazak Allahu khairan: Arabic for may God reward you with good.

Layla-tul-Qadr: Night of Power – a special night that falls in the month of Ramadan in which Angel Gabriel descends with a host of angels. The night is better than a 1000 months.

Mash'Allah: Arabic terms which means whatever God wills.

Masjid: Arabic term for mosque

Ramadan: The ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar and also the month of fasting.

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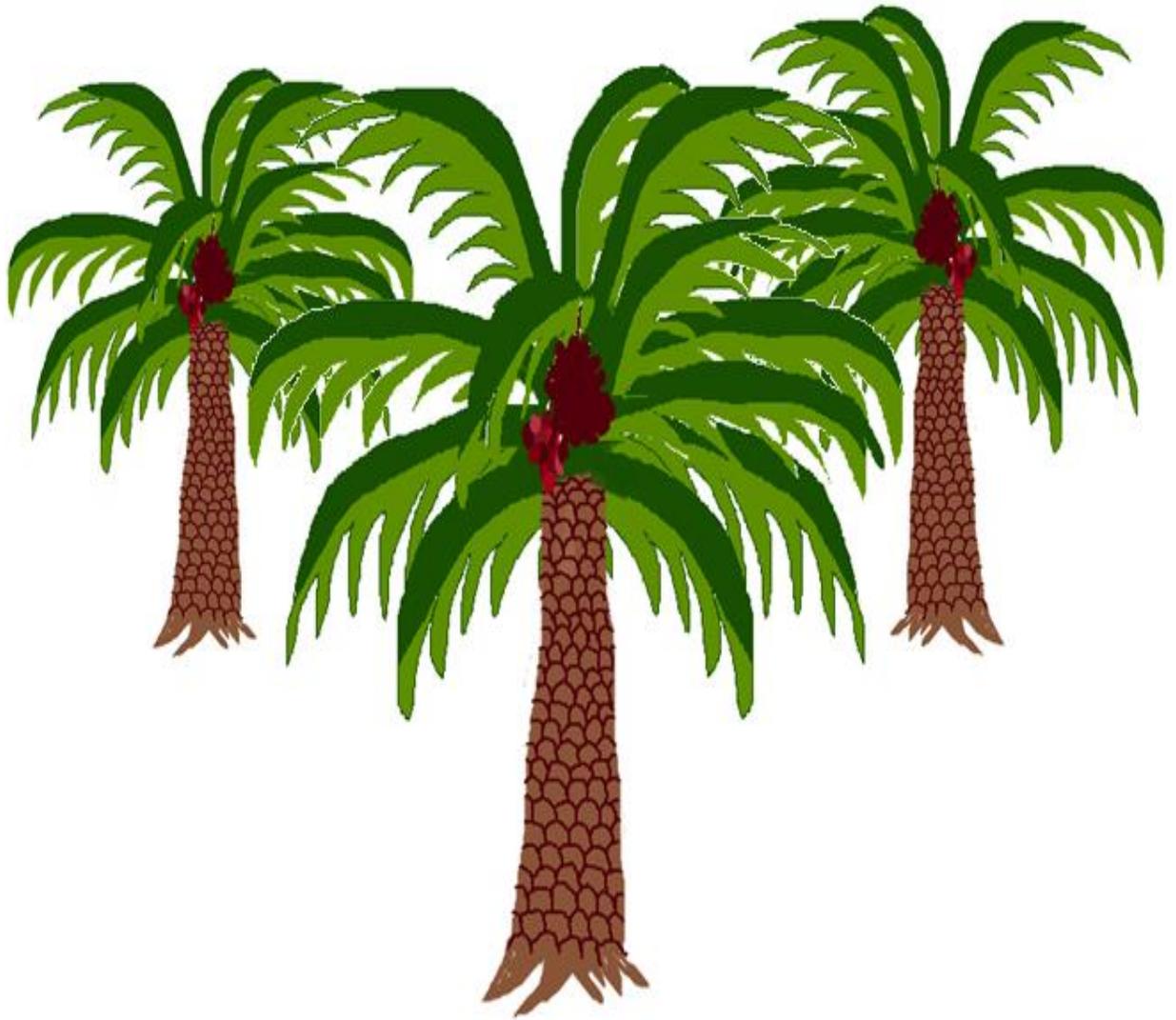
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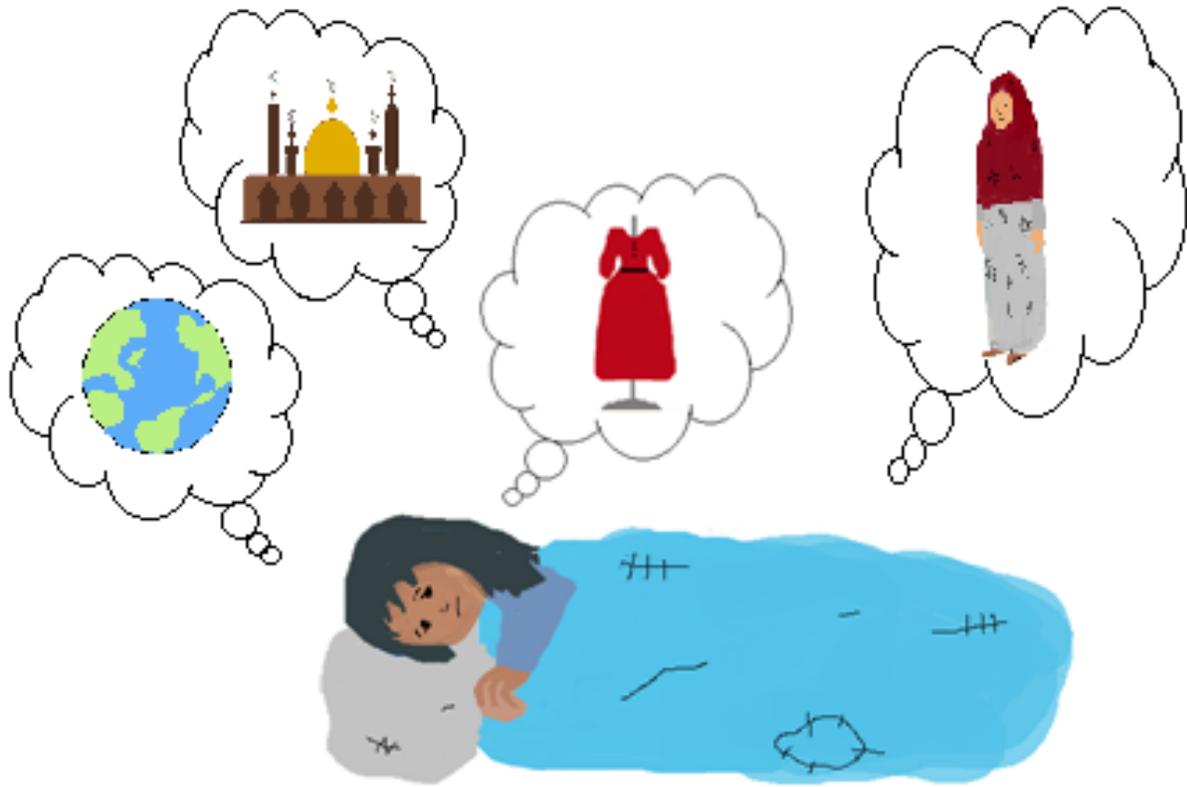
Zinjabeel lived with her grandma because she didn't have a mom or a dad. Zinjabeel loved her grandma and always made dua for her.



Zinjabeel and her grandma were poor. They sold dates to buy food.



Every day they passed a dress shop. Zinjabeel would look through the window. She loved the red dress and wished she could buy it. But she didn't say anything because she knew that her grandma didn't have any money.



Zinjabeel made lots of dua especially at night. One of her duas was to get a red dress just like the one in the shop window.



Zinjabeel's grandma felt sad. She knew that Zinjabeel wanted the dress. So she thought and thought and thought. How could she get the dress for Zinjabeel?



Soon it was Ramadan. Grandma bought some red cloth. When Zinjabeel was asleep, Grandma worked on the dress.



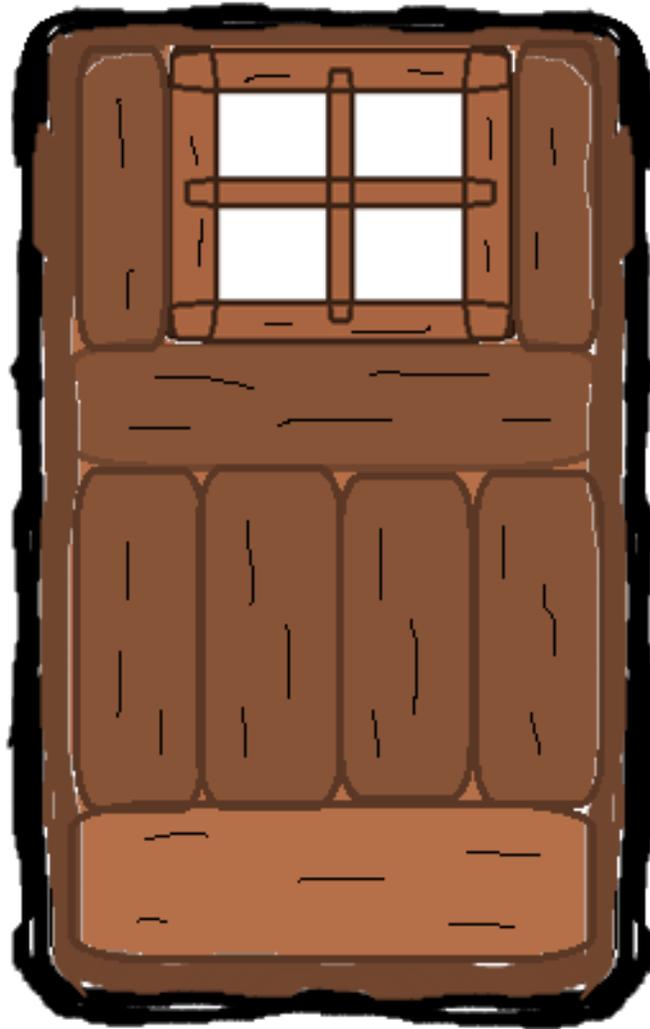
There were only ten more days of Ramadan so Grandma and Zinjabeel went to the masjid for Qiyam-ul-Layl to pray and make dua.



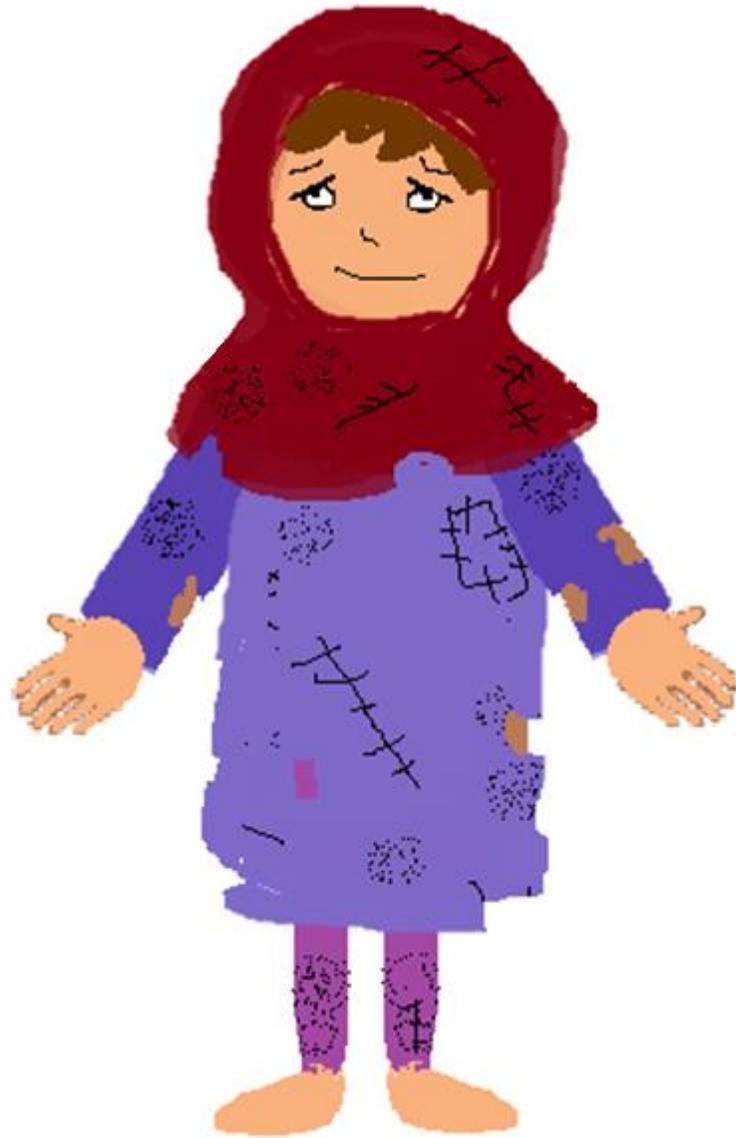
On the 26<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan Grandma finished making the red dress. Grandma looked at the dress and smiled and nodded. "Insh'Allah, Zinjabeel will like this dress. It's just like the one in the shop window," she said.



Zinjabeel loved the dress. She was so happy! "Jazak Allahu khairan, Grandma," she said, "This is the best dress in the whole wide world!"



Just as Zinjabeel was about to try on her Ramadan dress there was a knock at the door. Grandma opened the door.



A little girl stood outside and said, "Asalaamu alaikum, please can I have some dates?"

"Wa alaikum salaam," said Grandma and Zinjabeel.

"Yes, yes, yes," said Grandma. "Insh'Allah you can have lots of dates!"



Zinjabeel looked at the girl and felt very sad. The little girl's dress was very old. Zinjabeel whispered to Grandma, "Can I please give my new dress to the girl?" she asked. Grandma smiled and nodded.



Grandma gave the girl some dates. Zinjabeel gave the girl her beautiful, red, Ramadan dress. The girl said, "Mash'Allah! It's the most beautiful dress in the whole wide world!"



On the last day of Ramadan there was a knock at the door.  
"Eid Mubarak! This is for Eid," said a man and he gave  
Grandma a big box.  
"Eid Kareem! Jazak Allahu khairan," said Grandma and gave  
the man some dates.



In the box were lots of wonderful things. But Zinjabeel's favorite gifts were the three beautiful dresses. "Thank you, Allah," whispered Zinjabeel, "I love You!"

# Word Unscramble



Unscramble the following words from the story of Zinjabeel.

eeljnbza .....

raanmdg .....

oorp .....

aestd .....

rssed .....

asud .....

edr .....

dlrow .....

lhotc .....

suoqme .....

ndaaamr .....

amiyq .....

oodr .....

rilg .....

oxb .....

conkk .....



Make a sentence with the words hiding in the tree.

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# Making People Happy

List five different things that you can do to make people happy.

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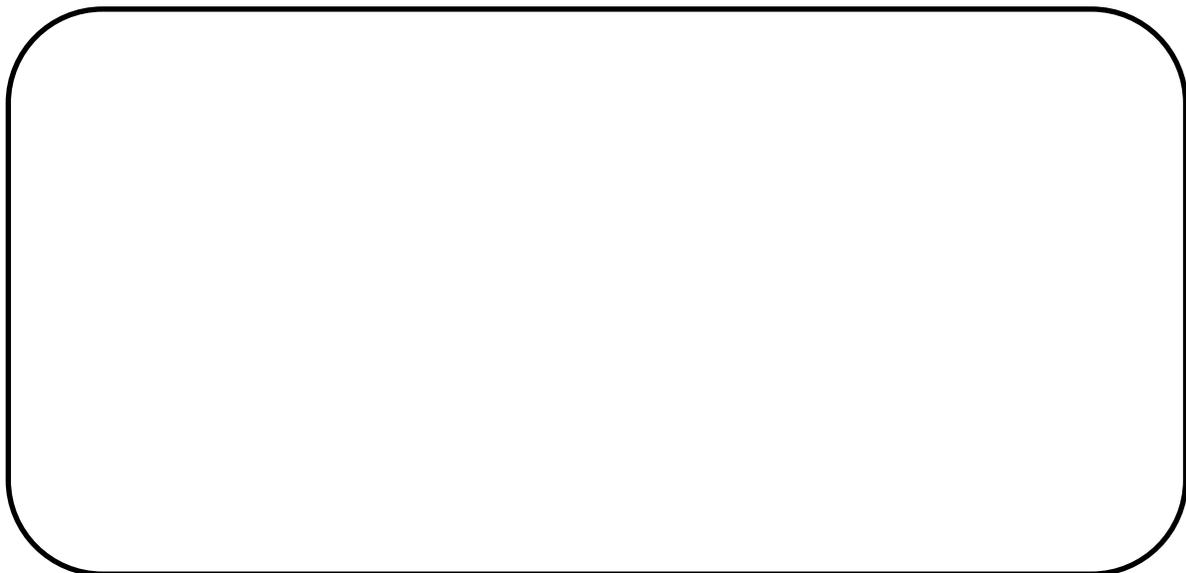
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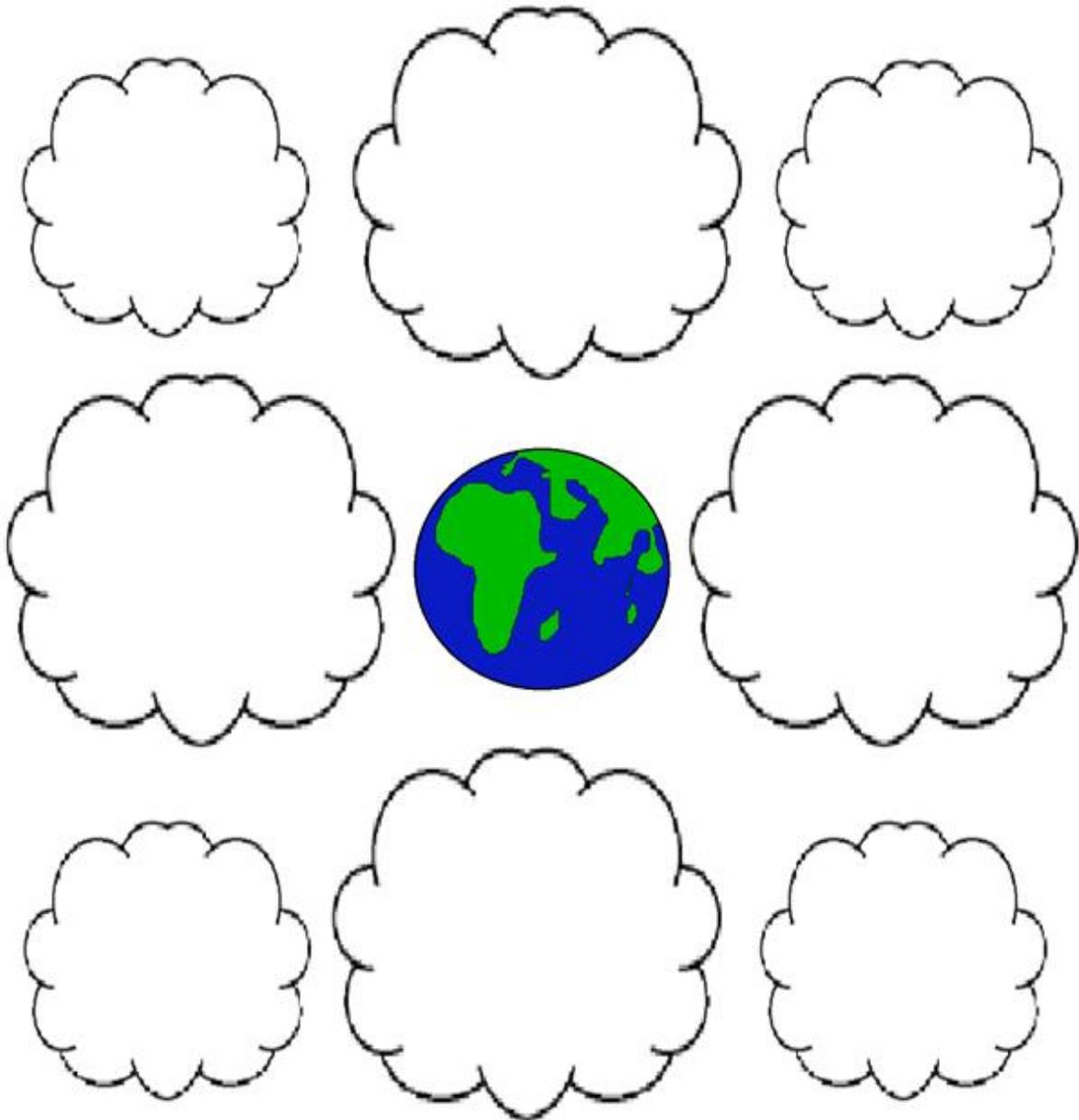
5. ....

Draw a picture of a time when someone did something to make you happy.



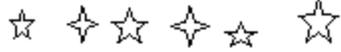
# What Could Make the World a Better Place?

Draw things or write words that you think can make the world a better place.



# A Message of Kindness

Photocopy this page and send a message of kindness to someone you know.

A Message of Kindness  السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ 

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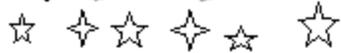
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Kind regards .....

A Message of Kindness  السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ 

Dear .....

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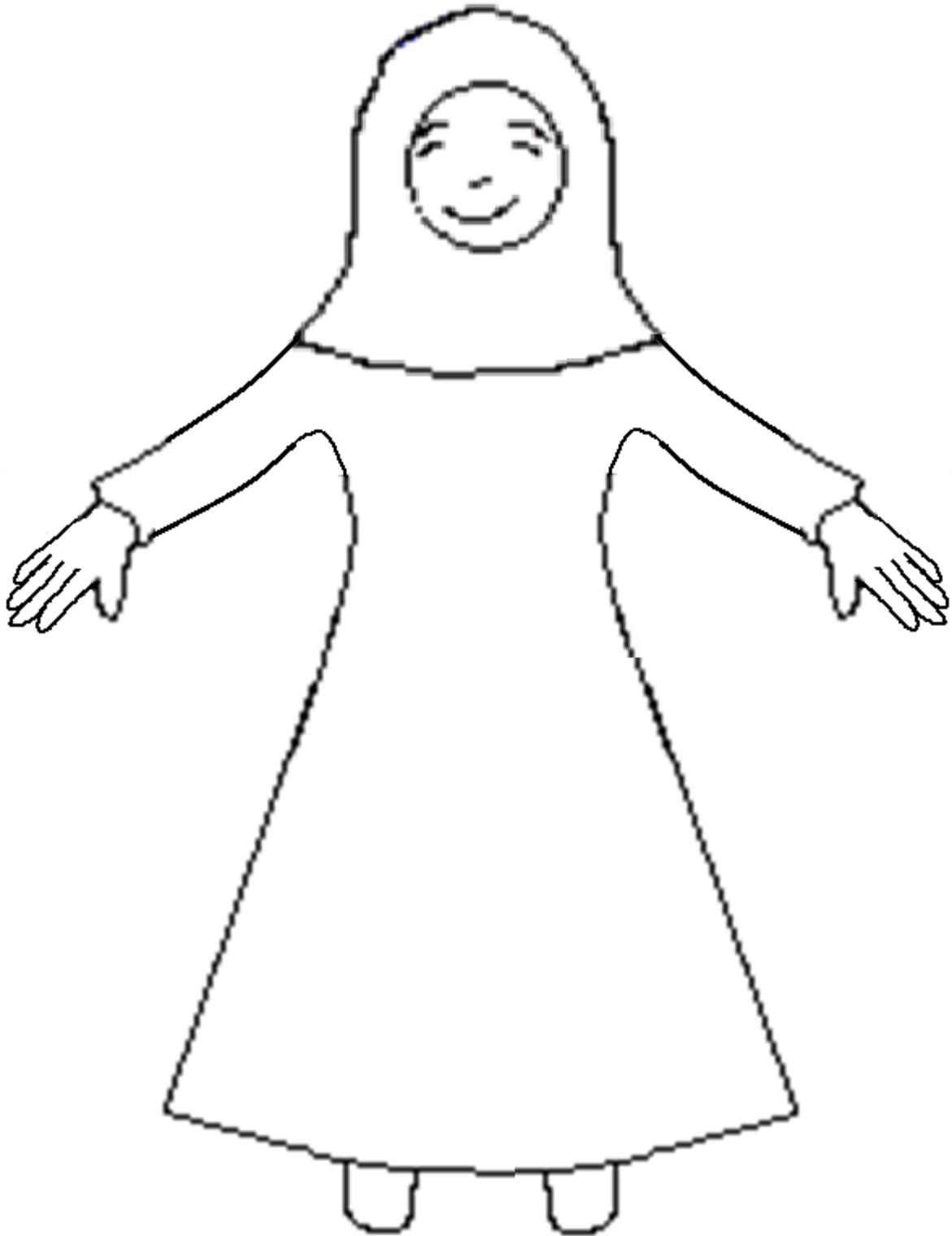
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Kind regards .....

Design A Dress For Zinjabeel



# A New Dress

Photocopy this page in color. Cut out the pictures. Use the arrow flaps to hang a new dress on the little girl. Design your own dress on the white copy.



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Zinjabeel and her grandma are poor. They sell dates to make a living. It's Ramadan, a time of prayer and generosity. On the eve of Layla-tul-Qadr there is a knock at the door. A little girl ask for some dates. Zinjabeel looks at the girl and then decides to put the needs of other before her own.

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