

# The Adventures of Ali and Friends

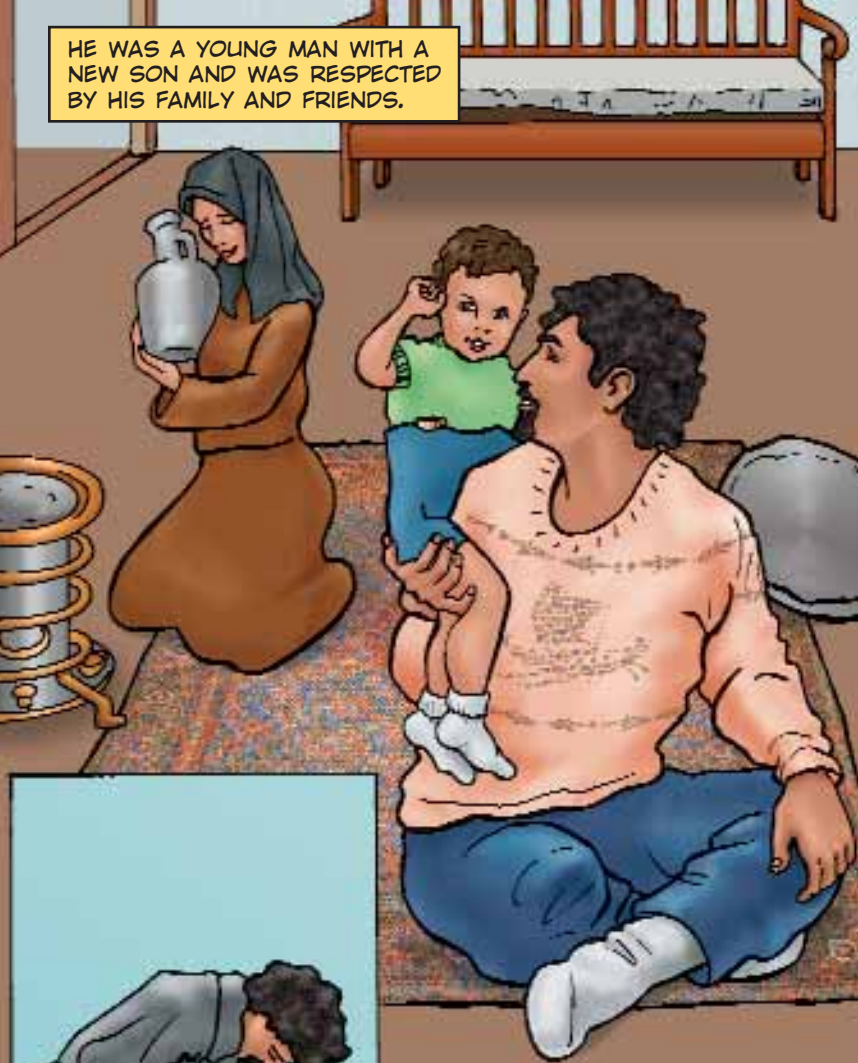


ALI WOKE UP EARLY EVERY DAY TO  
BAKE BREAD IN THE SMALL BAKERY  
HE OWNED WITH HIS FAMILY.





HE WAS A YOUNG MAN WITH A NEW SON AND WAS RESPECTED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

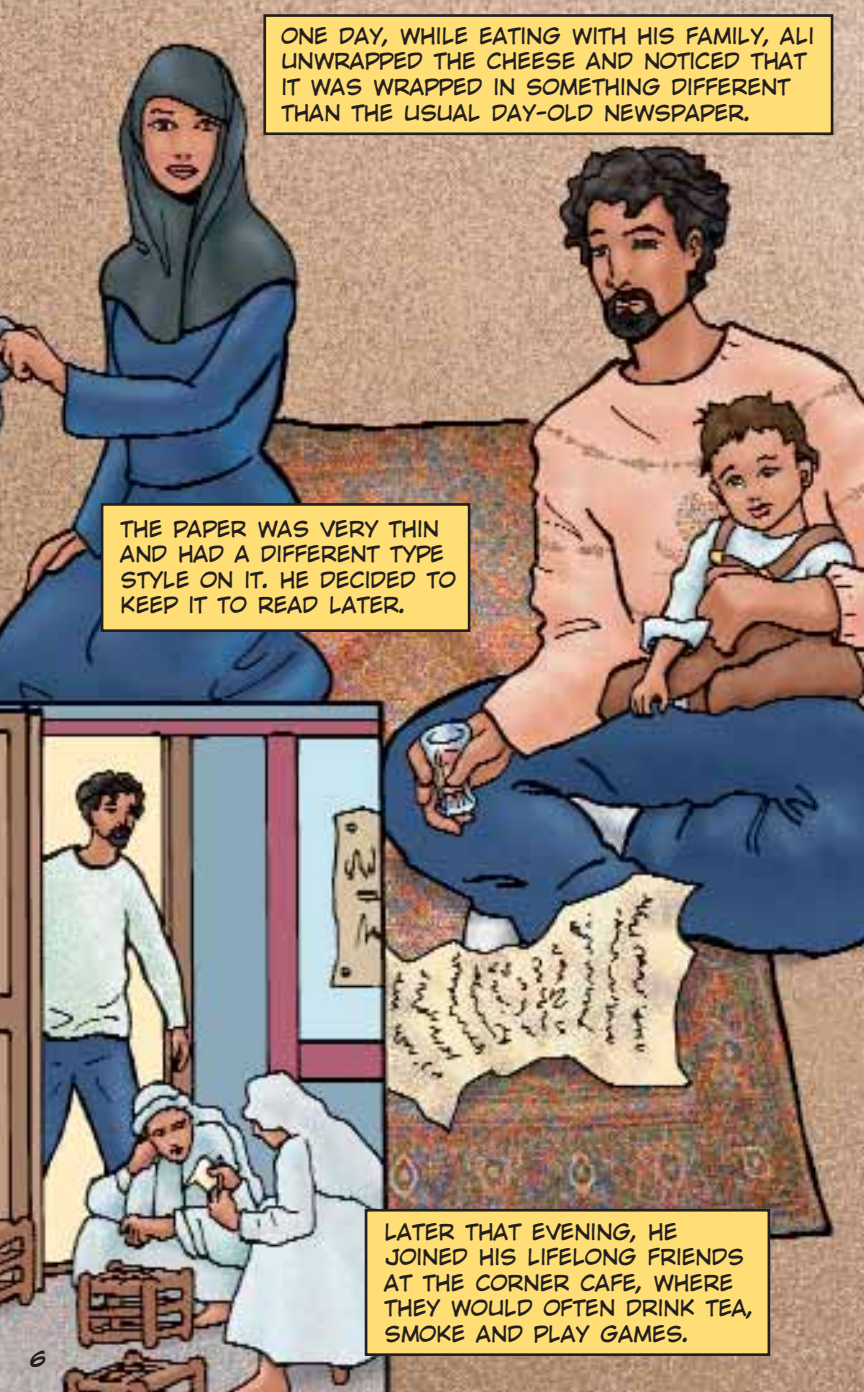


ALI WAS ALSO A GODLY MAN WHO HUNGERED FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

ON HIS WAY HOME EACH DAY, ALI WOULD REGULARLY BUY CHEESE THAT HE WOULD BRING HOME TO HIS WIFE AND SON FOR DINNER.







ONE DAY, WHILE EATING WITH HIS FAMILY, ALI UNWRAPPED THE CHEESE AND NOTICED THAT IT WAS WRAPPED IN SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN THE USUAL DAY-OLD NEWSPAPER.

THE PAPER WAS VERY THIN AND HAD A DIFFERENT TYPE STYLE ON IT. HE DECIDED TO KEEP IT TO READ LATER.

LATER THAT EVENING, HE JOINED HIS LIFELONG FRIENDS AT THE CORNER CAFE, WHERE THEY WOULD OFTEN DRINK TEA, SMOKE AND PLAY GAMES.



LOOK AT WHAT I FOUND WRAPPED AROUND MY CHEESE!

MOLD?

NO, SOME KIND OF SPECIAL PAPER, LIKE A HOLY BOOK...AND IT HAS A STORY.

A STORY? WHAT KIND OF STORY? READ IT!

ALI READS,

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.



ALI LOOKED UP AT THE FACES OF HIS HIGHLY INTERESTED FRIENDS.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I DON'T KNOW BUT THIS MAN WAS A FOOL! MY UNCLE IS A JEWELER AND WOULD NEVER SELL HIS STORE FOR ONE PEARL.

BUT WHAT IF THIS PEARL WAS THE MOST SPECIAL JEWEL IN ALL OF THE COUNTRY?

IF THAT WAS THE CASE, THEN IT WOULD BE EASIER TO STEAL IT!

HA HA  
HA HA!

BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN, "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE..."?

THERE'S MORE...



Jesus began to teach them...

You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.



You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.



If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

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MUCH ABOUT  
ALLAH I DO NOT  
UNDERSTAND.

TOMORROW,  
ALI, BUY SOME  
MORE OF THIS  
CHEESE!





THE NEXT DAY, AFTER CLOSING HIS BAKERY, ALI STOPPED TO BUY MORE CHEESE.

PLEASE, MR. AHMAD, WRAP THE CHEESE IN THE SAME PAPER AS YESTERDAY.

THE GROCER LOOKED PUZZLED BUT DID AS ALI REQUESTED. LATER THAT EVENING, ALI ONCE AGAIN JOINED HIS FRIENDS AT THE CAFE.

WELL, WHAT WISDOM WILL YOUR CHEESE BRING US TODAY, ALI?

IT IS ANOTHER STORY, BUT LONGER.

SO YOU MUST HAVE BOUGHT A BIGGER SLICE.

HA HA  
HA HA'





# the parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued:

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them.

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.





After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.



When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men." So he got up and went to his father.





But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.



The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."





But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate."

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.



WHAT DOES THIS STORY MEAN?

THE SON BROUGHT SHAME TO HIS FATHER. THE FATHER WAS PROBABLY LAUGHED OUT OF HIS VILLAGE.

THEN WHY WOULD HE KILL THE GOAT AND HAVE A FEAST FOR HIS SON?

BECAUSE HE FORGAVE HIS SON.

BUT WHY, WITH ALL THE SHAME HE BROUGHT-- MY FATHER WOULD HAVE KILLED ME.

MINE TOO!

THIS IS ALSO A STORY FROM THE PROPHET JESUS--WHAT WAS HE TRYING TO TELL US?

THAT ALLAH FORGIVES LIKE THIS FATHER?



***WE NEED  
MORE  
CHEESE!***



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