

Stories of the Prophets for Children

Who Broke the Idols?

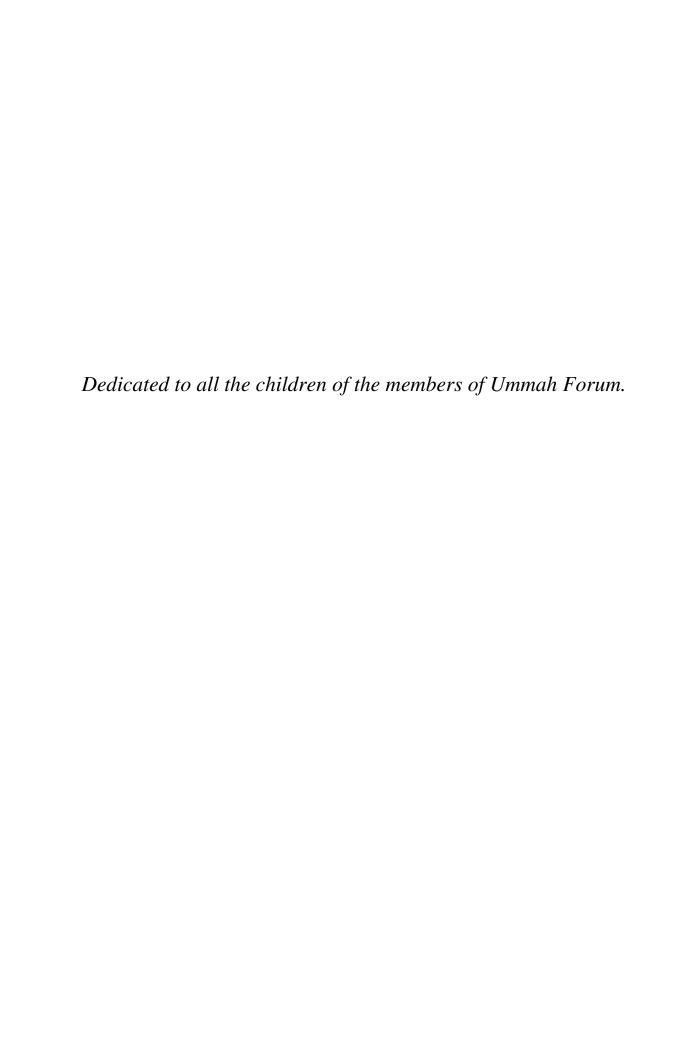
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The Seller Of Idols

بائع الأصنام

قَبْلَ أَيَّام كَثيرَةِ. كَثيرَة حِداً

A long, long time ago.

كانَ في قرية رجلٌ مَشْهُور جِداً

In a village there lived a very famous man.

وَكَانَ اسم هَذَا الرجل آزَرَ

The name of this man was Azar.

وكَانَ آزر يبيع الأصنام

And Azar used to sell idols.

وَكَانَ فِي هذِه الْقَرْيَةِ بيتٌ كَبيرٌ جدّاً

In this village there was a very big house.

وَكَانَ في هذا البيتَ أصنام، أصنام كَثِيرَةُ إجداً

And in this house there were idols, very many idols!

وَكَانَ الناسُ يَسْجُدُونَ لِهذِه الأصنام

People used to prostrate to these idols.

وَكَانَ آزَرُ يَسْجُدُ لِهذِهِ الأصننامَ

And Azar used to prostate to these idols.

وَكَانَ آزَرُ يعبدُ هذهِ الأصنام

And he used to worship these idols.

ولد آزر Azar's Son

وَكَانَ آزَرُ لَهُ وَلَدٌ رَشِيدٌ حِداً

Azar had a son who was very rightly-guided.

وَكَان اسمُ هذا الوَلْدِ إِبرَاهِيمَ.

The name of this son was Ibrahim.

و كان إبراهيم يرى الناس

Ibrahim saw the people.

وكان إبراهيم يرى الناس يسجدون للأصنام

And he saw them prostrating to idols.

ويرى الناس يعبدون الأصنام

And he saw them worshipping the idols.

وكان إبر اهِيم يعرف أن الأصنام حِجَارة اللهُ

Ibrahim knew that the idols were only stone.

وَكَانَ يَعْرِفُ أَنِ الأصناء لا تتكلم ولا تَسْمَعُ

And he knew that the idols could not speak or hear.

وَكَانَ يَعْرِفُ أَنَّ الأصنَّامَ لا تَضُرُّ وَلا تَنْفَعُ

And he knew that the idols could neither harm nor benefit anyone.

وَكَانَ يَرَى أَنَّ الدُّبَابَ يجلس عَلى الأصنام فلا تَدْفَعُ

He saw that flies were sitting on the idols, and they could not even defend themselves from that.

And he saw that mice were eating the idols' food and they could not prevent it.

Ibrahim said to himself: "Why are people prostrating to idols?"

And he asked himself: "Why do people ask idols for things?"

Ibrahim's Advice

نصيحة إبراهيم

وَكَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ يَقُولُ لِوالدِهِ

Ibrahim said to his father:

يا أبي, لمِاذا تَعْبُدُ هذهِ الأصنامَ ؟

"Oh my father, why do you worship these idols?"

و يَا أبي لماذا تَسْجُدُ لِهذِه الأصنام؟

"And Oh my father, why do you prostrate to these idols?"

وَيَا أَبِي لَمَاذًا تَسْأَلُ هَذِهِ الْأَصْنَامَ؟

"And Oh my father, why do you ask these idols for things?"

إِن هذهِ الأصنامَ لا تَتَكَلمُ ولا تَسمَع

"Indeed, these idols cannot speak or hear."

وَإِنَّ هذهِ الأصنامَ لا تَضر ولا تَنفع

"And indeed these idols cannot harm or benefit anyone!"

وَلأَىِّ شَيْءٍ تَضَع لَهَا الطَّعَامَ وَالشرابَ؟

"Why are you giving them food and drink?"

وَإِنَّ هذهِ الأصناء بَا أبي لا تَأكلُ وَلا تَشر ب

"Oh my father, indeed these idols cannot eat or drink!"

وكان آزر يغضب والا يفهم

Aazar became angry and did not understand.

Ibrahim was advising his people, but the people became angry and did not understand.

Ibrahim said: "I will break the idols when the people go, and then they will understand."

Ibrahim Breaks The Idols

إبراهيم يكسر الأصنام

وجَاءَ يَوْمُ عِيْدٍ فَفَرِحَ النَّاسُ

A day of celebration arrived and the people became happy.

And the people went out for the celebration and the children went out too.

And Ibrahim's father went out and said to Ibraheem: "Aren't you going out with us?"

Ibrahim replied: "I am sick!"

The people went and Ibrahim remained at home.

Ibrahim came to the idols and said to them: "Can't you speak? Can't you hear?"

"This is food and drink. Won't you eat? Won't you drink?"

But the idols kept quiet because they were stones which cannot speak.

Ibrahim said: "What is wrong with you? Why don't you speak?"

وسكتت الأصنام وما نطقت

And the idols kept quiet and did not speak.

حِينَئذٍ غَضب إبراهِيمُ وَأَخَذَ الْفأس

At that Ibrahim became angry and grabbed the axe.

وَضَرَبَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الأصنام بالقأس وكَسَرَ الأصنام

He hit the idols with the axe and broke them.

وَتَركَ إِبْراهِيمُ الصنَمَ الأكبر وعَلَقَ الفَأْسَ فِي عُنْقه

But he left the biggest idol and hung the axe around its neck.

The people returned and entered the house of the idols.

They wanted to prostrate to the idols, since it was a day of celebration.

But the people were amazed and stunned.

And they felt sad and angry.

They asked: "Who did this to our gods?"

They said: "We heard a youngster called Ibrahim mentioning them."

They asked: "Are you the one who did this to our gods, Oh Ibrahim?"

He replied: "No, rather the biggest one of them did it; so ask them if they can speak."

But the people knew that the idols were only stones.

And they knew that stones cannot hear or speak.

And they knew that the biggest idol was a stone too.

And that it was not capable of walking or moving.

And that it was not capable of breaking the idols.

So they told Ibrahim: "You know that the idols cannot speak."

Ibrahim responded: "So how can you worship the idols while they cannot harm or benefit anyone?"

"And how can you ask the idols for things while they cannot speak or hear?"

"Don't you understand anything!? Don't you think!?"

So the people were silenced and became ashamed.

The people gathered together and asked: "What shall we do?"

"Indeed, Ibrahim has broken the idols and insulted the gods."

The people asked: "What should Ibrahim's punishment be? What should his requital be?"

The answer was: "Burn him, and give victory to your gods."

And that is what happened: they lit a fire and threw Ibrahim into it.

But Allah helped Ibrahim and said to the fire:

"Oh fire, be cool and peaceful on Ibrahim."

And that is what happened: the fire was cool and peaceful on him.

The people saw that the fire was not harming Ibrahim.

ورَأى النَّاسُ أنَّ إبْرَاهيم مَسْرور، وَأنَّ إبرَاهيم سالمٌ

And they saw that Ibrahim was happy and that he was safe and healthy.

وَدَهِش النّاسُ وَ تَحيروا

They were amazed and bewildered.

That night Ibrahim saw a star and he said: "This is my Lord."

But when the star disappeared he said: "No! This is not my Lord."

Ibrahim saw the moon and he said: "This is my Lord."

But when the moon disappeared he said: "No! This is not my Lord."

The sun rose and he said: "This is my Lord; this is the greatest."

But when the sun set at night he said: "No! This is not my Lord."

"Indeed, Allah is Ever-Living and never dies."

"Indeed, Allah is Eternal and never disappears."

"Indeed, Allah is the Most Powerful and nothing overpowers Him."

والكوكب ضعيف يَعْلِبُهُ الصُبْحُ

"The star is weak; it is overpowered by the morning."

وَالْقَمَرُ ضَعِيفٌ تَغْلِبُهُ الشَّمْس

"And the moon is weak; it is overpowered by the sun."

وَالشَّمس ضَعِيفَة يَغْلِبُهَا اللَّيْلُ وَيَغْلِبِهَا الْغَيْمُ

"And the sun is weak; it is overpowered by the night and by the clouds."

و لا ينصرني الْكُورْكَبُ لأنّهُ ضَعيف

"The star cannot help me because it is weak."

ولا يَنصرنِي الْقَمَر 'لأنّه ضعيف

"And the moon cannot help me because it is weak."

و لا تُنصر ني الشمس لأنَّها ضَعِيفَةٌ

"And the sun cannot help me because it is weak."

وَيَنصرْني الله

"But Allah helps me."

لأن الله حَيٌّ لا يموت

"Because Allah is Ever-Living and never dies."

و بَاقِ لا يَغِيب

"And Eternal and never disappears."

وَقُويٌّ لا يَغلِبُه شيءٌ

"And the Most Powerful and nothing overpowers Him."

My Lord Is Allah

ربِّي الله

وَعَرَفَ إبراهيمُ أنَّ اللهَ ربُّه

Ibrahim recognised that Allah is his Lord.

لأن الله حَى لا يموت

Because Allah is Ever-Living and never dies.

وَأَن اللهَ باقِ لا يَغِيبُ

And Allah is Eternal and never disappears.

وَأَنَّ الله قُويُّ لا يَغْلبهُ شيء

And Allah is the Most Powerful and nothing overpowers Him.

وَعَرَفَ إبراهيمُ أن اللهَ رَبُّ الْكُوكَبِ

Ibrahim recognised that Allah is the Lord of the star!

وَأَنَّ اللهَ رَبُّ الْقَمَر

And that Allah is the Lord of the moon!

وَأَنَّ الله رَبُّ الشَّمْس

And that Allah is the Lord of the sun!

وَأَنَّ الله ربُّ العَالَمِيْنَ

And that Allah is the Lord of the entire universe!

و هَدَى الله إبر اهيم وجَعَلَهُ نبيًّا وَخَلِيلاً

Allah guided Ibrahim and made him a Prophet and took him as a friend.

And Allah commanded Ibrahim to invite his people towards Allah and to forbid them from worshiping idols.

Ibrahim's Invitation

دعوَةُ إبراهيم

وَدَعَا إبراهيم قُومَهُ إلى اللهِ وَمَنَعَهمْ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ الأصنام

Ibrahim invited his people towards Allah and forbade them from worshiping idols.

قال إبر اهيمُ لقو مه: مَا تَعبدُونَ

Ibrahim said to his people: "What are you worshiping?"

قَالُو ا نَعبد أصناما

They replied: "We are worshiping idols."

قَالَ إبر اهيم: هَلْ يَسمَعونَكُمْ إِذْ تَدْعُونَ

Ibrahim asked: "Can they hear you if you supplicate to them?"

أوْ يَنْفَعُونَكُمْ أوْ يَضرونَ

"Can they benefit you or cause any harm?"

قَالُوا بَلْ وَجَدْنَا آباءنا كذلِكَ يَفعَلُونَ

They replied: "No, but we found our forefathers doing this."

قالَ إبراهيمُ: فأنا لا أعْبُدُ هذهِ الأصنامَ

Ibrahim said: "So I will not worship these idols."

بَلْ أَنَا عَدُورٌ لهذه الأصننام

"Rather, I am an enemy to these idols."

أنَا أَعْبُدُ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِيْنِ

"I worship the Lord of the entire universe."

الذِي خَلْقَنى فَهُو َ يَهْدِيْن

"The One who created me and who guides me."

والذي هُوَ يُطْعِمُني وَيسْقِين

"The One who feeds me and gives me to drink."

وإِذَا مَر ضِنْتُ فَهو َ يَشْفِين

"And when I become sick, then He cures me."

والذِي يمِيتني ثمَّ يُحْيين

"The One who will cause me to die and then bring me back to life."

وَإِنَّ الأصنامَ لا تَخْلُقُ وَلا تَهدِي

"Indeed, the idols cannot create and cannot guide."

وَ إِنَّهَا لا تطعم أحداً ولا تسقى

"And indeed, they cannot feed anyone and cannot give him to drink."

وَ إِذَا مَرِضَ أَحَدٌ فَهِي لا تَشْفِي

"And if anyone becomes sick then they cannot cure him."

وَإِنهَا لا تُمِيتُ أَحَداً ولا تُحيي

"And indeed, they cannot cause anyone to die and cannot bring him back to life."

In the city, there was a very great king who was totally unjust.

People used to prostrate to the king.

The king heard that Ibrahim prostrates to Allah and does not prostrate to anyone else.

So he became angry and called for Ibrahim

Ibrahim came and he never used to fear anyone, except Allah.

The king asked: "Who is your Lord, Oh Ibrahim?"

Ibrahim replied: "My Lord is Allah!"

The king asked: "Who is Allah, Oh Ibrahim?"

Ibrahim replied: "The One who gives life and causes death."

قَالَ الملكِ: أَنَا أُحِيى و أُمِيْتُ

The king said: "I give life and cause death."

ودَعَا الملك رَجُلا وقتله

The king called a man and killed him.

ودَعَا رجُلاً آخر وتركه

And he called another man and left him alive.

And he said: "I give life and cause death; I killed a man and left a man alive."

The king was very stupid, and so were all the polytheists.

And Ibrahim wanted the king and his people to understand.

So he said to the king: "Indeed, Allah brings the sun from the East, so you bring it from the West."

So the king was bewildered and silenced.

And he became embarrassed and could not find a response.

Ibrahim also wanted to invite his father towards Allah, so he said to him:

"Oh my Father, why do you worship that which cannot hear and cannot see?"

"And why do you worship that which cannot benefit and cannot cause harm?"

"Oh my Father, don't worship Shaytan."

"Oh my Father, worship al-Rahman [the Most Merciful]."

Ibrahim's father became angry and said: "I will hit you, so leave me alone and don't say anything."

Ibrahim was gentle and forbearing, so he said to his father: "Peace be upon you."

And he said to him: "I will go from here and supplicate to my Lord."

Ibrahim felt very sad and wanted to go to another place to worship his Lord and call people towards Allah.

Ibrahim's people became angry, the king became angry, and Ibrahim's father became angry.

And Ibrahim wanted to travel to another land, to worship Allah there and call people towards Allah.

So Ibrahim migrated from his country and said goodbye to his father.

He headed towards Makkah, and with him was his wife Hajar.

Makkah at that time did not have any plants or trees.

Nor did it have a well or a river.

And Makkah did not have any animals or people.

Ibrahim arrived at Makkah and stopped over there.

و تَرك إِبْرَاهِيم زَوْجَهُ هَاجَرَ ووَلده إسماعِيلَ.

And he left his wife Hajar and his son Isma'il.

و لما أرَدَ إبراهيم أنْ يَذهبَ قَالَت له زوجُهُ هَاجِرُ

When Ibrahim wanted to leave, his wife Hajar asked him:

إلى أين َ يَا سَيَدِي؟ أتتركني هنا؟

"Where are you going, Oh my master? Are you leaving me here?"

أتَثركني وليس هُنَا مَاء؟ ولا طعام

"Are you leaving me while there is no water here, nor any food?"

هَل أمرك الله بهذا ؟

"Has Allah commanded you to do this?"

قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: نَعَم

Ibrahim replied: "Yes!"

قَالَت هَاجِرُ: إذا لا يضيعنا

Hajar responded: "In that case He will not forsake us."

وَعَطِش إسماعِيل مَرَّةً،

Isma'il became thirsty after sometime.

وَأرادت أمه أن تسقِيَهُ مَاءً وَلكِن أَيْنَ الماء ؟

His mother wanted to give him water to drink; but where was the water?

وَمَكةُ لَيْسَ فِيهَا بئر،

In Makkah there was no well.

وَمَكَّة لَيْسَ فِيهَا نهر!

And in Makkah there was no river!

وكَانَت هاجر تطلبُ الْمَاء

Hajar was searching for water.

وتَجْرِي مِنَ الصَفَا إلى المَرْوَةِ ومِنَ المَروة إلى الصَفَ

And she ran from Safa to Marwah and from Marwah to Safa.

وَنَصرَ الله هَاجر ونصر إسماعيل فَخَلق لهُما ماء.

Allah helped Hajar and He helped Isma'il, so He created water for them.

و خرج الماء من الأرض وشرب إسماعيل وشربت هاجر

The water came forth from the earth and Isma'il drank and Hajar drank.

وبقي الماء فكان بئر زمزم,

And the water remained there so it became the Zamzam well.

Allah blessed the Zamzam water.

And this well, it is the same one from which people drink during the Hajj and from which they take Zamzam water back to their countries.

Have you drunk Zamzam water?

رؤيا إبراهيم

وَعَادَ إبرَاهِيم إلى مَكَّة بَعْدَ مدة

Ibrahim returned to Makkah after a while.

He met Isma'il and Hajar and he was happy to be with his son Isma'il.

Isma'il was a young boy; he ran and played and went out with his father.

And Ibrahim used to love Isma'il a lot.

That night, Ibrahim saw in a dream that he was sacrificing Isma'il.

Ibrahim was a true Prophet and his dreams were true dreams.

And Ibrahim was the friend of Allah so he wanted to what Allah ordered him to do in the dream.

Ibrahim said: "Indeed, I have seen in a dream that I am sacrificing you. So look, what do you think?"

He said: "O my father, do as you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, one of the patient ones."

Ibrahim took Isma'il with him and he took a knife.

And when Ibrahim reached Mina, he intended to sacrifice Isma'il.

And Isma'il lied down on the ground.

And Ibrahim intended to sacrifice him so he positioned the knife on Isma'il 's throat.

But Allah loved to see whether His friend would do what He commanded him to do.

And did he love Allah more or love his son more.

And Ibrahim succeeded in the test.

So Allah sent Jibril with a ram from Paradise and said: "Sacrifice this and do not sacrifice Isma'il."

And Allah loved Ibrahim 's deed, so He commanded the Muslims to sacrifice something on 'Id al-Adha.

May Allah's peace and blessings be upon Ibrahim, the friend.

And may Allah's peace and blessings upon his son Isma'il.

Ibrahim went away and returned afterwards.

He wanted to build a house for Allah as there were lots of houses.

But there wasn't a house for Allah in which He was worshiped.

And Isma'il wanted to build a house for Allah with his father.

So Ibrahim and Isma'il carried stones from the mountains.

And Ibrahim used to build the Ka'bah by hand, and Isma'il used to build the Ka'bah by hand.

And Ibrahim used to remember Allah and supplicate to Him.

And Isma'il used to remember Allah and supplicate to Him.

"Our Lord, accept from us (our deeds). Indeed, You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

And Allah accepted from Ibrahim and Isma'il and blessed the Ka'bah.

We face the Ka'bah in every Salah.

And Muslims travel to the Ka'bah during the days of Hajj.

And they make Tawaf around the Ka'bah and perform Salah by it.

Allah blessed the Ka'bah and accepted from Ibrahim and Isma'il.

May Allah's peace and blessings be upon Ibrahim.

May Allah's peace and blessings be upon Isma'il.

And may Allah's peace and blessings be upon Muhammad.

وَكَان لإبراهيمَ زُوج أُخرَى، اِسْمهَا سَارَة .

Ibrahim had another wife. Her name was Sarah.

And he had another son from her whose name was Is-haaq.

Ibrahim and Is-haq lived in al-Sham.

And Is-haq built a house for Allah in al-Sham just as his father and brother had built a house in Makkah.

This masjid which Is-haq built in al-Sham is Bayt al-Muqaddas.

It is Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings Allah blessed.

Allah blessed the children of Is-haq just as He blessed the children of Isma'il.

From them there were Prophets and kings.

Is-haq had a son whose name was Ya'qub, and he was a Prophet.

وكان يعقوب له اثنا عشر ولدار منهم يوسف بن يعقوب

Ya'qub had twelve sons, one of them being Yusuf bin Ya'qub.

ويوسف له قصة عجيبة في القرآن

Yusuf has an amazing story in the Qur'an.

و إليك هذه القصة

And this story is now presented to you!

تم بحمد الله

