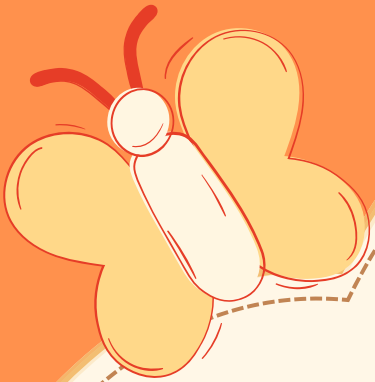




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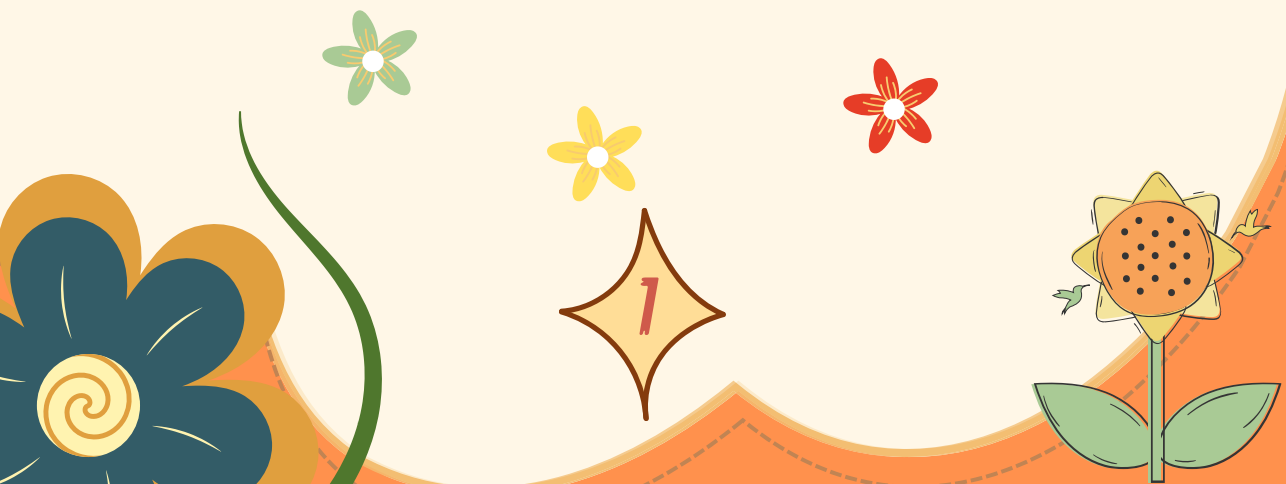
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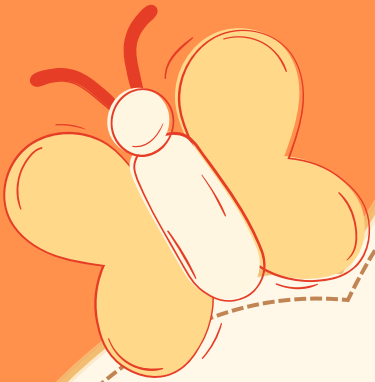
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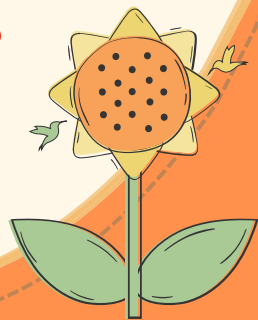
The Prophet of Allah, Ibrahim
(Abraham), peace be upon him,
was a young man living among his
people who worshipped idols.

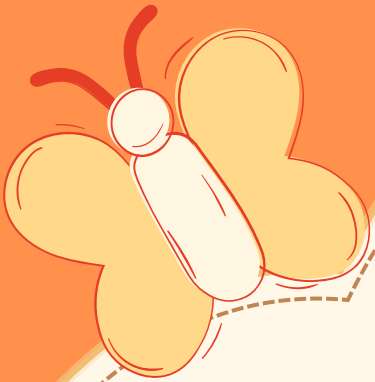
Ibrahim rejected idol worship and
called his people to worship God
alone without any partners.






After many discussions with his people, urging them to believe in Allah, they threatened him with their idols. Ibrahim said to them which can be translated as: "And how should I fear those whom you associate in worship with Allah (though they can neither benefit nor harm), while you fear






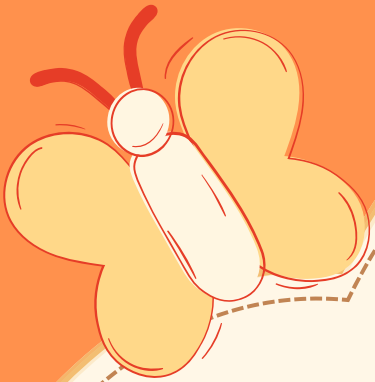
not that you have joined in
worship with Allah things for
which He hasn't sent down to you
any authority. (So) which of the
two parties has more right to be
in security? If you but know."



He also said to his father, who
worshipped idols which can be
translated as: "O my father! ..

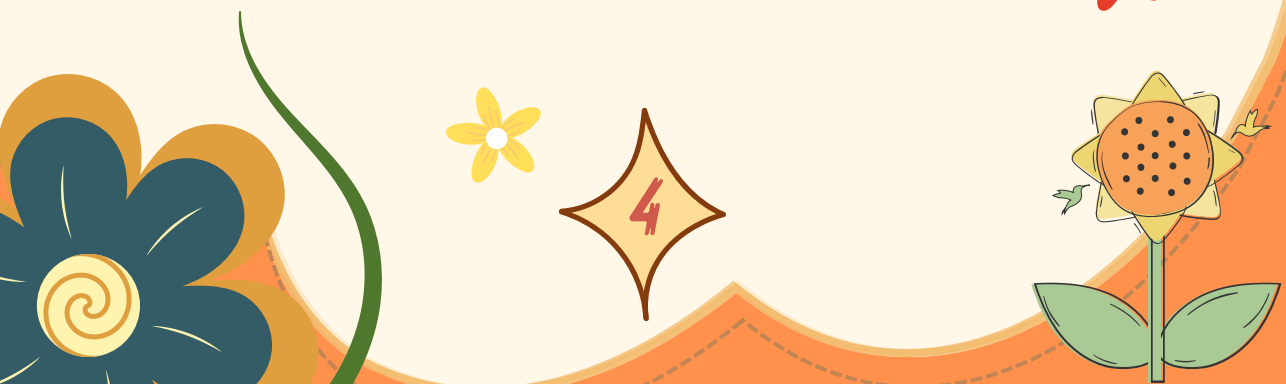




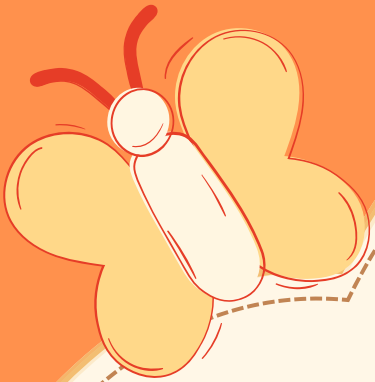
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Why do you worship that which
hears not, sees not and can't avail
you in anything?"

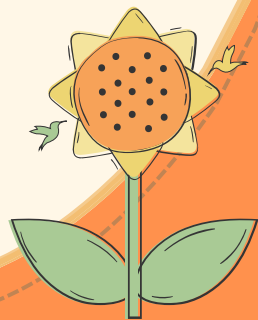
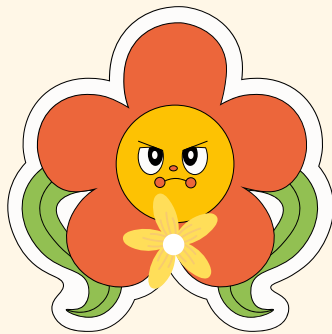
Addressing his father and his
people, he said which can be
translated as: "Do you take idols as
aliha (gods)? Verily, I see you and
your people in manifest error."

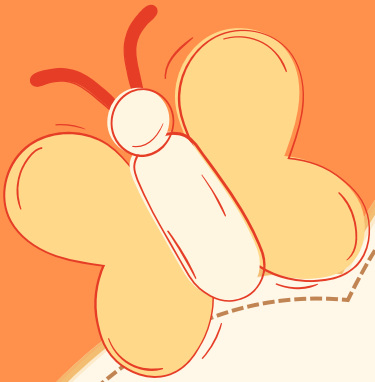




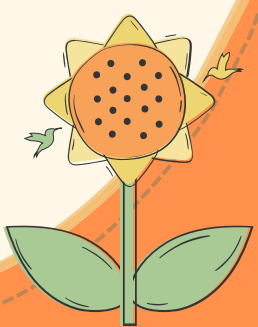





His father replied which can be translated as: "He (the father) said: "Do you reject my gods, O Ibrahim (Abraham)? If you stop not (this), I will indeed stone you.

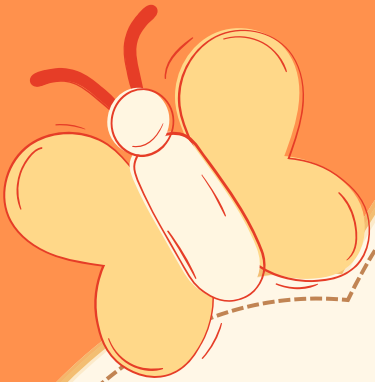
So get away from me safely before I punish you."








Ibrahim decided to destroy their
idols so that his people might
realize that what they worship is
nothing but dust that can neither
harm nor benefit and that these
idols are powerless to defend
themselves, so how could they
defend their worshippers?

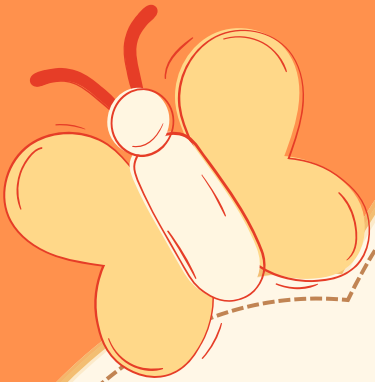




One day, his people went out to a festival, and Ibrahim excused himself from going with them so that he could remain behind and destroy their idols.

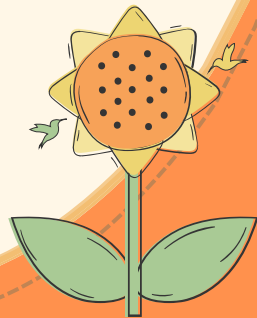
When his people had left, Ibrahim went to their idols and smashed them to pieces with an axe, leaving only the largest idol.

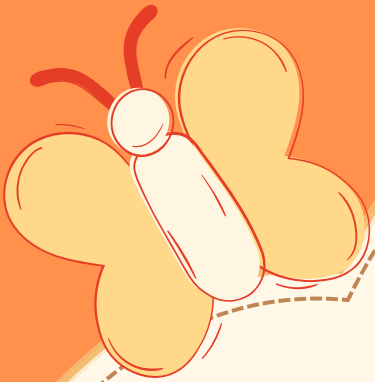




When his people returned and saw their idols demolished, they were furious and asked who had done this.



Some of them said, "We heard a young man threatening our gods; he is called Ibrahim."

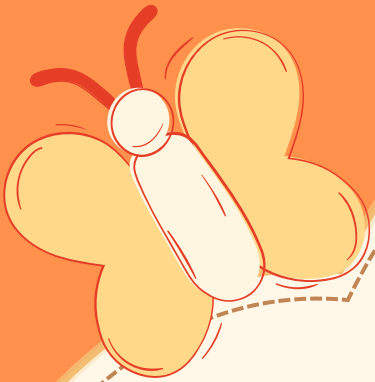




They summoned Ibrahim and asked him, which can be translated as: "Are you the one who has done this to our gods, O Ibrahim (Abraham)?"

Ibrahim replied which can be translated as: "[Ibrahim (Abraham)] said: "Nay, this one, the biggest of them (idols) did it. Ask them, if they can speak!"

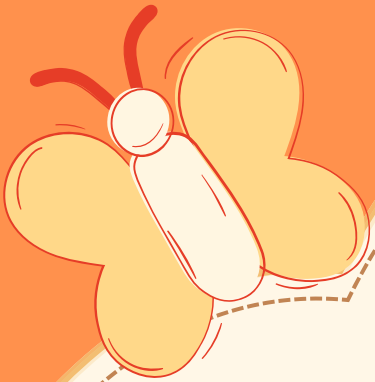




His people were embarrassed and realized their error and the foolishness of their beliefs, but

they quickly returned to their stubbornness and said to Ibrahim, which can be translated as:

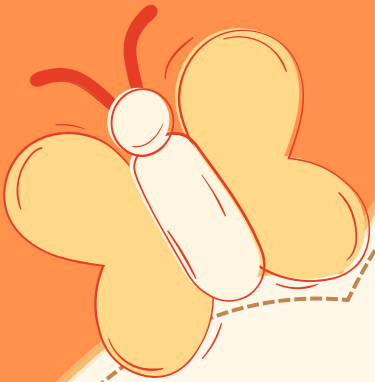
"Indeed, you [Ibrahim (Abraham)] know well that these (idols) speak not!"




Ibrahim said to them, despairing
of their stubbornness and
insistence on disbelief which can

be translated as:


“Fie upon you, and upon that
which you worship besides Allah!
Have you then no sense?”

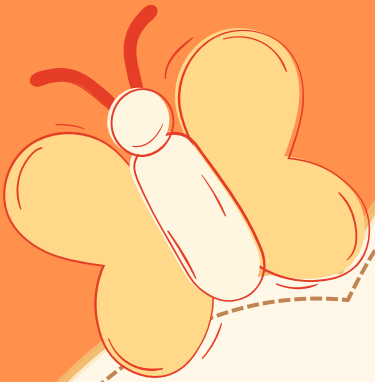


Seeing that they were defeated and that Allah had supported His prophet Ibrahim and shown the truth, they resorted to their old schemes and said, "Burn Ibrahim and support your gods if you are to act."




They kindled a great fire and threw Ibrahim into it.





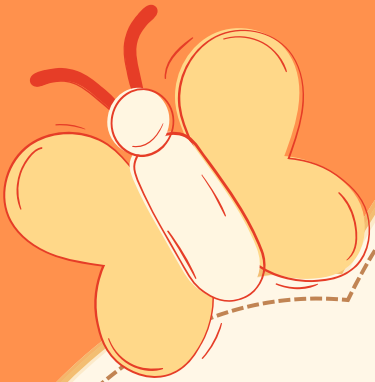
But the fire did not burn him
because Allah protected him from
their scheme.

While they were throwing him
into the fire, Ibrahim kept saying,
"Sufficient for me is Allah, and He
is the best disposer of affairs.

 Allah commanded the fire which
can be translated as:




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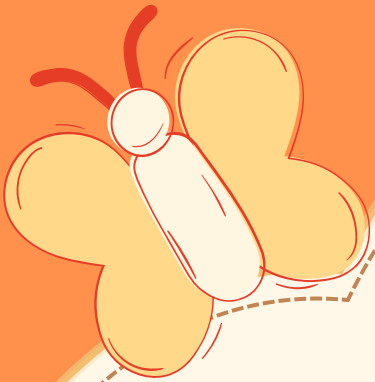
"We (Allah) said: "O fire! Be you coolness and safety for Ibrahim (Abraham)!"

Thus, Allah saved His prophet Ibrahim from their plot, as He says which can be translated as:



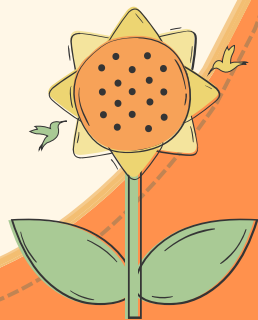
"And they wanted to harm him, but We made them the worst losers."





Ibrahim left his disbelieving people and went to a new land,

where Allah blessed him with righteous offspring, all of whom were prophets like him: Ismail (Ishmael), Ishaq (Isaac), and Yaqub (Jacob), peace be upon them all.



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