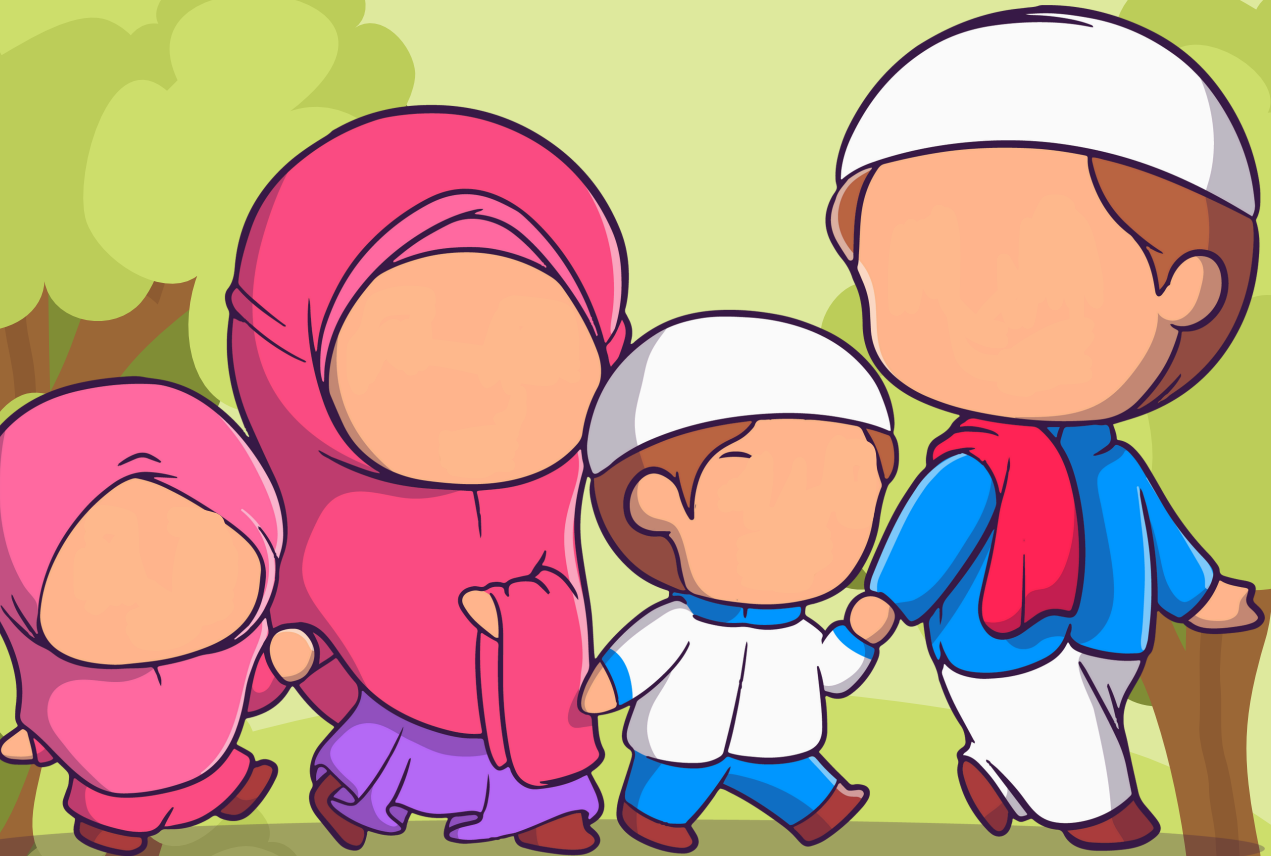


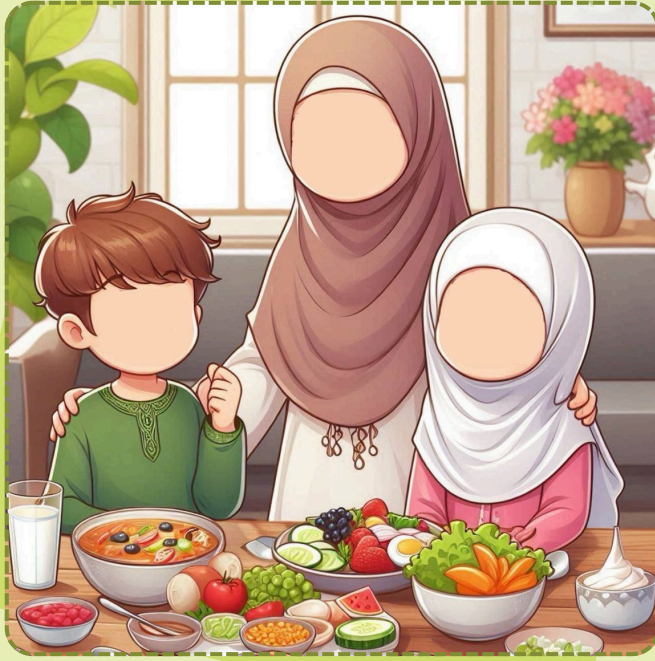
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Ali and Aisha sat at the table, waiting for their mother to serve them food.



They were feeling hungry and eagerly awaited their favorite meal that their mother was preparing.

As soon as their mother came with the dishes, smiles of happiness appeared on Ali and Aisha's faces. Their mother said with a smile,





"Come on, Ali. Come on, Aisha.

The food is ready."





Their small hands quickly reached out to the dishes, but Ali remembered something important and stopped, holding his sister's hand and saying, "Aisha, wait.

We must first say:





Bismillah [in the name of Allah], then '**O Allah, bless us in it and provide us with better.**

This is what my Quran teacher advised me at the mosque."





Aisha looked at her brother, interested in what he was saying, and asked, "Thank you very much, Ali, but what if my hand precedes me and I eat before I say that?"




Ali replied, "It's simple. Just say:
'In the name of Allah, at the beginning
and the end.'"

Aisha said, "That's great, hero."



Ali added, "Yes, and remember the Prophet Muhammad's saying:
'O boy, mention the name of Allah, eat with
your right hand, and eat from what
is near you.'"

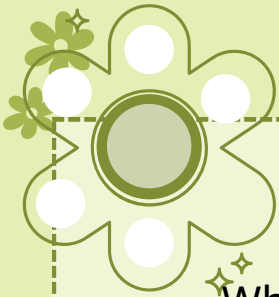


Aisha laughed and teased her brother,
"Don't worry, our mother has prepared
enough food.

I won't reach for what's in front of you!"

Ali laughed and said,
"Let's finish our meal so we can help our
mother clean the table."

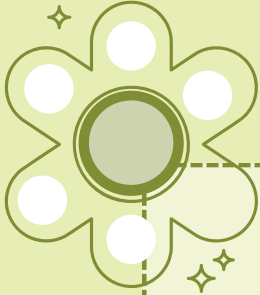




When Ali and Aisha finished their favorite meal, their mother whispered in their little ears and said, "Now it's time for the gratitude prayer, my dears. Say:

"All praise is due to Allah who fed me this and provided it for me without any power or might from myself, All praise is for Allah, abundant, good, and blessed praise.

It cannot be compensated for, nor can it be left, nor can it be done without, our Lord."



Ali and Aisha replied
together,

"All praise is due to Allah who
fed me this and provided it
for me without any power or
might from myself.

Thank you
very much, mother."

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