

وَصَلَّى عَلَى سَائِرِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْعِصْمَةِ الْأَرْكَانِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Imam Mahdi (a.s.)'s Life at a glance

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said:

'One who dies without recognising the Imam of his time, dies the death of ignorance.'

- Name : Same as that of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.)
- Titles : Mahdi, Baqiyyatullah, Imam-e-Zamana, Wali-e-Asr, Qaem among others
- Agnomen : Abul Qasim, Abu Saaleh
- Father : The Eleventh Imam, Hazrat Imam Hasan Al Askari (a.s.)
- Mother : Janab Narjis Khatoon (s.a.)
- Date of Birth : 15th Shaabaan, 255 A.H.
- Birth Place : In the house of Hazrat Imam Hasan Askari (a.s.) in the Iraqi City of Samarra
- Commencement of Imamat : 8th Rabi Al Awwal, 260 A.H.
- Age : 1,172 years. He (a.t.f.s.) is still alive and shall reappear on Allah's command.

Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) and Hazrat Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

Dear Children,

It is now 1,167 years since our beloved Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) went into Ghaibat. The Shias are unable to contact him like the Shias of the previous era used to meet their Imams (a.s.). Today we face so many problems. If only our beloved Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) was with us, in front of us, he would solve all our problems. That is why we should pray to Allah for the earliest reappearance of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.).

As you aware, we regularly write incidents about the past Prophets (a.s.) from the book of Kamaluddin. This book is written by Shaikh Sadooq (r.a.) on the command of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) himself. In this book Shaikh Sadooq (r.a.) has recorded several incidents of the past Prophets (a.s.) and their similarities with Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.). In the past, we have written about the Ghaibat of many Prophets (a.s.) like Prophet Yusuf (a.s.), Prophet Ibrahim (a.s.) and Prophet Moosa (a.s.). This year we will learn of an incident involving another great prophet of Allah, viz. Hazrat Dawood (a.s.).

Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) was a prophet of Allah. He behaved very nicely with people and was a very brave man. One day he took his flock of sheep for grazing. Suddenly one lion came and took away one of the sheep. Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) chased that lion and captured him. He opened the mouth of the lion and recovered the sheep.

Allah revealed a book to Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) called 'Zaboor'. It contains many duas (supplications). When Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) used to pray and glorify Allah, mountains and birds would join him. He was so strong

that Allah made iron melt in his hands.

At the time of Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) there was an evil king named Jalut. Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) used to live in another city which was ruled by Talut.

Once there was a war between Talut and Jalut. The army of Talut was very afraid of Jalut and his forces. The brothers and father of Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) once went to fight against Jalut. He (a.s.) said, "I will not go to fight Jalut because he cannot fight against me." His father and brothers laughed at him and went to the battlefield.

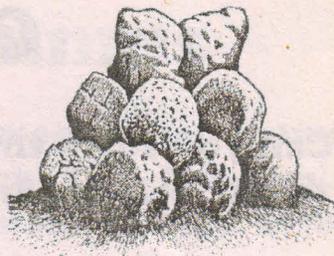


After some time, the food in Talut's army was over. Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) was asked by his father to carry some food for the army. On his way to the battlefield, Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) passed by a stone. Suddenly the stone started speaking with Allah's permission, 'O Dawood, pick me up and kill Jalut with me. Allah has created me so that you can kill Jalut with me.' Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) picked up the stone and went to the battlefield.

On reaching the battlefield Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) was surprised to see that Talut's army was afraid of Jalut and were trying their best to kill him. Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) said, 'Why are you so afraid of Jalut? By Allah, if I see Jalut I will kill him.'

The people reported this to the king Talut. Talut called Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) and asked him, 'Why do you think that you are so brave that you can kill Jalut?' Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) said, 'One day a lion came and took away one of my sheep in his mouth. I chased the lion, caught him, opened

his mouth and recovered the sheep. I have done this many times.' Allah revealed to Talut that the person on whom your armour fits will kill Jalut. When Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) wore that armor it fitted him perfectly. The king and the people were surprised. Talut said, 'I hope Allah kills Jalut through Hazrat Dawood (a.s.)'



Next day the war started. Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) saw Jalut in the battlefield. He removed the stone from his pocket and aimed it at Jalut. The stone hit Jalut between the eyes. It cut his head and pierced the brain. He died instantly.

People started shouting joyously, 'Dawood has killed Jalut'. Soon they made Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) their king.

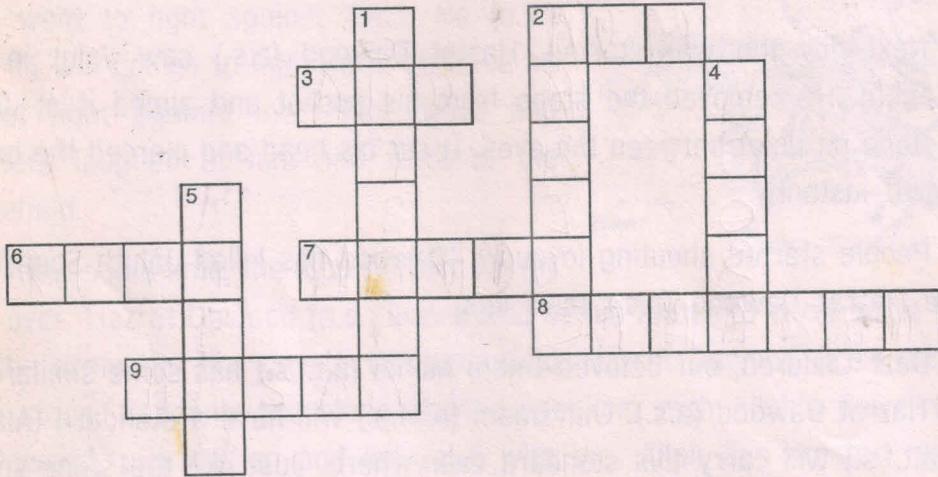
Dear Children, our beloved Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) has some similarities with Hazrat Dawood (a.s.). Our Imam (a.t.f.s.) will have a standard (Alam). He (a.t.f.s.) will carry this standard everywhere. Just like the stone spoke to Hazrat Dawood (a.s.), the standard will announce, 'O friends of Allah, kill the enemies of Allah!'

Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) will also carry a sword. When the time of his reappearance will draw near, Imam Mahdi's (a.t.f.s.) sword will begin speaking by Allah's permission. It will urge Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.), 'O Allah's Caliph, rise and fight against the enemies of Allah.' Then Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) will reappear and fill the world with justice and equity.

We should always pray to Allah to hasten the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.). We should pray that Imam (a.t.f.s.) comes soon and establishes a divine government just like Hazrat Dawood (a.s.) became the just ruler over the people.

Crossword

Can you solve this crossword? All clues are related to our beloved Imam, Hazrat Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.).



Across

2. Long life is similar to Prophet _____ (a.s.)
3. Dua to be recited every morning
6. Which city will be the capital of Hazrat Imam Mahdi's (a.t.f.s.) government?
7. A famous title
8. Place of birth
9. Father's (a.s.) name

Down

1. Month of birth
2. Mother's (s.a.) name
4. Birth is similar to Prophet _____
5. Will reappear at

Match the Columns

The infallibles (a.s.) (i.e. masoomeen) had some close companions. Can you match the Masoom's (a.s.) name with the companion most closely associated with him?

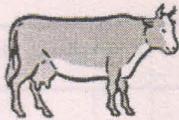
Name of the Infallible	Name of the companion
1. Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.)	a. Janabe Abu Hamza-e-Samaali (r.a.)
2. Janabe Fatima Zahra (s.a.)	b. Janabe Bohlool (Daanaa) (r.a.)
3. Hazrat Imam Ali (a.s.)	c. Janabe Fizza (r.a.)
4. Hazrat Imam Hasan (a.s.)	d. Janabe Habib b. Mazahir (r.a.)
5. Hazrat Imam Husain (a.s.)	e. Janabe Hisham b. Hakam (r.a.)
6. Hazrat Imam Zainul Abedeen (a.s.)	f. Janabe Jabir b. Abdullah Ansaari (r.a.)
7. Hazrat Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.)	g. Janabe Usman b. Saeed Amri (r.a.)
8. Hazrat Imam Jafar Sadiq (a.s.)	h. Janabe Meesam (r.a.)
9. Hazrat Imam Moosa Kazim (a.s.)	i. Janabe Salman (r.a.)
10. Hazrat Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)	j. Janabe Jaun (r.a.)

Guess the name of the Surah

Some photos are shown below. Write the name of the Surah of the Holy Quran against the photo from the Surah list.

(Qalam, Ankaboot, Shams, Baqarah, Feel, Naml, Qamar, Nahl, Najm)

1. Cow



Surah _____

2. Spider



Surah _____

3. Ant



Surah _____

4. Honey Bee



Surah _____

5. Elephant



Surah _____

6. Sun



Surah _____

7. Moon



Surah _____

8. Star



Surah _____

9. Pen



Surah _____

Know your Quran

How well do you know the Holy Quran? This is your chance to find out!

1. Write any two Surahs named after Prophets (a.s.)

Ans: _____

2. Write any two Surahs that have been named after Prophet Muhammad's (s.a.w.a.) name or title?

Ans: _____

3. Write the Surah that has been named after a lady?

Ans: _____

4. Write the Surah that has been named after an enemy of Islam?

Ans: _____

5. Write any two Surahs where sajdah is obligatory?

Ans: _____

6. Only Surah that does not begin with the recitation of 'Bismillahe Rahmaane Rahim'?

Ans: _____

7. Reciting this Surah every Thursday can make us a member of Imam Mahdi's (a.t.f.s.) army.

Ans: _____

8. This Surah must be recited at least once in a day's wajib namaz.

Ans: _____

9. Which is the longest Surah of the Holy Quran?

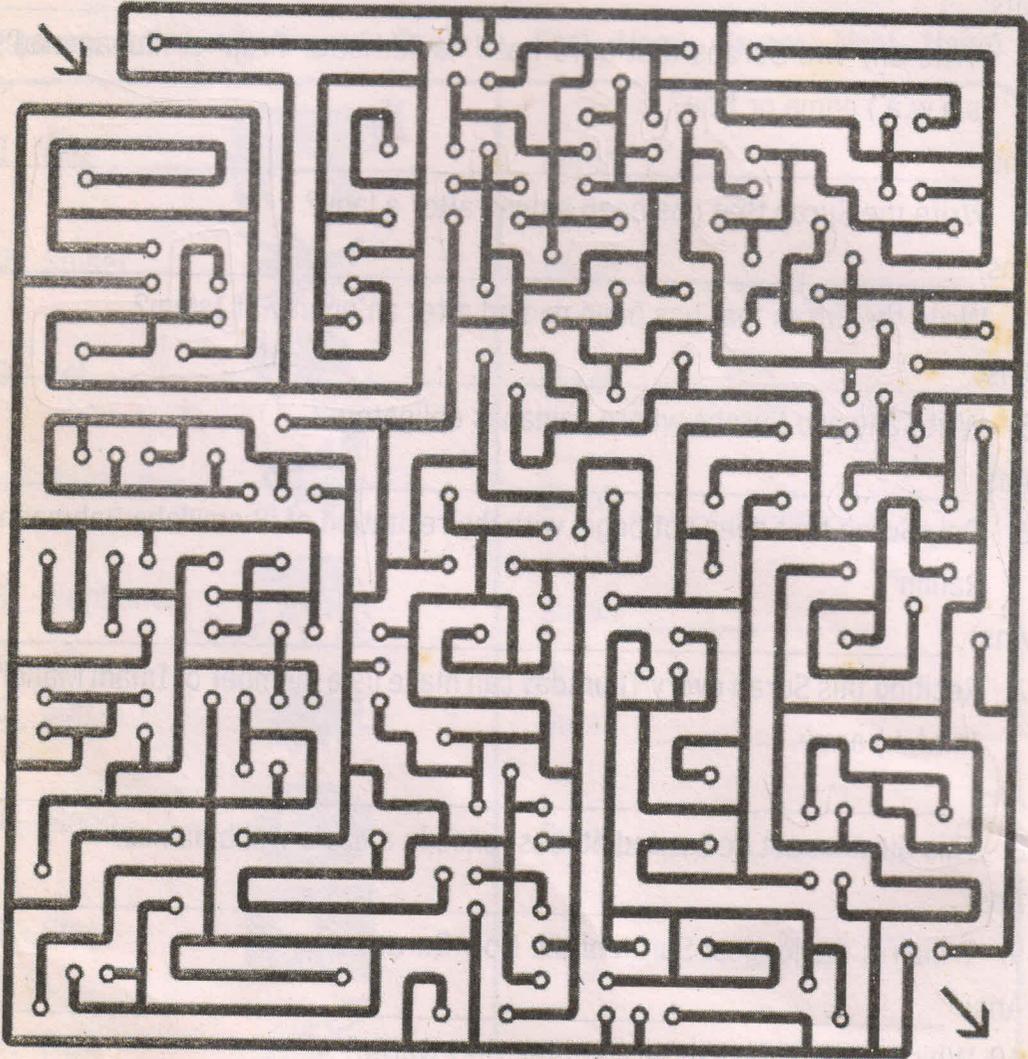
Ans: _____

10. Which is the shortest Surah of the Holy Quran?

Ans: _____

Find the way

Help Hasan find the way to the 15th Shabaan children's function



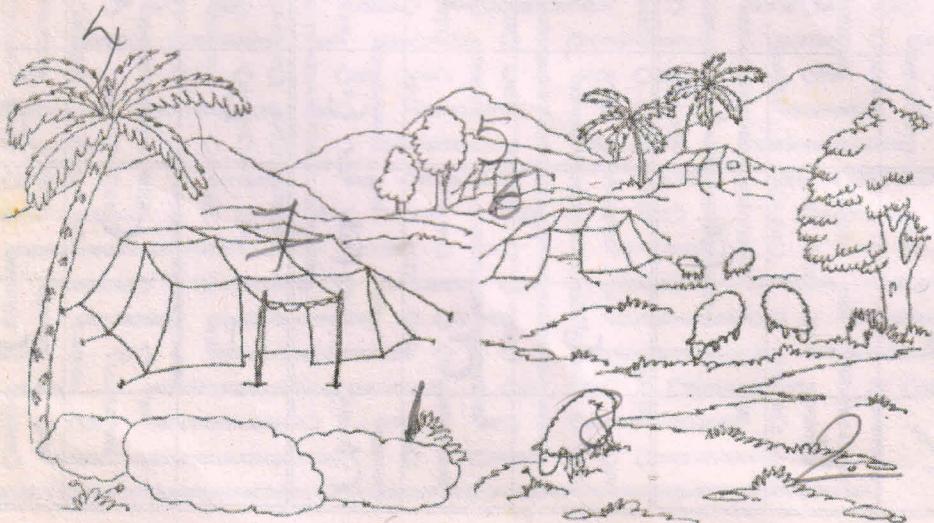
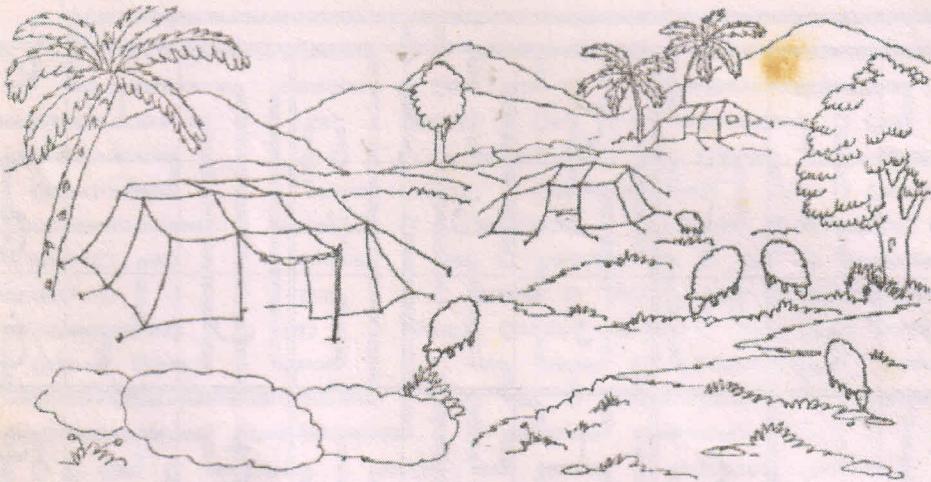
Arabic Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains alif to zaal. The puzzle has only one solution.

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Spot the Differences

Find the 8 differences between the two pictures.



'Account yourself before you are accounted for'

Dear children, Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) watches all our actions. A list of our actions is given to him every week. When Imam (a.t.f.s.) sees our good actions he is pleased, but when he sees our evil actions he is disappointed and sad. Therefore we should try to please our Imam (a.t.f.s.) at all times. We have given below a list of actions. Look at this list everyday and keep a watch on your actions.

Did you offer namaz?

Did you thank Allah for His bounties?

Did you pray for Imam's (a.s.) reappearance (zuhoor)?

Did you recite Quran?

Did you obey your parents?

Did you help your believer brother?

Did you do your homework on time?

Did you avoid bad language?

Did you avoid najis food?

Did you avoid films and music?

Hazrat Ali (a.s.) said,

'If your two days are similar, then you are in loss.'

Answers

MATCH THE COLUMN

Name of the Infallibles	Name of the companions
1 Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.)	Janabe Salman (r.a.)
2 Janabe Fatima Zahra (s.a.)	Janabe Fizza (r.a.)
3 Hazrat Imam Ali (a.s.)	Janabe Meesam (r.a.)
4 Hazrat Imam Hasan (a.s.)	Janabe Jaun (r.a.)
5 Hazrat Imam Husain (a.s.)	Janabe Habib b. Mazahir (r.a.)
6 Hazrat Imam Zainul Abedeen (a.s.)	Janabe Abu Hamza-e-Samaali (r.a.)
7 Hazrat Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.)	Janabe Jabir b. Abdullah Ansaari (r.a.)
8 Hazrat Imam Jafar Sadiq (a.s.)	Janabe Hisham b. Hakam (r.a.)
9 Hazrat Imam Moosa Kazim (a.s.)	Janabe Bohlool (Daanaa) (r.a.)
10 Hazrat Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)	Janabe Usman b. Saeed Amri (r.a.)

GUESS THE NAME OF THE SURAH

1. Photo of calf will come here – Surah Baqarah
2. Photo of Spider – Surah Ankaboot
3. Photo of Ant – Surah Naml
4. Photo of Honeybee – Surah Nahl
5. Photo of Elephant – Surah Feel
6. Photo of Sun – Surah Shams
7. Photo of Moon – Surah Qamar
8. Photo of Star – Surah Najm
9. Photo of Cave – Surah Kahf
10. Photo of Pen – Surah Qalam

KNOW YOUR QURAN

1. Hazrat Yunus (a.s.), Hazrat Hud (a.s.), Hazrat Yusuf (a.s.), Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.), Hazrat Nuh (a.s.), Hazrat Muhammad, Mustafa (s.a.w.a.)
2. Surah Muhammad, Surah Yasin, Surah Taha, Surah Mudassir, Surah Muzammil
3. Surah Maryam
4. Surah Lahab
5. Surah Sajdah, Surah Haa Mim Sajdah, Surah Najm, Surah Alaq
6. Surah Tauba
7. Surah Bani Israil
8. Surah Tawheed
9. Surah Baqarah
10. Surah Kausar

SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD

