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Fun at the Fair

The neighbourhood fair was fun. It took place in the big field near the park. There was a tall ferris wheel, a colourful merry-go-round, and a large hall of mirrors at the fair. Everyone was having fun.

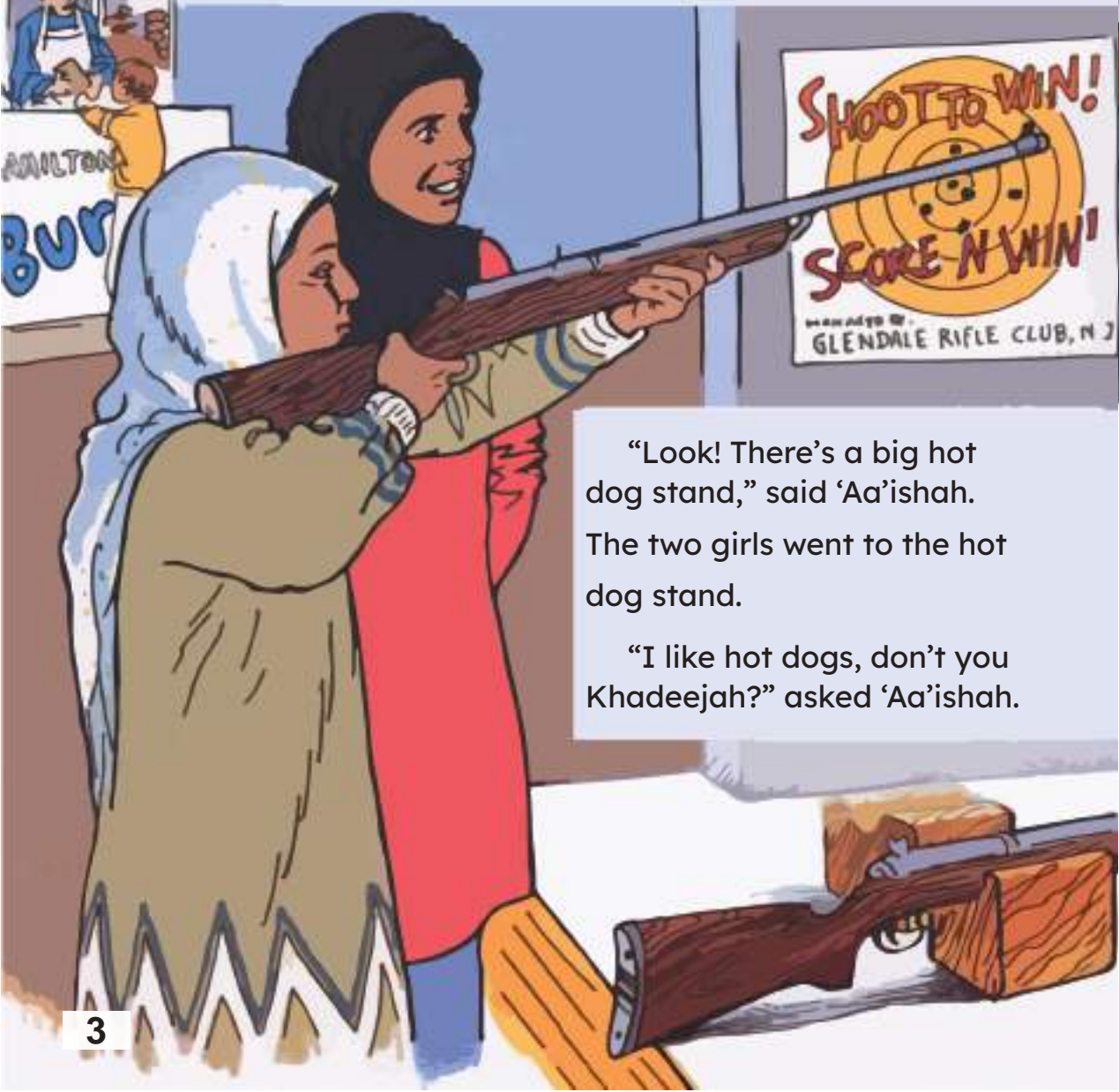




Khadeejah and 'Aa'ishah were enjoying the rides and playing games. They were too busy to notice that they had missed their lunch.

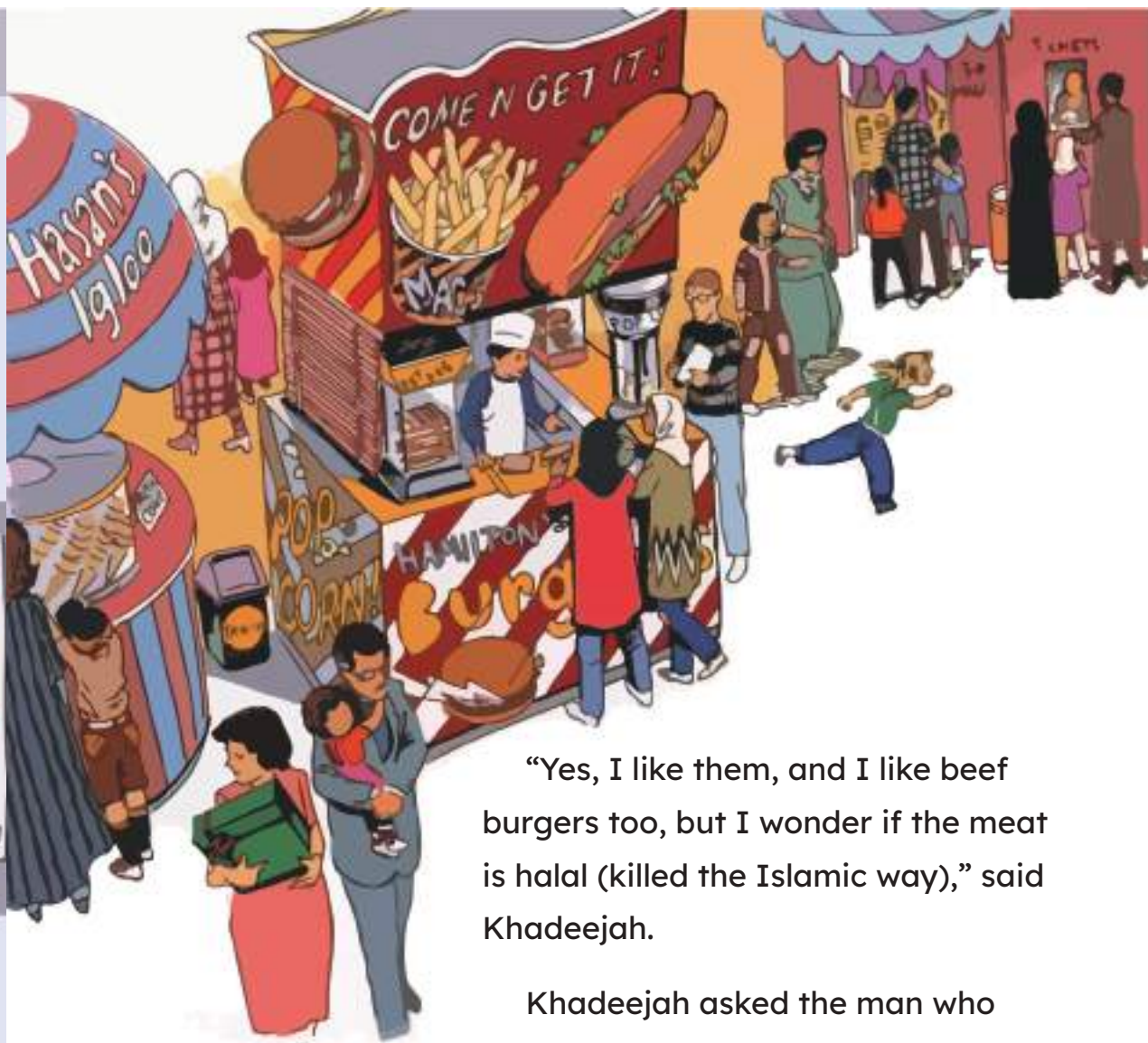
"I'm hungry," said Khadeejah.

"Me too," said 'Aa'ishah. "Let's go and find something to eat."



"Look! There's a big hot dog stand," said 'Aa'ishah. The two girls went to the hot dog stand.

"I like hot dogs, don't you Khadeejah?" asked 'Aa'ishah.



“Yes, I like them, and I like beef burgers too, but I wonder if the meat is halal (killed the Islamic way),” said Khadeejah.

Khadeejah asked the man who was selling at the stand, if the hot dogs were halaal.

“I’m not sure,” said the man, “but I do know that they are all beef hot dogs.”

“OK, then I would like on hot dog, with ketchup and mustard please,” said ‘Aa’ishah.

Khadeejah was not sure if she should buy a hot dog, so she went to Mr. Hasan’s stand and bought an ice-cream cone and some french fries.



After the girls bought the food, they found a shady place under a tree and sat down to eat.

“*Bismillaah* (In the name of Allaah),” said Khadeejah and Aa’ishah before they started to eat.

Khadeejah was a little worried. “Maybe ‘Aa’ishah had bought a hot dog that was not halaal,” she thought.

Khadeejah stopped ‘Aa’ishah, just before she began to eat her hot dog.

“I don’t think you should eat that hot dog, ‘Aa’ishah. Here, eat these fries instead,” said Khadeejah, as she handed ‘Aa’ishah the fries she had bought.



“Why not? asked ‘Aaishah. “The man said they were all beef hot dogs.”

‘Aaishah started to eat the fries that Khadeejah gave her. She left some for Khadeejah to eat too. She wanted to learn more about halaal meat and she knew that she could trust her friend, Khadeeja, who knew more about Islaam than she did.

“How do you know when meat is halaal or not?” asked ‘Aa’ishah.

“Well,” said Khadeejah, **“may father told me that halaal is when an animal is killed the Islamic way. If we buy meat, it must be halaal for us to eat it.”**

“OH, I thought that as long as it wasn’t pork, we could eat it,” said ‘Aa’ishah. *“Al-hamdulillaah* (Thanks to Allaah), now I know I must also ask if the meat is halaal before I buy it.”

Khadeejah was happy that she helped ‘Aa’ishah learn something new. After the girls finished eating, they gathered the trash to throw into the garbage can. Just then, ‘Aa’ishah thought of something.

“Maybe I can return this hot dog and get my money back,” said ‘Aa’ishah.

“Let’s try it,” said Khadeejah.

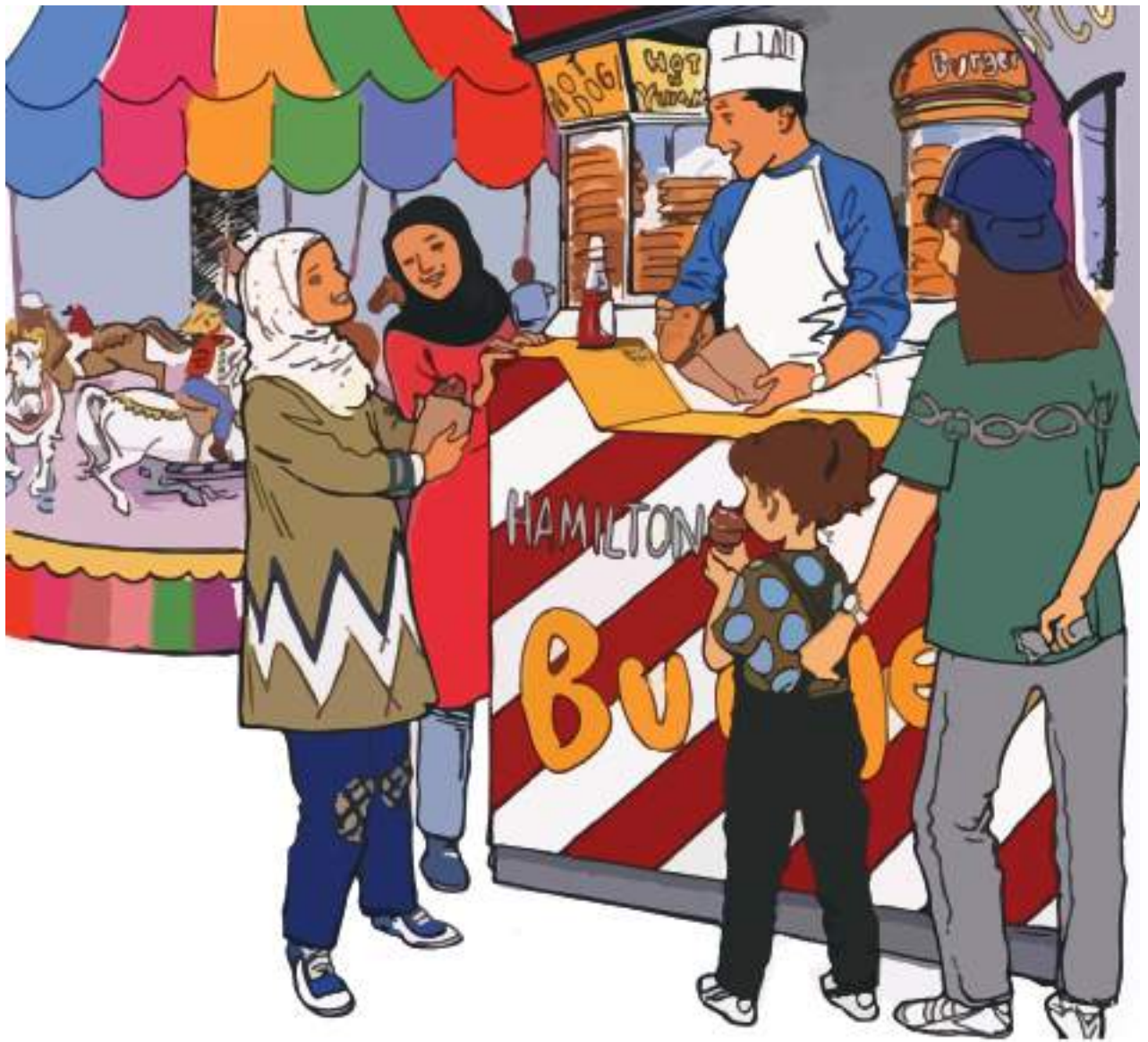
The girls ran to the hot dog stand. They asked the man if they could return ‘Aa’ishah’s hot dog.

“I’m glad you girls came back,” said the man. “I asked the manager about the meat we’re selling here today. He told me that all of the meat ordered for today’s fair is from the halaal meat market.”

“Al-hamdulillaah!” shouted the girls.

‘Aa’ishah said *“Bismillaah”* and started to eat her hot dog.

“Yummy, this tastes so good,” said ‘Aa’ishah.

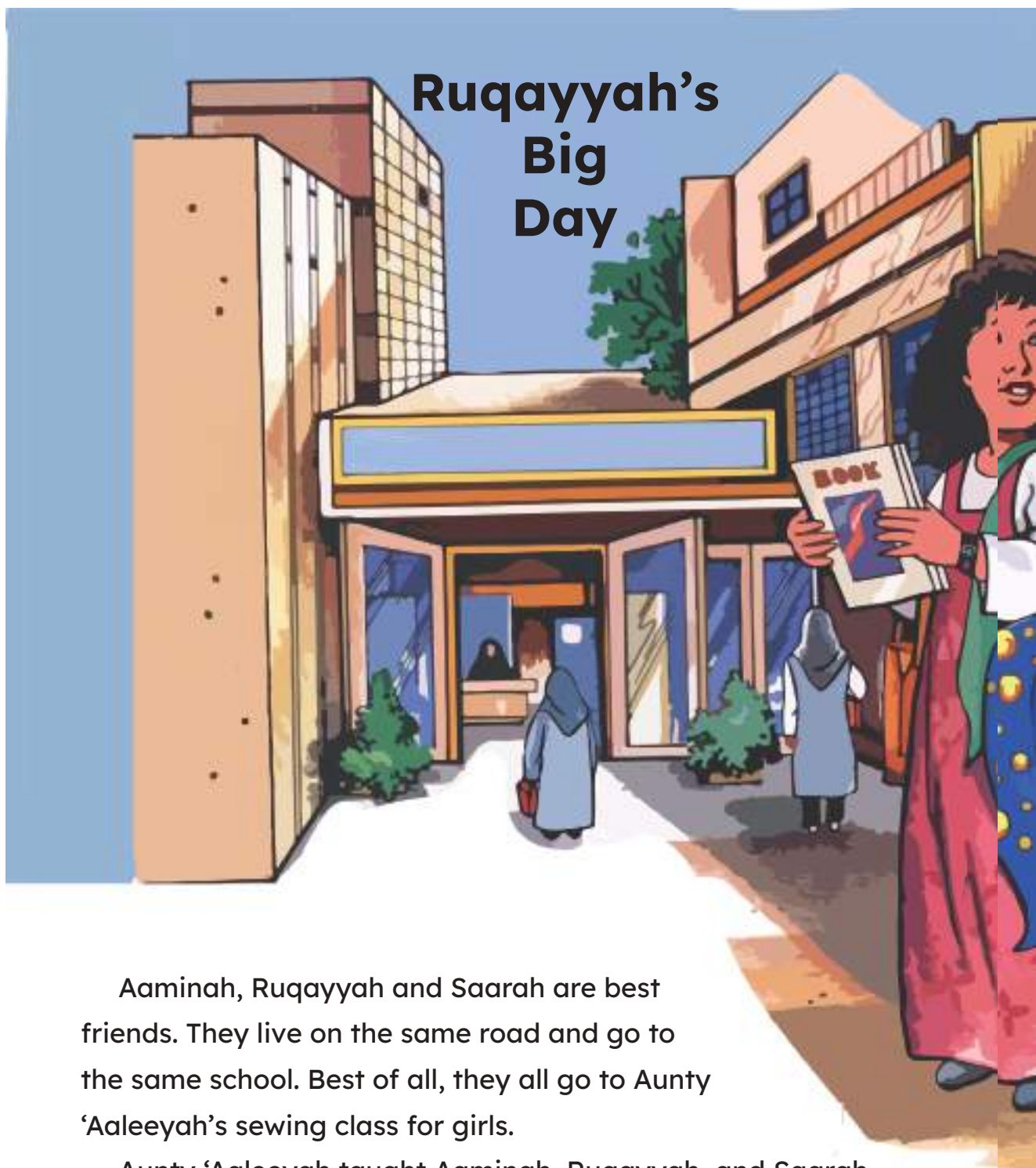


Khadeejah ordered a beef burger with ketchup on it. She said “*Bismillaah*” and bit into it with a big smile on her face.

“I’m glad you asked about the meat,” said ‘Aa’ishah. “And I’m glad we tried to return it,” said Khadeejah. Khadeejah and ‘Aa’ishah laughed as they ran to the merry-go-round to have a ride.

The neighbourhood fair was so much fun.

Ruqayyah's Big Day



Aaminah, Ruqayyah and Saarah are best friends. They live on the same road and go to the same school. Best of all, they all go to Auntie 'Aaleeyah's sewing class for girls.

Auntie 'Aaleeyah taught Aaminah, Ruqayyah, and Saarah how to sew many things. They made little bags, tablecloths, and even pillowcases for their bedrooms. They were matching ones of course!



The three girls walked to the sewing class together every week. They talked and giggled all the way there.



One day after school, Ruqayyah's mother called her. "Coming!" shouted Ruqayyah, and she ran to see what her mother wanted.

"*Ma Shaa Allaah* (it is what Allaah wants), Ruqayyah," said her mother. "You have really grown tall."


Ruqayyah smiled and remembered that she was taller than Aminah and Saarah now.

"Soon you will be in the next class with all the big girls, *in Shaa Allaah* (if Allaah wills)," said Ruqayyah's mother.

Ruqayyah smiled again. She always wanted to be in the class with big girls, like her older sister Faarah.

"Maybe you should start wearing your *khimaar* (scarf) properly now," her mother said. "You can start tomorrow,

when you go to Aunty 'Aaleeyah's class, *in Shaa Allaah*."



Ruqayyah felt shy about wearing her *khimaar* outside, each time She left the house. She loved to wear her *khimaar*, just like her sister Faarah and her mother did. Now she must wear it properly from now on.

Sometimes when she wore her *khimaar*, she would get so hot and tired. Many times, when she played with Aaminah and Saarah, or when she was on the school bus, she would not wear her *khimaar*. She wondered what would happen now, if she got hot or tired.

Ruqayyah loved her mother and listened to her. She also loved Allaah and knew that she must do what Allaah says is right.

“Maybe I will be all right, *in Shaa Allah* She thought. “it’s not that hot on the bus after all.” So she smiled and said, “Okay, Mum.”

Then Ruqayyah remembered Aunty ‘Aaleeyah’s sewing classes. She thought about how she and her two friends walked there every week. They would play with their *khimaars* by tying them around their shoulders or onto each other’s bags. Sometimes they would just wave in them in the air.

What would she do now?

Would Aaminah and Saarah still play with her if she wore the *khimaar*?

Ruqayyah thought about those things all night.

The next morning when she woke up, she knew that today was the big day. After some time, Aminah and Saarah came to walk with her. They were on their way to Aunt 'Aaleeyah's sewing class. Ruqayyah was not ready.

"You two go ahead," said Ruqayyah. "Maybe I'll catch up with you, *in shaa Allaah*."

"Okay," said Aminah and Saarah as they left. Ruqayyah got ready slowly. She did not really want to catch up with Aminah and Saarah.

She put on her *khimaar* and tightened it so that it would stay on properly all day.

"You look special today, *ma Shaa Allaah*," said Ruqayyah's father when he saw her. He gave her a big hug and a special treat from his pocket.

Ruqayyah started walking towards Aunt 'Aaleeyah's sewing class, but she was not excited about going there today.



What would all the other girls say?

What would Aunty 'Aaleeyah say?

Aaminah and Saarah always took their *khimaar* off when they walked home from the class.

“What will happen then?” thought Ruqayyah.





As Ruqayyah walked to the sewing class, she heard someone calling her. It was her Aunt Munaa. She was coming from the store across the street.

“As-Salaamu ‘Alaykum, Ruqayyah,” said Aunt Munaa. “Wa ‘alaykumus Salaam, Aunty Munaa,” replied Ruqayyah.

“What’s the matter Ruqayyah? You don’t look as cheerful as you usually do and why aren’t you walking with our friends today?” asked her Aunt Munaa.



Ruqayyah told her Aunt Munaa about the *khimaar*. Aunt Munaa smiled and held Ruqayyah's hand.

“Let me tell you something,” she said. **“Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has told us that Allaah said if we try to do something to get close to Him, then he will do more to get close to us.”**

Ruqayyah looked puzzled. Aunt Munaa explained. “This means that if we do something just for Allaah, He will be pleased. Then he will make it easy for us to do, and reward us. You see Ruqayyah, Allaah will be pleased with you for wearing your *khimaar* and, *in Shaa*

Allaah, He will make that easy for you.”

This made Ruqayyah very happy.

“*Shukran* (thanks), Aunty Munaa,” she said, and off she skipped to sewing class. Ruqayyah was the last one to arrive at the sewing class. Most of the girls had taken off their *khimaars*. Ruqayyah was still wearing hers.

She told her Aunty ‘Aaleeyah that from now on she would be wearing it properly, *in Shaa Allaah*.



"Ma Shaa Allaah, Ruqayyah, that's good," said her Aunt 'Aaleeyah. "I think all the girls should do the same, especially when they come to my classes."



This made Ruqayyah feel so good inside. “Allaah made that easy for me” she thought,” just like Aunt Munaa said.

Aunt ‘Aaleeyah surprised Ruqayyah by giving her a beautiful new *Khimaar* that she had sewn herself, and a small bag of cookies.

“This is a special reward for you, for being the first girl in this Class to start wearing her *khimaar* properly,” said Aunt ‘Aaleeyah.

All the other girls laughed and chattered as they put their *khimaars* on properly. Ruqayyah shared her cookies with the girls in class. This was a big day for Ruqayyah. She felt very special.

When sewing class was over, Aminah, Ruqayyah and Saarah walked home together. They were all wearing their *khimaars* properly. Aminah and Saarah talked a lot that day. They told Ruqayyah that they too would wear their *Khimaars* properly from now on, *Inshaa Allaah*.

Ruqayyah was holding onto her new *khimaar*. She was thinking about what Aunt Munaa had said, and she was trying hard to think of something else she could do to get close to Allaah.



Growing

There's so much to learn in stages of growth,
the future, the present, the past.

Like painting a picture for all to behold,
a life from beginning to last.

So much to learn about how to live,
in a world of so much to know.

Al-hamdulillaah He provided us with
the best way to live and to grow.

Word List

These are the main words introduced in this Reader. They are listed here for your reference, and are not intended for practice in decoding out of context.

neighbourhood	<i>Khimaar</i>
shady	properly
Islaamic	wondered
ordered	tightened
matching	usual
<i>Maashaa Allaah</i>	stages

Questions to Answer

Fun At the Fair

1. Where did the girls go to find something to eat?
2. Why was Khadeejah worried?
3. Why did Aa'ishah want to return the hot dog?
4. What did Khadeejah help Aa'ishah learn?

Ruqayyah's Big Day

1. What did Ruqayyah's mother want her to do?
2. Why wasn't Ruqayyah cheerful while she was walking to the sewing class?
3. What did Aunt Munaa tell Ruqayyah?
4. What did Ruqayyah receive from Aunty 'Aaleeyah?

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