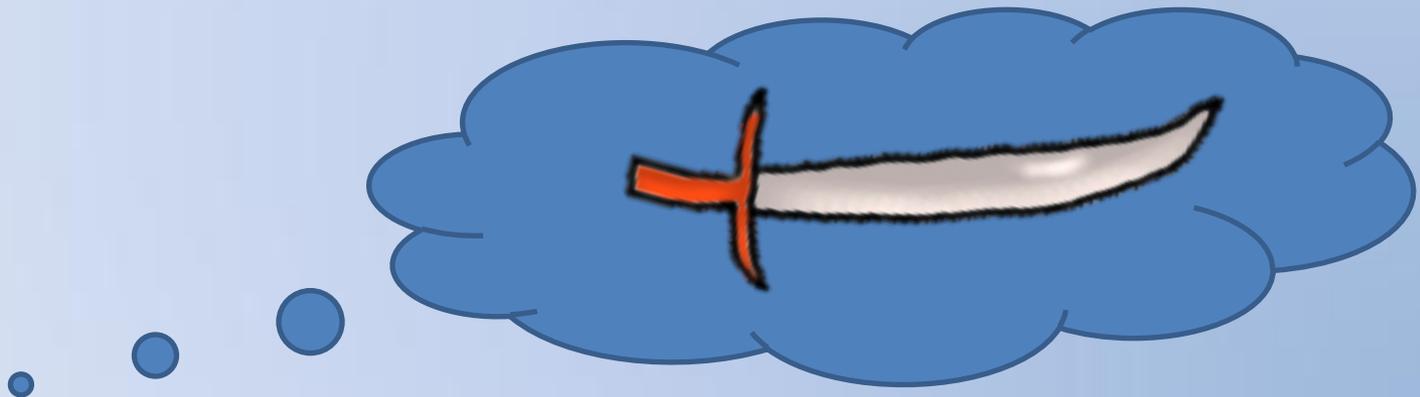


The Sacrifice

Story four

Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} made many sacrifices whenever Allah asked him to. Sacrifice means to give up something you really love for the sake of something else.

Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} had a dream; he had this dream many times. He dreamt that he was killing his son Ismail^{as} as a sacrifice to Allah. He knew this was a message from Allah. He told young Ismail^{as} about the dream and asked him what he thought about it. Hadhrat Ismail^{as} was very brave; he answered his father saying that 'inshallah' he would do as Allah wished.



Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} and Hadhrat Ismail^{as} travelled to Marwah. Together they built an altar on which the sacrifice would take place. When the time came for the sacrifice, Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} picked up a knife and was just about to use it when he heard a voice from the heavens saying:

*“O Ibrahim you have fulfilled
the dream”*

Allah Taala did not want Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} to sacrifice his son after all. Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} had already made the sacrifice when he left Hadhrat Ismail^{as} and Hadhrat Hajra in the valley with no food and water. Because Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} left them there, that deserted valley became the city of Mecca. It was here that the Ka'aba was built and it was here that Hadhrat Muhammad^{saw} would one day live and bring the message of Islam.

Mecca



Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} was told by Allah to sacrifice a ram instead of Hadhrat Ismail^{as} . Allah Taala never wanted Hadhrat Ismail^{as} to be killed and He wanted to show people that killing humans as a sacrifice to Him was wrong.

Every year on Eid-ul-Adha Muslims all around the world sacrifice an animal just like Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} did all those years ago. On Eid Muslims remember the sacrifices that Hadhrat Ibrahim^{as} made and hope and pray that they too can make sacrifices in the same way.

Eid ul Adha

