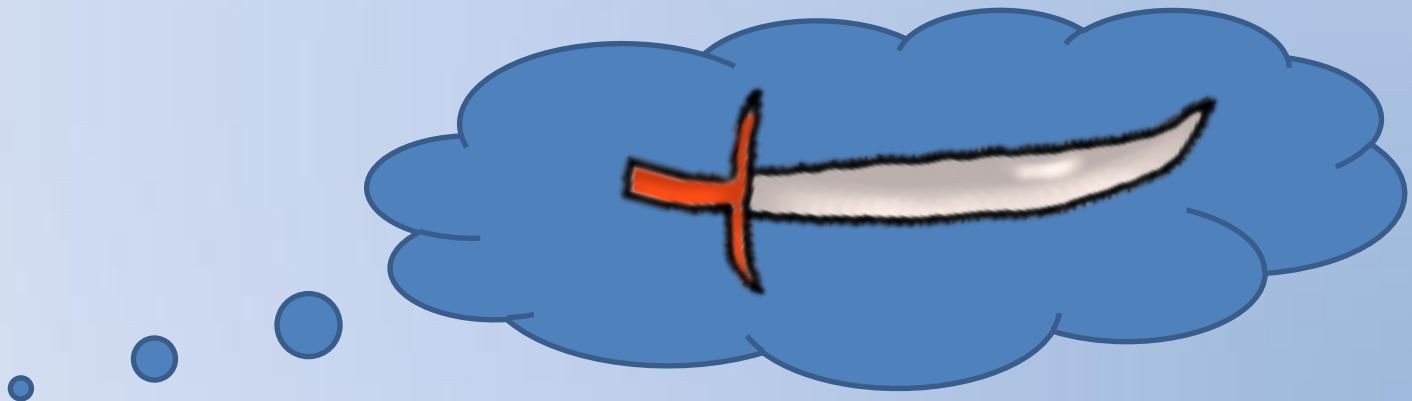


# The Sacrifice

Story four

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



Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> and Hadhrat Ismail<sup>as</sup> travelled to Marwah. Together they built an altar on which the sacrifice would take place. When the time came for the sacrifice, Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> 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<sup>as</sup> to sacrifice his son after all. Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> had already made the sacrifice when he left Hadhrat Ismail<sup>as</sup> and Hadhrat Hajra in the valley with no food and water. Because Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> 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<sup>saw</sup> would one day live and bring the message of Islam.

Mecca



**Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> was told by Allah to sacrifice a ram instead of Hadhrat Ismail<sup>as</sup> . Allah Taala never wanted Hadhrat Ismail<sup>as</sup> 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<sup>as</sup> did all those years ago. On Eid Muslims remember the sacrifices that Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> made and hope and pray that they too can make sacrifices in the same way.**

**Eid ul Adha**

