



# The Mosque At Medina



Whenever Muslim people speak the name of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) they always say, "Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him". They say this out of respect.

This is a story about the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the very first mosque at Medina.



The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) came back to Medina after a long journey from the city of Mecca. He rode into the town on a camel.

All the people were pleased to see him again. They rushed out of their houses to greet him and everyone wanted him to stay at *their* house.



The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) told the people that he was going to build a mosque so that people could go there to pray to Allah (God).

The people thought that building a mosque was a wonderful idea.

Everyone said that he should build the mosque on *their* land.



The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) wondered how he was going to choose whose land to build the mosque on. The people were all being kind and helpful and everyone had offered a piece of land. Whose land would he choose?

He didn't want to upset anyone by not choosing their land. He knew that he had to choose *someone*. What could he do?



He decided that he would let his camel choose. He let go of the reins so that they hung round the camel's neck and he prodded it to make it move.



The camel walked slowly along the dusty streets until it stopped next to a barn that was used for storing dates. Slowly the camel knelt on its front legs, then it lowered its back legs until it was sitting on the ground.

It was on that very spot, chosen by the camel, that the very first mosque was built.

This is the Quba Mosque just outside Medina in Saudi Arabia. It stands on the spot where the very first mosque was built by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).



When the first mosque was built, the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) spent more than 20 nights praying inside while he waited for a friend to meet him.

Now there are many beautiful mosques all over the world. Many of them are in very beautiful places. Some of them have been built in towns and cities in our country. They are places where Muslim people go to pray.



This is the most famous mosque of all. The Prophet's Mosque in the holy city of Mecca.

Muslims try to visit Mecca and go to this mosque at least once in their lifetime.

Their visit is called a pilgrimage to Mecca but is known as Hajj.



A pilgrimage is a special journey to visit a religious place that is important. Every Muslim hopes to go on a pilgrimage to Mecca to perform Hajj.

Some people save up for many, many years so that they can go there.

