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Foreword

My Book of Islamic Rhymes’ is another addition to the series of books published by the Children’s Book Committee. This book aims to give our young readers an introduction to Islam and its values in a series of short rhymes. We hope that both parents and children will welcome this publication, and that this book will inspire our young readers to behave in accordance with the wonderful teachings of Islam.

The Children’s Book Committee was set up under the supervision and guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV rta and continued to receive support and guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V aba. The Late Rashid Ahmad Chaudhry was the first Chairman of this Committee; he held this post from the inception of the Committee in 1984 until his death in December 2005. The poetry in this book is his work and was edited by the members of the Children’s Book Committee.

In the present edition, activities for children have been added at the end of each Rhyme, prepared by Haallah Ahmad (Shams); whereas corrections and checking of script was done by Naseer-ud-Din Shams. Layout and formatting was done by Shaikh Naseer Ahmad, and Ata-ul-Aziz. May Allah bless all of those involved in
the publication of this book for their dedication and hard work
and reward them abundantly in this world and the Hereafter.
Aameen.

Munir-ud-Din Shams
Additional Wakeelut-Tasneef,
August, 2016
We Promise

We promise that we’ll speak the truth
    We promise that we’ll never lie

We promise that we’ll live for our Faith
    We promise that for Islam we’ll try

We promise that we’ll obey our parents
    And treat them well as years go by

We promise that we’ll be kind to youngsters
    And promise not to make them cry

We promise we won’t be rude to teachers
    And their orders we’ll never defy

We promise that we’ll acquire knowledge
    To keep on learning and never be shy

We promise to worship Allah alone
    On His guidance we’ll always rely

We promise that we’ll be good citizens
    And every rule we’ll abide by
We promise to acquire all true virtues
   And all our mistakes we’ll rectify

We promise that we’ll help the poor
   And in their hour of need we’ll stand by

We promise we’ll never think of rest
   Till Islam’s banner is raised up high

With our hearts we’ll obey our Leader
   And we’ll never ever ask him why

We know that we are Ahmadi Muslims
   We know God is with us and close by

We know that enemies can’t harm us
   No matter how hard they may try

We know the days are fast approaching
   When the truth of Islam no-one can deny

We promise we are Ahmadi Muslims
   To be the best we will always vie
ACTIVITY

Choose one promise that you personally want to work on to help better yourself. Write an action plan to help you keep the promise:

E.g. The promise I want to work on is .... helping the poor

My Action Plan is ...I will be more mindful about giving to someone in need, even if it is just a smile. 😊

The promise I want to work on is ____________

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My action plan is ________________________

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Murabbi Sahib

Murabbi Sahib, Murabbi Sahib, have you any time?
To teach me Arabic properly and the meaning of the Quran?

Murabbi Sahib, Murabbi Sahib, have you any time?
To show me how to offer my Prayers and stand to call out Adhan?

Murabbi Sahib, Murabbi Sahib, have you any time?
To relate stories of the Holy Prophet saw and the Messiah as from Qadian?

Murabbi Sahib, Murabbi Sahib, have you any time?
To explain the philosophy of Fasting and blessings of Ramadan?

Murabbi Sahib, Murabbi Sahib, have you any time?
To teach me the Five Pillars and the articles of Imaan?

Murabbi Sahib, Murabbi Sahib, have you any time?
To show me the wonderful beauties of the religion called Islam?
ACTIVITY

Murabbis have a wealth of knowledge that they have acquired over many years. If you have a local Murabbi, ask them questions both religious and non religious. For example you could ask them why they wanted to become a Murabbi, what they had to do in order to become a Murabbi, what their daily routine consists of, what their favourite food is, or whether they have any hobbies, etc. Don’t forget to thank them for all the sacrifices that they make for our Jama‘at.

What I found out from my local Murabbi Sahib is ___

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True Muslims

All praise is due to Allah
To Him alone do we pray.

With all our heart we love Him
And all His commands we obey.

We always seek His guidance
In our work and in our play.

We are indeed true Muslims
We always do as we say.

Our Khalifah is amongst us
How can we go astray?

We are willing to devote
Our lives in Allah’s way.

Armed with the help of Allah
Through darkness we find our way

With the Grace of Allah Almighty
From evils we will turn away.
**ACTIVITY**

Unscramble the words below from the poem:

Y B O E H L L A A N D A

I H S L K A A I H F H .

R O U E R S H T A

I L I W U N T R Y A A W

R M O F K S N D E A S R

D A N L S V E I .
**CHALLENGE:** We are so fortunate to be a part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community! Regardless of where we live, we can make a personal bond with Huzoor by writing to him on a regular basis. Try to write to Huzoor at least once a month. Keep a log so you can look back and see whether you managed to complete this challenge!

**MY LOG FOR WRITING TO HUZOOR**

Tick **YES** or **NO** if you managed to write to Huzoor each month. If you ticked **YES**, write how many times you wrote during that month.

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Next year, try to improve on this log 😊.
The Promised Messiah, may peace be on him

The sun has now darkened
The moon has lost its light
For the appearance of the Mahdi as
The time was completely right.

Tis said in the Bible
These signs would come about
For the advent of Prophet Jesus as
So there could be no doubt.

The sun has now eclipsed
And the moon has eclipsed too
Both happened in the month of fasting
Normally they never do.

According to the writings
Before this very sign
The Promised Messiah as the Imam Mahdi
Would have announced his design.

This sign as you well know
Appeared in 1894
Unique was this occurrence as it had
A sign from Allah Almighty
For both the rich and the poor
To look for the claimant
    You should seriously try
I am sure you will find him
    If you have spiritual eyes

Listen to mother earth
    Pay heed to the skies
Hear the words of the ancient scriptures
    The heavens cannot lie

Accept the Messiah, the Imam Mahdi
    Like others have done too
Come on now, do not hesitate
    Come start your life anew

Ghulam Ahmad as his name
    And his birth town Qadian
‘Ismohu Ahmad’ His name is Ahmad as
    Is mentioned in the Quran

The Messiah has now come
    With true power and glory
So recognise and accept him now
    Or you’ll be forever sorry
**ACTIVITY**

Let’s see if you can find all of the words!

Find these words in the word search:

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**CHALLENGE:** All the major religions are still waiting for their foretold Messiah to appear. In fact many Muslims are still awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Ahmadi Muslims are the only people today that believe the Messiah has already come; the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian—we believe that he is the Messiah that all religions are awaiting.

Go to the official Jama‘at website: www.alislam.org. Research the eclipse of the sun and the moon as a sign for the coming of the awaited Messiah and Mahdi. Write down in your own words what the sign was and why it is so important:

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EXTENSION CHALLENGE: Do you know any of the other signs for the coming of the Messiah and Mahdi? Try to research this too:

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Ahmadi Muslim Children

Ahmadi Muslim children
Get up before dawn
Whether in London
Or in Qadian

They go to the mosque
When the Adhan is heard
They offer their Prayers
Not uttering a word

They recite the Quran
With a voice loud and clear
To them this Holy book
Is so very dear

They believe the Quran
Is God’s Word alone
Sent down to us all
From His majestic Throne

They believe that Muhammad\textsuperscript{saw}
Is the saviour of mankind
And the religion of Islam
Is the best for the mind
They try their utmost
To please their Great Lord
And do all good deeds
Without any rewards

They lead their whole life
To the Lord’s teachings
And are ever ready
In the field of preaching

They always study hard
But also enjoy their play
Their aim is very high
They worship God everyday

They are athletic in body
Sharp in mind and wit
A good sense of humour
All part of their toolkit

Kind to the young ones
Obedient to their parents
They are gentle in friendship
But severe to opponents

Moderation in everything
For them it’s the key
Not too much, nor too little
 Stops them from being greedy
'As-Siddiq,' the Truthful  
The Trustworthy, 'al-Ameen';  
Is what they endeavour  
For themselves to be  

For the sake of their faith  
They are ready to sacrifice  
Time, honour and wealth  
Throughout their whole life  

They love Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya  
Hazrat Ameer-ul-Momineen^aha  
To obey all his commands  
They are forever keen
**ACTIVITY**

This poem mentions many qualities of being an Ahmadi Muslim. Using your own life experiences, write a poem detailing the qualities you have that make you a great Ahmadi Muslim! You can choose your own title or you can use this one:

I AM AN AHMADI MUSLIM.

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A Pious Man’s Vision

A pious man was praying one night
   When he saw a vision, an angel bright

The angel said to him, ‘Do you know
   What’s happening in the town below’

The pious man then said, ‘I confess
   Whatever they do, I cannot guess’

The angel said, ‘Come along with me,
   I will take you around the whole city’

They both travelled along in the dark
   Through streets, homes and even the park

Together they saw many people within
   Who were completely engaged in vice and sin

The pious man was very much grieved
   Deep in his heart he almost believed

That because of this disgusting sight
   Evil would destroy this city tonight

He poured his heart before God and prayed
   He prayed and he prayed that the city be saved
He resolved that he would not rest  
Against these evils he would do his best

Sometime later, again the angel came  
And spoke to the man who was still feeling shame

They both set out for another round  
And walked the streets without any sound

This time they saw quite a different sight  
Opposite to what they saw at night

There were now people praying to God  
Supplicating before their Good Lord

Rushing to the mosque in the freezing cold  
Some were little ones while some were old

On their lips, many songs of praises  
Uttering humbly thanksgiving phrases

Some were engaged in beautiful recitation  
Of the Holy Quran, and others in meditation

The pious man was now satisfied  
With joy in his heart he almost cried

Finding people living in this city  
Who worship God and proudly declare
'With all our force we will surely fight
And crush the evil with all our might'

Seeing their resolve and determination
Remarked the angel, 'What a creation!'

God the Almighty will hear their call
And His mercy will cover them all
**ACTIVITY**

Draw a picture of the town described in this poem before the pious man’s prayers, then draw a picture of the same town after the pious man’s prayers:

*Town before prayers*

*Town after prayers*
WHO OR WHAT DO YOU PRAY FOR?

Make a list so that you can refer to it from time to time:

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God Has Made Everything

Mountain peaks covered with snow
  Fertile valleys stretched below
Laden with fruit the trees continue to grow
  And the winding rivers flow

Silent lakes and gushing waterfalls
  God has made them all.

The sun in the sky shines so bright
  The moon high above with borrowed light
The twinkling stars, O! What a sight
  Beautiful day and beautiful night

Round in a cycle they do fall
  God has made them all

Fish living in water, animals with snouts
  Creatures of the deep that we know nothing about
Animals that squeak, animals that shout
  Everything is useful without any doubt

Animals that creep, animals that crawl
  God has made them all

The birds that fly, the birds that sing
  Beautiful flowers that blossom in Spring
You and me, the queen and the king
God has created absolutely everything

Both black and white, both short and tall
God has made them all
ACTIVITY

What is one of your favourite creations of God and why?

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Jesus, may peace be on him

Jesus as was a Prophet of God,
   And Prophet of God was he
And all the Prophets were human beings
   They all lived like you and me.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
   And Prophet of God was he
He rode a pony and walked on foot
   He travelled like you and me.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
   And Prophet of God was he
When good news came he laughed with joy
   He laughed like you and me.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
   And Prophet of God was he
When he was sad, he cried deep in his heart
   He cried like you and me.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
   And Prophet of God was he
While on the cross he cried out loud
   Lord why hast thou forsaken me...
Jesus as was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he
God heard his prayers and saved him from death
As he prayed in agony.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he.
As he was in the fear of arrest again,
He fled from his beloved Galilee.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he
From place to place he travelled on foot
Until he reached the Kashmir Valley.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he
He lived in India for many years
He lived there with his family.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he
He completed his mission and passed away
At the ripe old age of 120.

Jesus as was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he.
May his pious soul rest in peace
Son of God he cannot be.
Jesus was a Prophet of God
And Prophet of God was he.
This is the conclusion you arrive at
When you read his life history.
ACTIVITY

Circle the correct answer:

1. All prophets are human   TRUE    FALSE
2. Prophet Jesus was not put on the cross   TRUE    FALSE
3. Did Prophet Jesus, may peace be on him, complete his mission?   YES    NO
4. Prophet Jesus left Galilee and finally reached
   QADIAN, LONDON, KASHMIR
5. Prophet Jesus passed away at the age of:
   40    80    96, 100, 120, 136

If you are interested in learning more about Prophet Jesus’ life you can read:

- *Jesus in India*, by the Promised Messiah as
- *Where did Jesus Die?*, by Jalal-ud-Din Shams ra
- *The True Story of Jesus*, by Rashid Ahmad Chaudhry
Lord of the Mighty Throne

Allah can see what you do
  He always watches over you

He is faithful as a Friend
  To help you His angels descend

He is super as a Guide
  In Him you can truly confide

He has power over everything
  The ferocious beast, the mightiest King

Ask from Him whatever you need
  Knock at His door and you will succeed

Believe in Him and seek His pleasure
  Allah is indeed the loveliest treasure

Who, when found by you or me
  Is like a strong boat in a stormy sea

Allah is sufficient for me
  Indeed there is no other God but He

We should worship him alone
  He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne
ACTIVITY

Allah has many names, you may have heard of the 99 Attributes of Allah. The verse of the Holy Quran that is repeated at the beginning of most surah’s is:

بِسْمِ اللِّٰلِّٰرَحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

Bismillaa hir-Rahmaanir-Raheem

In the Name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

Which Attributes of Allah can you find in this verse?

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Can you explain each of these Attributes in your own words?

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COLOUR IN THE ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY THAT SAYS ‘ALLAH’.
Our Leader (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Behold our leader
   Muhammad\textsuperscript{\textit{aw}} is his name
We love him so dearly
   And worldwide is his fame.

He removed the darkness
   From the corners of the earth
Excellent is his example
   To follow from birth.

Holy are all Prophets
   Though their ranks not the same
The Holiest Muhammad\textsuperscript{\textit{aw}}
   The beauty in his name!

He brought us the religion
   That lives on strong today
Islam, peace and submission
   A promise to obey.

The last to bring us a Law
   King of all who have already been
That is why we call him
   ‘Khaatamun-Nabiyeen’.
**ACTIVITY**

Ask someone older than you—your mum, dad, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, cousin etc., to tell you a story from the life of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. If you cannot find someone to tell you a story, you can always search on www.alislam.org.

Write down the story in your own words:

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Prayer Is the Key to Paradise

Early in the morning, just before dawn
A Mu‘adhdhin from the mosque calls the Adhaan

From a minaret, his voice loud and clear
He calls the believers from far and near

‘Prayer is better than sleep,’ he loudly declares
Come to the mosque and leave behind your affairs

‘Prayer leads to success,’ he does then call
O do come quickly now and do not stall

Hurry up and leave your comfortable bed
And do get ready for Prayer instead

Prayer does help you to achieve your goal
It is indeed a tonic for the soul

Perform ablutions, gather in the hall
Let not Satan allure you ever at all

Join the worshippers and follow the Imam
Through Ruku, Sajdah, Qa’adah and Qiyaam
Ask everything from your Lord, your God
No matter how small, or even how odd!

Importance of Prayer, you must realise
It is the secret key to Paradise.
**ACTIVITY**

Sometimes friends that are not Muslim might think it is crazy that you pray five times a day! But you can prove to them that the five daily prayers do not take up much time at all! For one day ask an adult to record how long you spend.

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- Playing _______ hours _______ mins
- Eating _______ hours _______ mins
- Watching TV _______ hours _______ mins
- Browsing internet _______ hours _______ mins
- Other activities _______ hours _______ mins
- Praying _______ hours _______ mins

Out of 24 hours, how long do you spend praying? ____________

You see!! The five daily prayers do not take up much time at all!
The Girl with Swollen Eyes

A little girl had swollen eyes
   And she was in terrible pain
She went to many doctors
   But it was all in vain.

One day she met the Promised Messiah
   And requested him to pray
‘Holiness,’ she said to him
   ‘I’m in pain night and day.’

The Messiah took pity on her
   When he saw her reddened face
Tenderly he spoke to her
   And slowed down his pace.

He put his finger in his mouth
   And rubbed it on her eyes
He then prayed to his Lord
   To Allah, the Mighty, the Wise.

After a while she felt better
   And the pain did really cease
She lived on for many years
   And never again had eye disease.
ACTIVITY

Fill in the gaps using the boxes from the table below this passage:

The girl had ____________ ____________.
This caused her ____________ ____________.
Although she had been to many ____________,
none were able to ____________ her. She asked the
___________ ____________ to ____________
for her. The ____________ ____________ took
pity on her. The ____________ ____________
put his ____________ in his ____________ and
gently rubbed it on her ____________. Then he
___________ to ____________. After some time
the girl felt ____________. Never again did she have an
___________ ____________!

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The Month of Fasting Has Begun

The moon has been sighted  
Everyone is delighted  
It will be lots of fun  
The month of fasting has begun.

Breakfast just before dawn  
Reciting the Holy Quran  
Till the rising of the sun  
The month of fasting has begun.

No food during the day  
No visits to the café  
No work will be left undone  
The month of fasting has begun.

No drinking, no eating  
Absolutely no cheating!  
All the evils we will shun  
The month of fasting has begun.

One should never forget  
To break the fast at sunset.  
God’s pleasure will be won  
The month of fasting has begun.
At night an extra prayer
   Which puts us in the right gear
To goodness we always run
   The month of fasting has begun.

In the mosque we do pray
   For as long as we can stay
Heaven’s door is closed to none
   The month of fasting has begun.

The moon is sighted again
   All are delighted again
For the day of Eid is tomorrow
   For Satan; what a day of sorrow.
**ACTIVITY**

The month of fasting is a special and spiritual time for Muslims. Although children do not fast, you can use this month to improve yourself by having targets. For example your target could be ‘to be nice to my brother / sister’. Sticking to your target for the whole month, should help you do so throughout the year.

My target for this Ramadan is: ____________________
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The Prophet saw Has an Enemy

One day the Holy Prophet saw was coming back
From the battlefield; the security was slack.

The sun was burning like a ball of fire
Every living thing was forced to retire.

He decided his men should rest a while
Under shady trees before another mile.

He hung his sword in the branches and lay
Unaware an enemy followed him all day.

The enemy moved close, took his sword from the tree
And said to him, ‘who can save you from me?’

‘Allah,’ said the Prophet saw without a trace of fear
The enemy dropped the sword, the Prophet saw was near.

Then the Prophet saw picked up the sword and said
‘Now you tell me who can save you instead?’

‘No one but you,’ he cried with pleading eyes,
‘Indeed you’re always very kind and wise.’

‘Very well,’ said Prophet saw, ‘You’re free to go.’
Allah is the saviour, of friend and foe.
**ACTIVITY**

1. What did the Holy Prophet ﷺ say when the enemy said: “who can save you from me?”

2. When the Holy Prophet said to the enemy: “Now you tell me who can save you instead?”, what was the reply of the enemy? because

**BONUS QUESTION:** During which battle did the incident mentioned in the poem take place?

The incident took place during the Battle of ____________. 
Answers to Activities

True Muslims

Y B O E H L L A A N D A
obey Allah and

I H S L K A A I H F H.
his Khalifah.

R O U E R S H T A
Our hearts

I L I W U N T R Y A A W
will turn away

R M O F K S N D E A S R
from darkness

D A N L S V E I.
and evils.
The Promised Messiah, may peace be on him
Jesus, may peace be on him

Circle the correct answer:

1. All prophets are human  TRUE
2. Prophet Jesus was not put on the cross  FALSE
3. Did Prophet Jesus, may peace be on him, complete his mission?  YES
4. Prophet Jesus left Galilee and finally reached KASHMIR
5. Prophet Jesus passed away at the age of:  120

Lord of the Mighty Throne

بِسْمِ اللِّٰ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

Bismillaa hir-Rahmaanir-Raheem

In the Name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

Which Attributes of Allah can you find in this verse? The Attributes of Allah found in the verse بِسْمِ اللِّٰ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ are:

1. رحمن  [Rahmaan—Gracious]
2. رحيم  [Raheem—Merciful]
The girl had **swollen eyes**. This caused her **terrible pain**. Although she had been to many **doctors**, none were able to **cure** her. She asked the **Promised Messiah** to **pray** for her. The **Promised Messiah** took pity on her. The **Promised Messiah** put his **finger** in his **mouth** and gently rubbed it on her **eyes**. Then he **prayed** to **Allah**. After some time the girl felt **better**! Never again did she have an **eye disease**!
Publisher’s Note

Salutations are recited out of respect when mentioning the names of Prophets and holy personages. These salutations have been abbreviated and inserted into the text where applicable.

Readers are urged to recite the full salutations for the following abbreviations:

\[ \text{saw } sallallaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam, \text{ meaning ‘peace and blessings of Allah be upon him’, is written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad} \text{saw}. \]

\[ \text{as ‘alaihis-salaam, meaning ‘peace be on him’, is written after the names of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad} \text{saw}. \]

\[ \text{ra raziyallaahu ‘anhu/’anhaa/’anhum, meaning ‘Allah be pleased with him/her/them’, is written after the names of the Companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad} \text{saw} \text{ or of the Promised Messiah} \text{as}. \]

\[ \text{rta rahmatullaah ‘alaihi/’alaihaa/’alaihim, meaning ‘Allah shower His mercy upon him/her/them’, is written after the names of those deceased pious Muslims who are not Companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad} \text{saw} \text{ or of the Promised Messiah} \text{as}. \]