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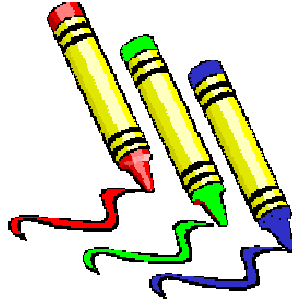
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# *Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab*

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Sahaba

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Sunnah

Allah chose the best people to be the **sahaba** of His Last Messenger ﷺ. The word sahaba means “friends”. Out of these men, four of them were the best. Their names were Abu Bakr as-Siddiq, Umar ibn al-Khattaab, Uthman ibn Affan and Ali ibn Abi Talib. After the prophet Muhammad ﷺ died, these four men were the leaders of the Muslims. They were great Muslims who obeyed Allah and correctly followed the **Sunnah** of His Messenger ﷺ. The word sunnah means the things that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, did or agreed with.

# Khalifah

## Umar ibn al-Khattaab

Abu Bakr was the first **khalifah** of the Muslims after the death of the Prophet ﷺ. Khalifah means the one who leads the Muslims after the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. After Abu Bakr, Umar ibn al-Khattaab was the khalifah of the Muslims. This is the story of how Allah changed Umar ibn al-Khattaab into a great man who would become the second best sahabi of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the second khalifa in Islam.

# Muslim



In the early years of his life, Umar ibn al-Khattaab was not a **Muslim**. A Muslim is someone who worships Allah by loving Him and obeying Him. A Muslim must also follow the sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. When Allah first sent the Prophet ﷺ with the message of Islam many people became upset. They did not like what the Prophet ﷺ was saying and they did not want this new religion in Mecca. Umar was one of the people who did not like the Prophet ﷺ and the new religion he ﷺ was teaching.

# Dua'

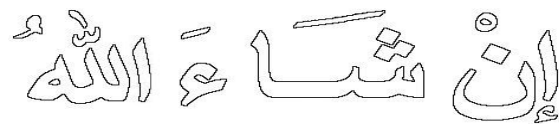


Many people were afraid of Umar. He was a very tall man and he was strong. Umar could also wrestle very well. Umar's voice was strong and when he spoke his voice could easily be heard by all who were present. When Umar hit someone it hurt. No one in Mecca would fight Umar because they knew how strong he was. Before Allah made Umar a Muslim, Umar would do mean things to the Muslims and he would hurt them. One day the Prophet ﷺ made a **dua'** to Allah. A dua' is what a Muslims says to Allah when they are asking Allah for help or they are asking Allah to give them something they need or want. The Prophet ﷺ made a dua to Allah asking Allah to make either of the two Umars' a Muslim. The two Umars' that the Prophet ﷺ was talking about were: Umar ibn al-Khattaab and Umar ibn al-Hisham. Allah chose Umar ibn al-Khattaab. Umar ibn al-Hisham was an enemy of Allah, His Messenger and the Muslims, and so the Prophet ﷺ gave him the name, Abu Jahl, 'the father of ignorance'. Umar ibn al-Hisham, who is best known as Abu Jahl, is now in the hellfire.

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# Guided

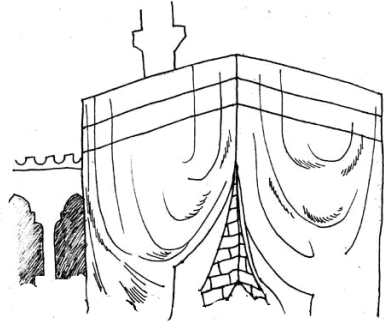
# Insha'Allah



The way that Allah **guided** Umar ibn al-Khattaab to Islam is a wonderful story. To be guided means to be shown the way to something. We will tell the story of how Umar was guided to Islam here **insha'Allah**. Insha'Allah means, "if Allah wills". That means that if Allah wants something to happen then it will happen and nothing can stop it.

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# Tawaf



# Ka'aba

One night Umar had nothing to do. He went looking for his friends but everyone was asleep. Umar decided to go to the Ka'aba to make **tawaf**. Tawaf means to go around the Ka'aba in a complete circle. When Umar got to the Ka'aba he saw the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ praying. Umar decided that he would go and put fear into the heart of the Prophet ﷺ by sneaking up on him.

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# Quran

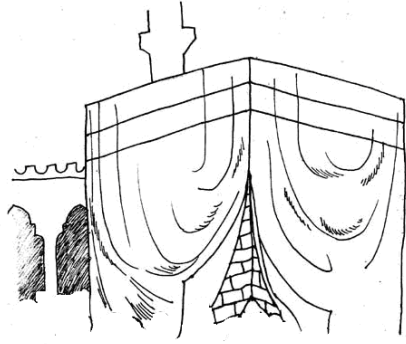


# Poet

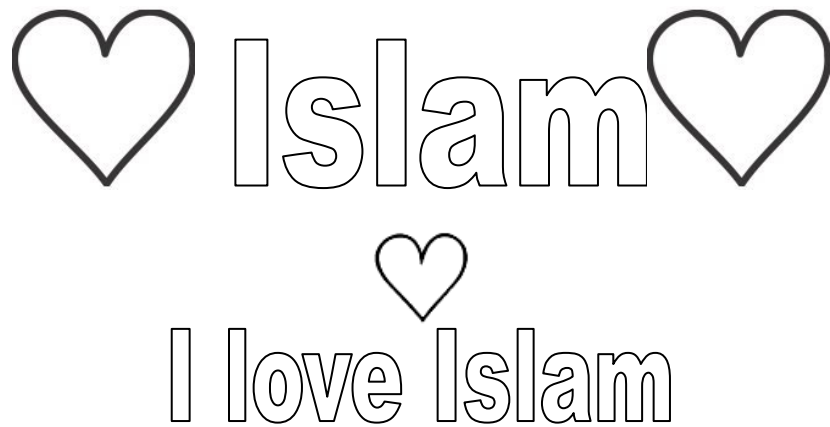
Umar slipped under the cover of the Ka'aba and he began to sneak around the Ka'aba. The Prophet ﷺ could not see Umar because it was nighttime and Umar was underneath the cloth of the Ka'aba. When Umar was standing right in front of the Prophet ﷺ, he heard the Prophet ﷺ reciting some verses of the Quran. Umar thought the words of the **Quran** were beautiful and that they must be the words of a **poet**. The Quran is the words of Allah that He taught to His messenger ﷺ. A poet is someone who writes poems. There are no words that are equal to or better than the Words of Allah. Allah's Speech is the best speech. It is not poetry.

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# Ayah



Umar said to himself, “these must be the words of a poet.” The next **ayah** of Quran that the Prophet ﷺ recited was, “These are not the words of a poet, little do you believe.” Umar was shocked! The Prophet ﷺ did not know that Umar was there and Umar had spoken the words to himself in his head. Umar was wondering how the Prophet ﷺ could have known what he was thinking. Umar thought to himself, “These must be words of a fortuneteller! How did he ﷺ know what was in my heart?” The next ayah of Quran that the Prophet ﷺ recited was, “These are not the words of a fortuneteller, little do you remember.” Still hidden under the cloth of the ka’aba, Umar froze where he was standing.



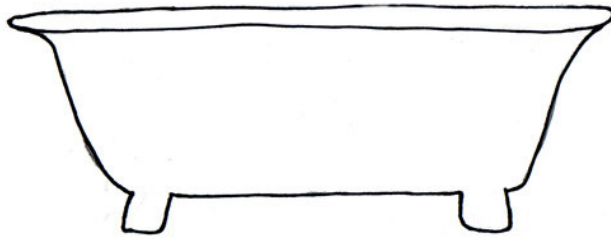
That was the first thing that made Umar’s heart begin to soften toward the religion of Islam. The second thing that happened was that one day the leaders of Quraish were upset and talking about how to deal with the Prophet ﷺ. They asked, “Who will get rid of him?” Umar was with them and he told the leaders that he would go and harm the Prophet ﷺ. As he was on his way to where the Prophet ﷺ Muhammad was teaching the Muslims, he met a man. This man was a Muslim but Umar did not know that. The man saw in Umar’s face that he was upset and that he wanted to do something bad. The man asked, “Where are you going Umar?” Umar told the man that he was going to stop the Prophet ﷺ from teaching Islam. The man told him, “You should see about your own house first. Your sister has become a Muslim.”

# Scroll



Umar became very upset and he went to his sister's house. He forgot about going to try to hurt the Prophet ﷺ. When Umar got to his sister's house, he heard a beautiful sound coming from inside. His sister and her husband, Sa'id bin Zaid, were reciting Quran. Umar knocked on the door and when they knew it was Umar who was knocking, his sister Fatima hid the scroll that had a surah from the Quran written on it. Umar went inside and asked them, "What was that sound that I heard?" They told him they were just talking. Umar told them he heard a mumbling and then he got angry and asked if they had become Muslim. When they told him yes, Umar hit his sister and her husband.

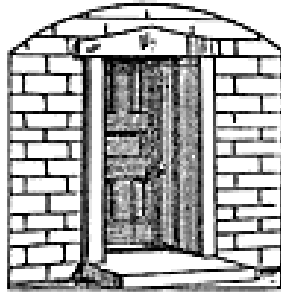
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## Cleanliness is part of Faith.

Umar saw the blood on his sister's cheek and he felt bad. He asked to see the scroll with the ayat of Quran on it. His sister told him that he had to wash himself first because he was not clean. Umar did as she said and when he had washed himself he read the ayat on the scroll. Umar felt that the ayat were very beautiful. He said, "The one who has said these words needs to be worshipped." Umar meant that only Allah should be worshipped. Umar knew that the words of the Quran were not poetry or magic. He knew they were the truth. Umar said, "Take me to the Prophet ﷺ."

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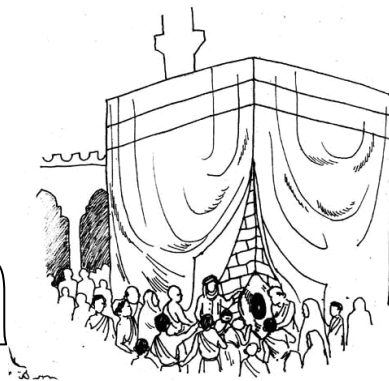


## Dar al-Arkam

Umar went to the house where the Prophet ﷺ was teaching the Muslims. This house was called **Dar al-Arkam**. Umar knocked on the door. When the Muslims saw that it was Umar ibn al-Khattaab they became afraid. No one wanted to answer the door. Hamza ibn Abdul Mutalib, who was the Prophets uncle ﷺ, was a very brave man. He was not afraid of Umar. Hamzah went and opened the door. He brought Umar inside and took him to the Prophet ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ grabbed Umar by his clothes and said, “Why did you come here son of Khattaab? Are you going to fight Islam until Allah destroys you?” Umar said, “Oh Messenger of Allah! I have come here for no reason other than to believe in Allah and His Messenger.” The Prophet ﷺ became very happy and said, “Allahu Akbar!” very loudly. The Prophet ﷺ was happy that Allah had answered his dua and chosen Umar ibn al-Khattaab to become a Muslim.

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## Praying at al-Ka'ba



After Umar became Muslim, the other Muslims were no longer afraid to pray in front of Quraish at the Ka'ba. The Prophet ﷺ used to pray at the Ka'ba but the other Muslims were afraid that the Quraish would hurt them so they prayed in secret. Now that Umar was a Muslim, Quraish would not dare to mess with the Muslims. They were afraid of Umar and they knew that he would not allow them to hurt any of the Muslims. Islam became stronger because of the Islam of Umar ibn al-Khattaab. Umar loved Allah and His Messenger ﷺ very much and he did many good deeds for Allah. Insha'Allah, in our next story we will learn about many of the good deeds that Umar ibn al-Khattaab did. We will also learn about how brave, fair, and kind he was with the Muslims.

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