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*In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful.*

Publisher's Note

In this book a story is told of a boy who went on a journey with his family to perform *'Umrah*.

By reading this story, children will readily understand the way to perform *'Umrah*. All the things have been described in an interesting manner, right from the start of the journey.

What to say while leaving one's house, while getting into the car, while travelling, while stopping to take a rest — all supplications have been denoted. Going to *Miqaat*, entering the state of *Ihraam*, reaching Makkah, performing *Tawaaif*, praying at *Maqaam Ibraahim*, drinking Zamzam water, performing *Sa'y* and having the head shaved — all the acts that complete the *'Umrah* are described.

May Allāh help us to perform all the acts of worship in a right manner.

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‘Ammaar In Makkah

‘Ammaar left school, holding the hand of his younger brother ‘Abdur-Rahmaan. ‘Ammaar is eleven years old and ‘Abdur-Rahmaan is nine. They went back home quickly, knocked on the door and when their mother opened the door, they said, “*As-salaamu ‘alaykum,*” which means, “Peace be upon you.” The mother returned the greeting by saying, “*Wa ‘alaikum us-salaamu wa rahmatul-laahi wa barakaatuh,*” which means, “May peace and Allāh’s mercy and blessings be on you too.” She asked them how they were and ‘Ammaar answered, “We are well, all praise be to Allāh. Father promised to take us to Makkah for ‘*Umrah* during the holiday in the middle of the school year. The holiday starts today.” His mother answered, “Yes, I will help you prepare for the journey.” ‘Ammaar said, “All praise be to Allāh, I finished memorizing the fifteenth part of

the Qur’ān.” He started preparing his suitcase and he remembered to bring the two garments for *Ihraam*. ‘Ammaar’s mother is very happy with her sons ‘Ammaar and ‘Abdur-Rahmaan and she prays to Allāh to make them among the believers who memorize His Book and do what it says.

‘Ammaar’s mother said many other prayers to Allāh for her children. A few minutes later, they heard someone knocking on the door. They answered the door happily because they knew it was time for their father to come back from work. They heard his voice from behind the door greeting their neighbor Shaikh Ibraahim.

When ‘Ammaar opened the door, his father came in and gave greetings of peace to everyone. The family returned the father’s greetings of peace, and ‘Ammaar and ‘Abdur-Rahmaan went to their room. It is their habit that when their father comes back from work, they

do not talk to him about anything until he changes his clothes and rests.

‘Ammar and his brother entered their room, which is very clean and neat. They always keep their room tidy. There is no garbage on the floor, no clothes thrown around and their beds are properly made. ‘Ammar sat on his bed, reviewing some *Surahs* from the Qur’ān.

Soon, it was time to eat and they all sat around the food. The father said to ‘Abdur-Rahmaan, “Did you memorize a *Hadeeth* from the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ about the manners of eating?” ‘Abdur-Rahmaan said, “Yes, I did. ‘Amr bin Abi Salamah said, ‘I was a young boy under the care of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. My hand used to reach all parts of the plate and the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

«يَا غُلَامُ! سَمِّ اللَّهَ وَكُلْ بِيَمِينِكَ، وَكُلْ مِمَّا يَلِيكَ»

O young boy! Mention Allāh’s Name, eat with your right hand and eat from the part of food that is in front

of you.”

Before they finished eating, ‘Ammar said to his father, “We are all ready to go to Makkah except for my mom who is going to look after Faatimah, my youngest sister. Mom helped me prepare my suitcase and what we need for the journey.” He hopes that the trip for ‘*Umrah* will not be delayed. His father said, “Yes, my son. *In shaa’ Allaah* (if Allāh wills), after ‘*Asr* today or *Fajr* tomorrow, we will go to Makkah by car.” Baasim, ‘Ammar’s youngest brother, said, “I, too, want to go with you, father.” The father said, “Yes, we are all going for ‘*Umrah*. Let me remind you of what the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said about the benefits of ‘*Umrah*. He said:

«الْعُمْرَةُ إِلَى الْعُمْرَةِ كَفَّارَةٌ لِمَا بَيْنَهُمَا مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ وَالْخَطَايَا. وَالْحَجُّ الْمَبْرُورُ لَيْسَ لَهُ جَزَاءٌ إِلَّا الْجَنَّةُ»

“*Umrah* to the next ‘*Umrah* erases