

Publisher's Note

All praise is due to Allah; we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and from our sinful deeds. Whomever Allah guides, there is none to misguide him; and whomever He leads astray, none can guide him. We bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, alone, and we bear witness that Muhammad (ﷺ) is His servant and Messenger. We pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His peace and blessings upon Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family, as well as upon all the noble Companions and those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement.

The present series covers a number of interesting topics that affect our everyday lives, and it is geared towards Muslim children born and brought up in the West, as well as Muslim children and adults in all parts of the world.

As colourful artwork appeals to children, we have produced the present series in beautiful colour illustrations that are bound to attract the young readers' attention, stimulate them and amuse them. We have, at times, used pictures of human beings and animals for the same purpose, but with the heads separated from the bodies, after consulting with some Muslim scholars from Al-Madinah, Saudi Arabia, who approved doing so as long as these publications are geared towards a younger audience. This will certainly stimulate young Muslim readers and amuse them, now that we live in a world that abounds with attractive publications that are, in the main, meant to pollute their thinking and keep them away from the right track.

Our aim here is to provide an alternative that is purely Islamic and, at the same time, one that keeps up with the latest advances in material production to stay level with non-Muslim publications.

We pray to Allah to reward our endeavours and to make the present series abundantly beneficial to our young readers.

These are Arabic writings used as symbols:



Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him



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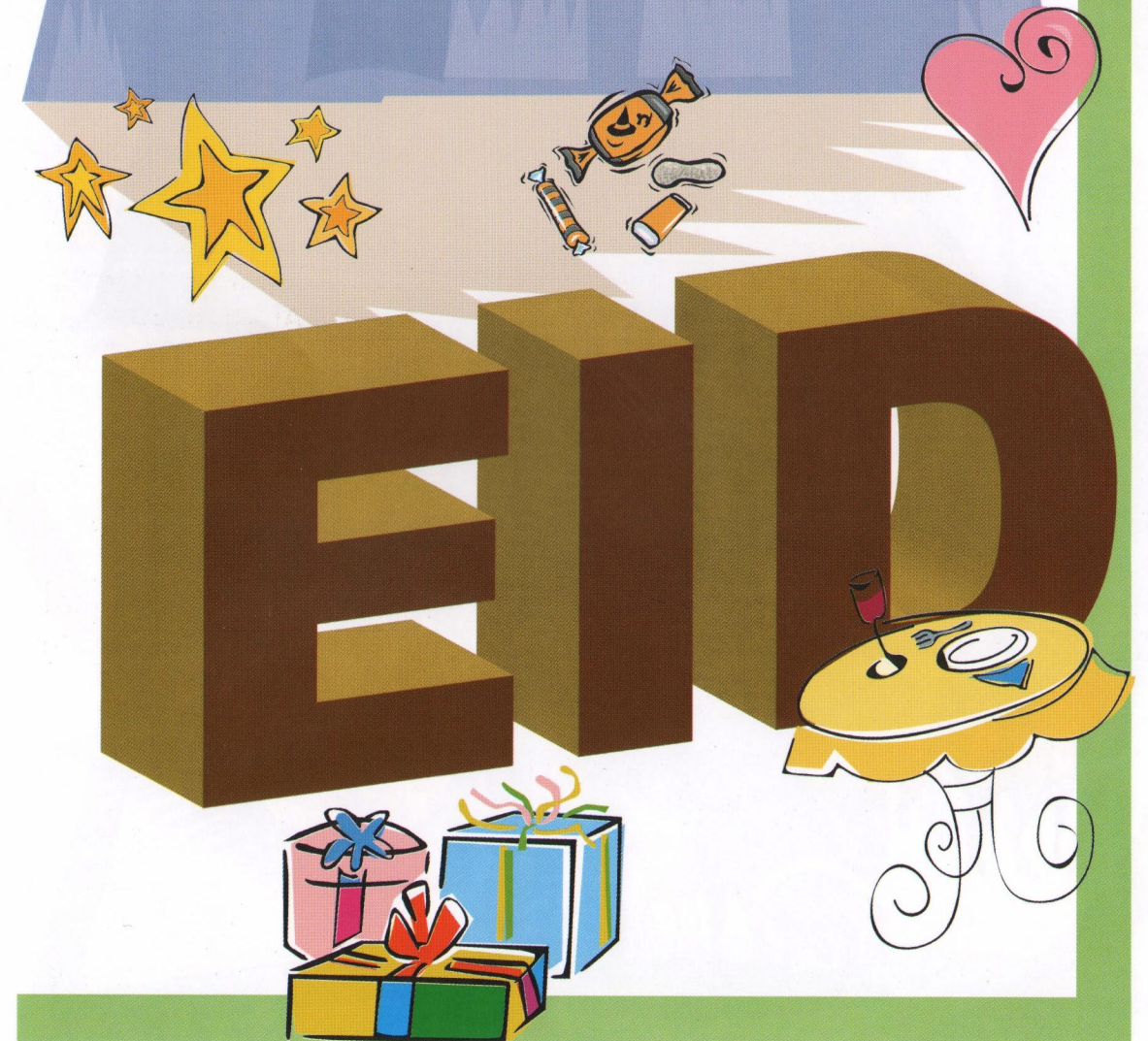


May Allah be pleased with him

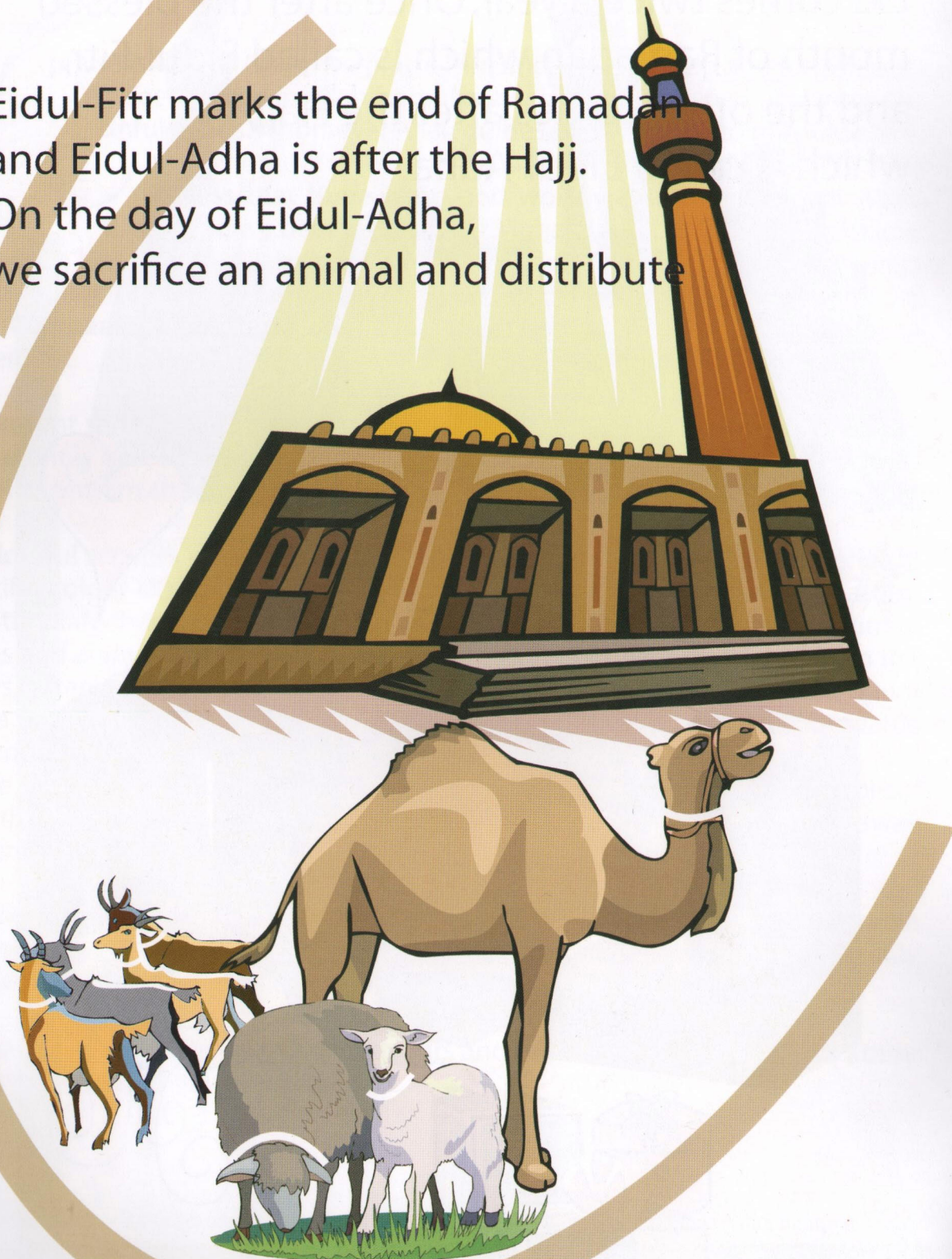


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Eid is the celebration of the Muslims. Eid comes twice a year. Once after the blessed month of Ramadan which is called Eidul-Fitr, and the other comes after the Hajj, which is called Eidul-Adha.



Eidul-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan and Eidul-Adha is after the Hajj. On the day of Eidul-Adha, we sacrifice an animal and distribute



the meat to the poor and our family and friends. This is in remembrance of Allâh's order to Prophet Ibrahim (ﷺ) to sacrifice his son Ismail (ﷺ).



Eidul-Fitr begins when the new moon of Shawwal is sighted.
A new moon marks the beginning of a new month.



So how can we tell a new moon has appeared? Well, a new moon is shaped as a very thin crescent, which you can just about to see.

