

# The Milky Way

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Travel through the Milky Way, exploring the fourteen brightest stars

**Labbayk Ya Husain (as)!**

Are you ready for it?

Discover the tragedy  
of Karbala  
with Ahmad and Mahdi

The Holy Prophet (s): Husain (as) is from me and I am from Husain (as).

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And Rain Down Peace On His Household

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A Magazine for the Youth

The Greatest Martyr  
from birth till death



Salaamun Alaikum Readers

He was forced to submit to oppression, but he stood steadfast against it. He showed how to live and die with honor. He sacrificed everything to revive the golden values of Islam. He shines brightly on the Highway to Heaven. He was loved then and adored now. He whole heartedly welcomed the needy at his doorstep believing that helping others was a blessing of the Almighty. He loved and respected children. He chose good names for his children. He said: If all my children were boys I would name all of them Ali. True to his word, he named all three sons Ali, two of which (Akbar & Asghar) attained martyrdom before his very eyes on the day of Aashura. He was Husain, the son of Ali and Fatimah. Peace be upon them all. In this edition of the Milky Way, you'll get a chance to know the greatest martyr of all times a little better. If only we can promise to strive to become like his companions...  
Hope to see you with the next Star!  
InshaAllah!

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# Activity Corner

## The Secret Message

You didn't get the opportunity to help Imam Husain (as) in Karbala, but you can help the Imam of your time. Find the way through the maze to the camp of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam. Pick up the letters on the way to find the secret message.



## Test Yourself

### Tick your Pick

**Imam Husain's (as) birthday?**

- 7th Safar       10th Rajab  
 3rd Shaaban       4th Zilhajj

**Imam Husain's (as) birth year?**

- 1<sup>st</sup> year AH       3<sup>rd</sup> year AH  
 4<sup>th</sup> year AH       7<sup>th</sup> year AH

**Imam Husain's (as) birth city?**

- Madinah       Kufah  
 Makkah       Syria

**Imam Husain's (as) title?**

- Abu Muhammad       Abul Hasan  
 Abu Jafar       Sayidush Shuhada

**Imam Husain's (as) companions in Karbala?**

- 71       72  
 73       78

**First he was with Ubaidullah ibne Ziyad, then pledged allegiance to Imam Husain (as)?**

- Muslim       Hurr  
 Hani       Habib

**Imam Husain's (as) objective?**

- Injustice and tyranny       Enjoining the good  
 Enjoining the good & forbidding the evil

**The youngest martyr in Karbala?**

- Ali Asghar       Hasan  
 Muslim       Qasim

# on air!

Assalaamu Alaikum. I'm Maryam and this is Yasir, our guest today, from the Ahlul-Bayt University. Today's program is about Imam Husain (as). We will discover how the Quran and Sunnah have introduced him.

Assalaamu Alaikum every one.

There are prizes for our viewers who answer the questions which we ask today.

Yasir, to begin our contest, please mention a verse of the Quran which refers to Imam Husain (as) and his family.

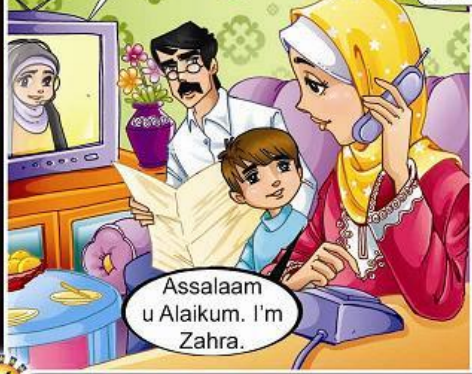


Once when Imam Hasan (as) and Imam Husain (as) fell ill, Imam Ali (as) and Hazrat Fatimah (as) made a vow that if the children got better, they would fast for three days. Once the children got better, they fulfilled their vow. Each day at iftar, a pauper arrived and they all gave away their food. The first day they gave it to a poor person, the second day to an orphan and the third day to a prisoner.

Yasir, one of our viewers has called in to recite the verse for us.

The ayat he referred to is:

و يطعمون الطعام على حبه مسكيناً و يتيماً و اسيراً  
They give food, in His love, to the needy, the orphan and the prisoner.  
(Surah Insan, ayat 8)



Assalaamu Alaikum. I'm Zahra.



Excellent! That's correct! We will send your gift in the mail at the address you have given to our operator. Now we will watch this report together.

# Heads Held High

After the martyrdom of Imam Husain (as) and his companions, their family members were taken captive. They were to be taken to Damascus, to Yazid bin Muawiyah.

But first they were taken to the city of Kufah. As they entered the city, people gathered to witness Yazid's victory over them, but Imam Sajjad (as) delivered a touching sermon. He started by praising Allah, the Almighty and sending blessings on the Holy Prophet, then introduced himself, "I am the son of Husain (as), who was the son of Ali bin Abi Talib (as). I am the son of the one whom they attempted to dishonor, disgrace and insult. He was mercilessly killed on the banks of the Euphrates, while he was thirsty. They beheaded him, plundered his wealth and took his family as prisoners. O people! You, yourself wrote letters to my father inviting him to Kufah. You promised to help him. How dare you fight him? Woe upon you! How will you face the Holy Prophet on the Day of Judgment. What will you answer when he asks you, 'Why did you kill my son?'" The people of Kufah started to feel remorse for what they had done. They started to wail and cry. But it was too late. The only living grandson of the Holy Prophet had been killed.

The caravan continued its journey to Damascus. On the way, Imam Sajjad (as) fulfilled his responsibility of informing the people of what had transpired in Karbala. Damascus had been decorated to mark the ruler's victory. This city had been ruled by Muawiyah for over 40 years. He was a cunning ruler and had used all sorts of propaganda to promote an ugly image of the Ahlul Bayt (as). The people of Damascus were unaware of the true virtues of the Holy family. They blindly accepted what their rulers told them. They therefore celebrated, chanted and clapped as the prisoners were taken to Yazid's palace.

