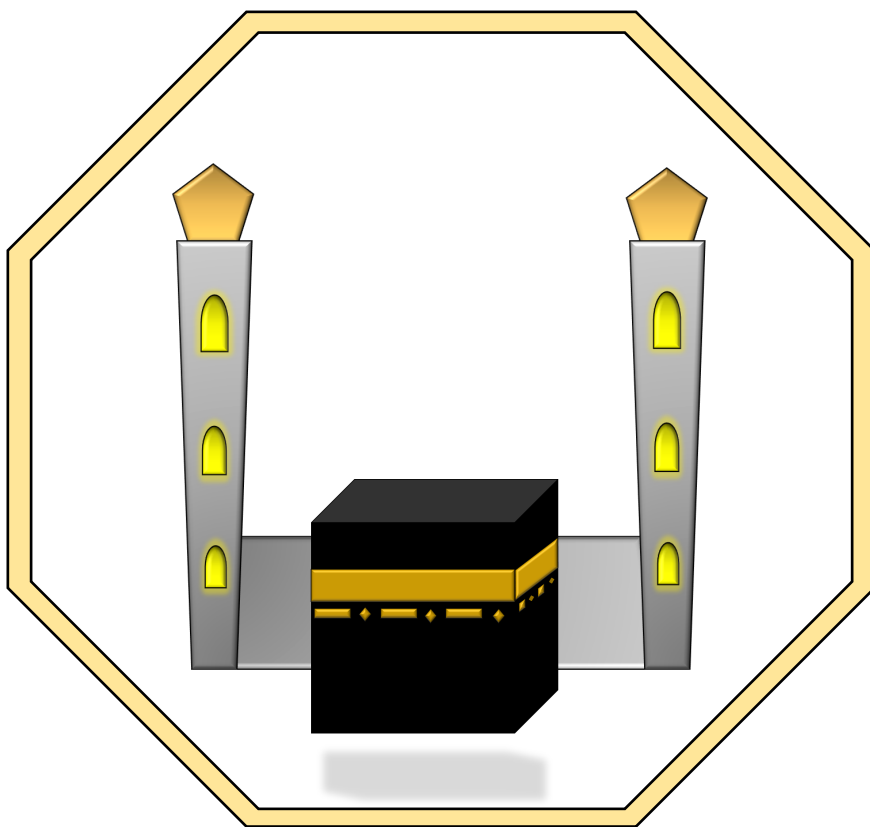


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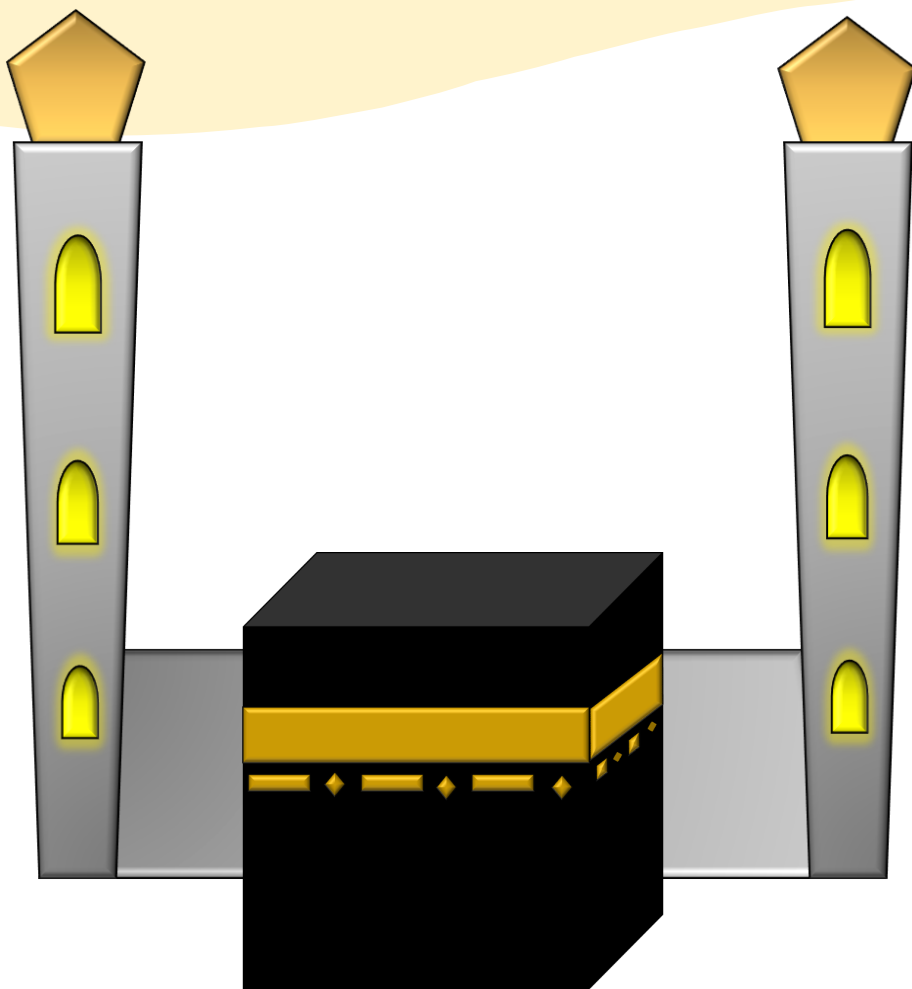
The Journey of a Lifetime



# The Story of Hajj

Hajj is the pilgrimage, a special journey made by Muslims to the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia. It must be performed at least once in a Muslim's lifetime. Hajj is one of the pillars of Islam and takes place in the month of Dhul Hijjah.

The story of Hajj starts with an introduction about Prophet Ibrahim. Many acts of the pilgrimage are performed to remember Prophet Ibrahim.



# The Story of Hajj

Prophet Ibrahim was born in a place called Ur. When he grew up he married and had a son called Ismail. Allah told Prophet Ibrahim to take his wife Hajar and their son Ismail to an empty valley in Arabia. He then left them there, trusting in Allah to care for them.

When the water ran out, Hajar began searching the desert for food and water. She ran up the two famous hills called Safa and Marwa. Allah made a spring miraculously come out at Ismail's feet so that they could drink.

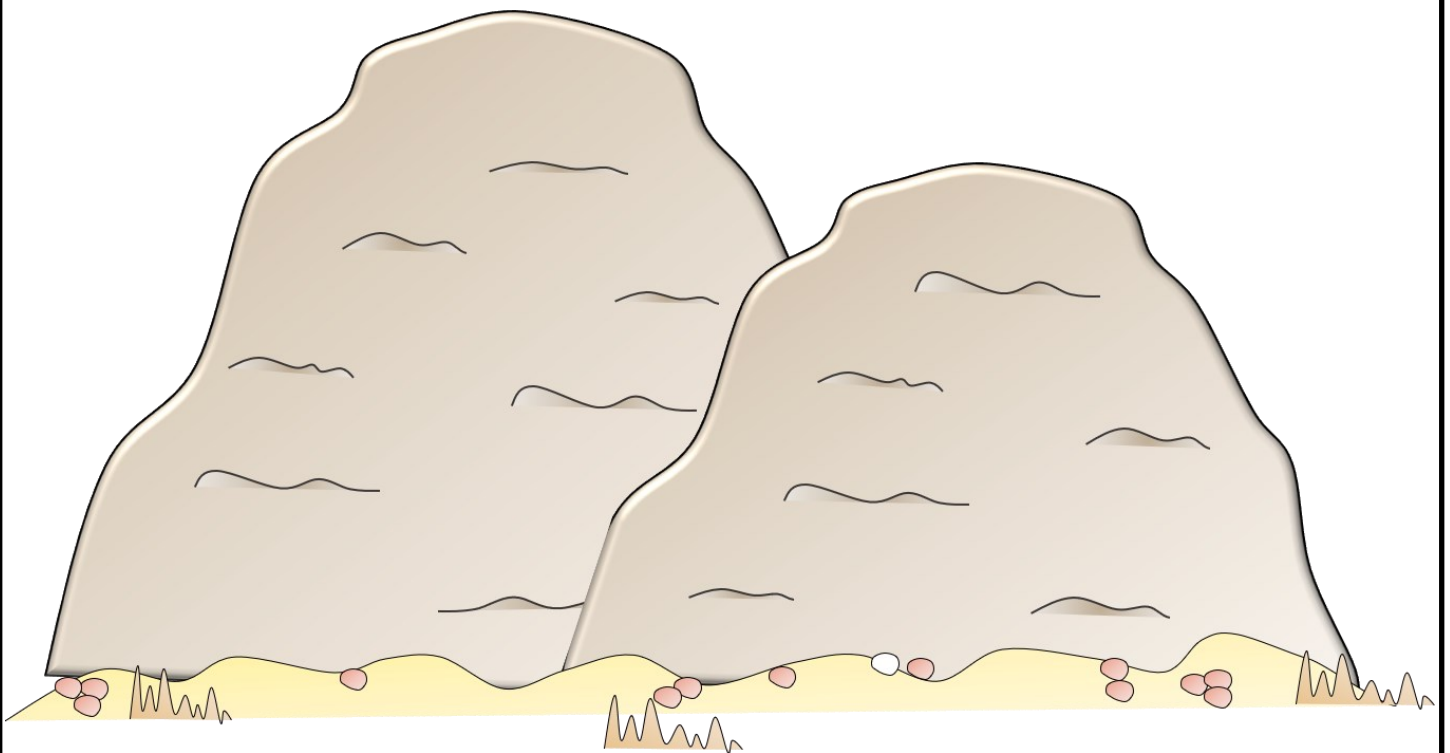


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Hajar climbed nearby hills searching for food and looking for travellers. Finally, some passing traders stopped in the valley, and asked Hajar's permission to drink the water.

In time, the traders decided to stay in the little valley and it slowly grew into the city of Makkah.

Later, Prophet Ibrahim returned to the valley to see his son.

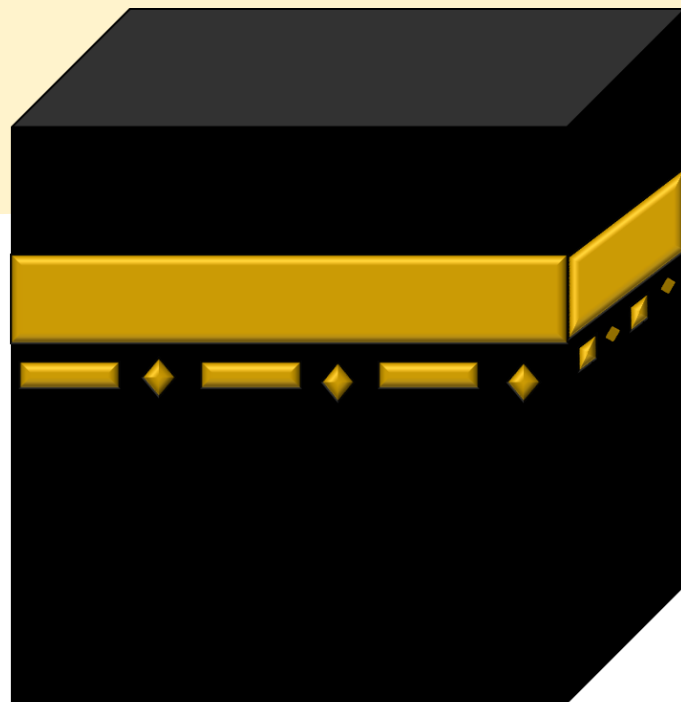


# The Story of Hajj

One day, Prophet Ibrahim saw himself sacrificing Prophet Ismail in a dream as a command and test from Allah. As he set out to do so, the Shaytan came to stop him. Prophet Ibrahim threw some stones at him and continued on his way. Just as he was about to sacrifice his son, Allah sent a ram from Jannah to be sacrificed in place of Prophet Ismail.

Prophet Ibrahim returned from time to time to visit, and when Prophet Ismail grew up, he and Prophet Ibrahim constructed the Kabah.

Allah then commanded Prophet Ibrahim to make the call for Hajj.



# Talbiyah

Muslims recite a special dua called the Talbiyah when they perform Hajj. When the pilgrim raises his voice with Talbiyah, he remembers that he answers the call of Allah and that there will be another call on the Last Day, when people will be either punished or rewarded.

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ      لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ      لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

Here I am O Allah! Here I am!

Here I am You have no partner, here I am,

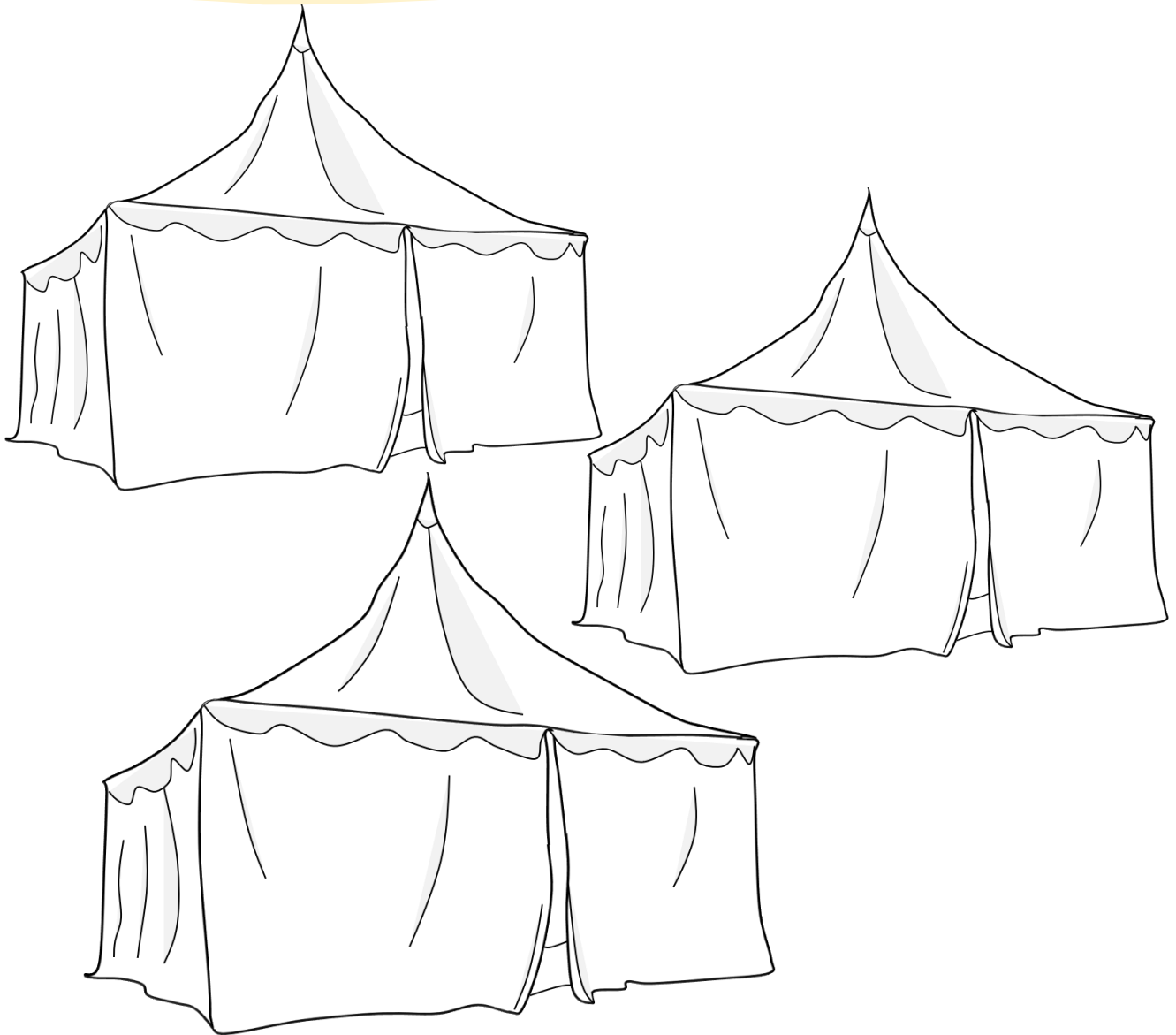
Surely Yours is all praise, all goodness

And All Sovereignty and You have no partner



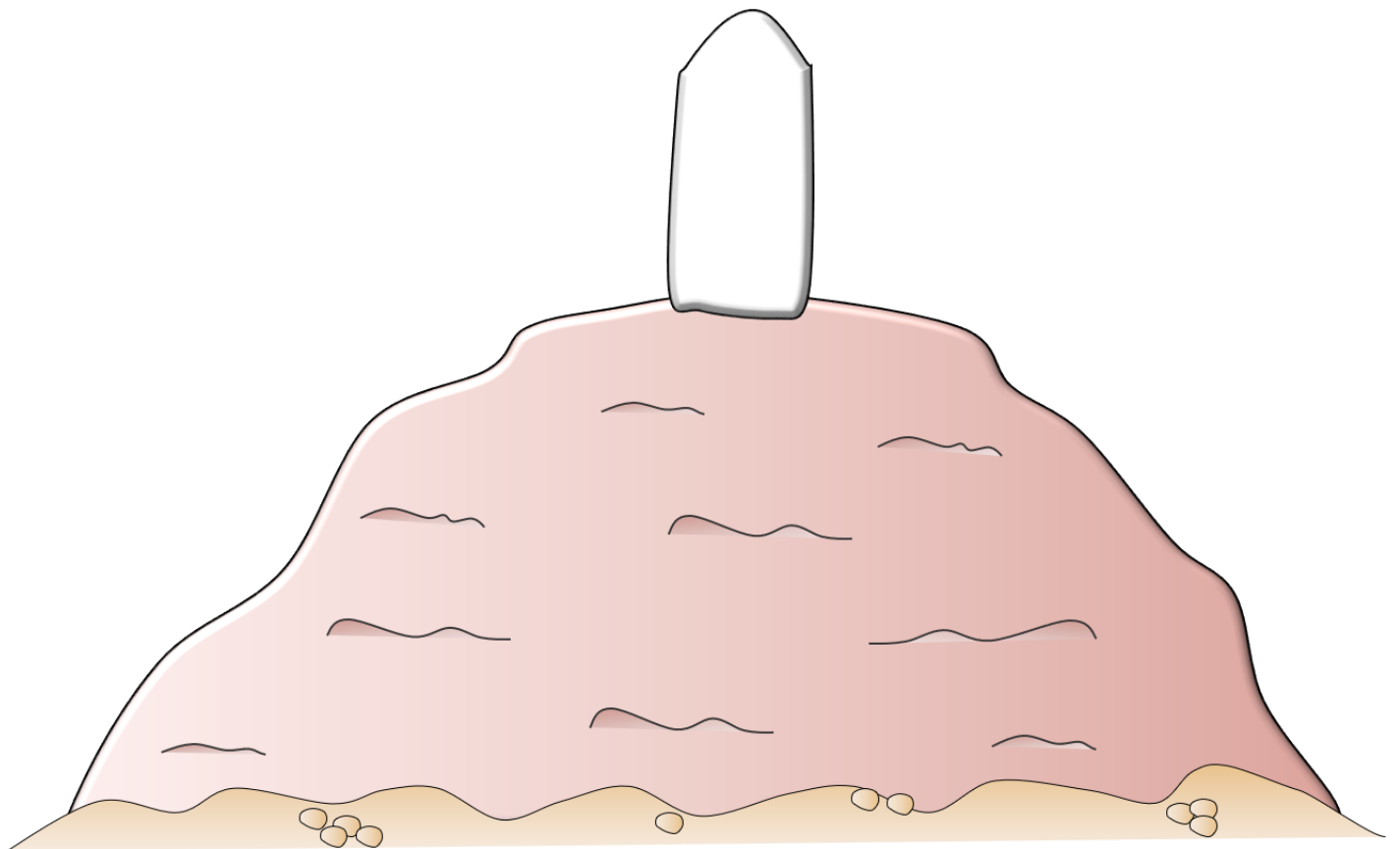
# All about Hajj: Day 1

While on Hajj, men must wear special clothing called Ihraam. The pilgrims perform Tawaaf of the Ka'bah and Sa'ee of the two hills, Safa and Marwa. They then leave to a place called Mina and stay there overnight.



# All about Hajj: Day 2

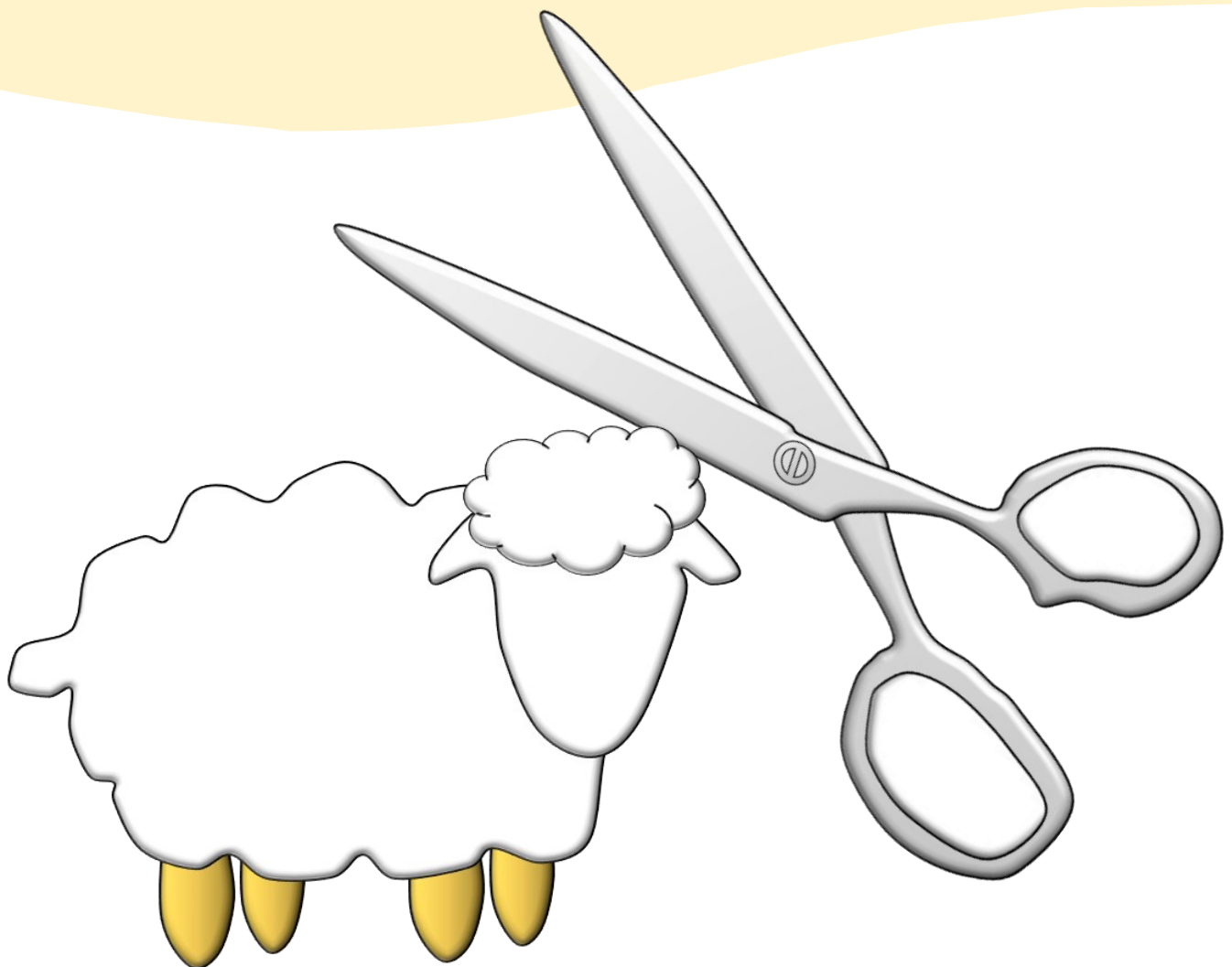
The pilgrims go to Arafat and gather around a famous hill called Jabal ur Rahmah. This was where the Prophet Muhammad camped and made special duas to Allah. Here, the pilgrims also pray to Allah and ask for forgiveness. In the evening, they go to a place called Muzdalifah and collect small pebbles.





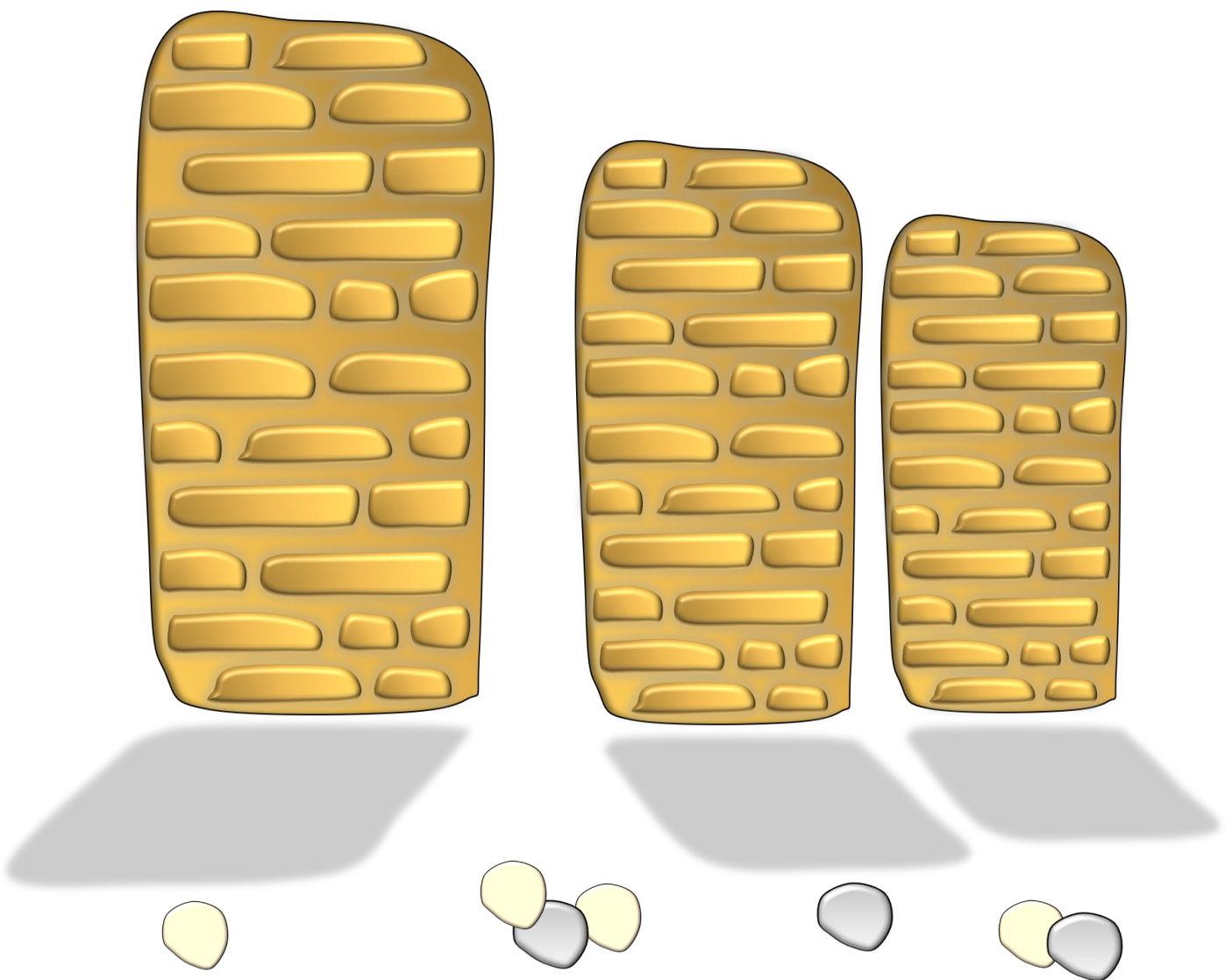
# All about Hajj: Day 3

The pilgrims go to Mina. This is where Prophet Ibrahim pelted the Shaytan and where a ram was sent from Jannah to be sacrificed in place of Prophet Ismail. The pilgrims throw small stones at the big Jamaraat (satan pillars) and sacrifice an animal to commemorate the Prophet Ibrahim. They also shave or trim their hair. The pilgrims go back to Makkah to perform Tawaf.



# All about Hajj: Day 4

The pilgrims stay in Mina and throw pebbles at all three Jamaraat.



# All About Hajj: Day 5

The pilgrims stay in Mina and throw pebbles at the Jamaraat. They return the same day to Makkah and perform Tawaf, then drink the water of Zamzam. Their Hajj is now complete.

