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Zainab is in Kindergarten. Tariq is in first grade. They both love Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him!) very much. They love to study the Hadiths. The Hadiths are our Prophet's wonderful sayings and teachings. Let's meet Zainab and Tariq! They are sister and brother.

In their house they have a "Hadith Box." Each week their mother and father write down a Hadith on piece of paper. Then they add the hadith to this box. At the end of the week Zainab and Tariq take out a piece of paper.

First they say, "Sall Allahu alayhi wa sallam." This means "Peace and blessings be upon him." They say this to honor the beloved Prophet Muhammad. Then they take a hadith from the box. They do this in front of their parents.

Zainab and Tariq ask their parents to explain the Hadith. Then try to follow what the Hadith says. They want to be good Muslims. They want to be like Prophet Muhammad (S).

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Tariq jumped out of bed as soon as he woke up. He remembered what he and Zainab planned together the day before. He thought:

"Hooray! Today we're going to learn this week's hadith."

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He was happy.

But since they were on school break Zainab kept on sleeping. Tariq wondered which Hadith both of them would learn.

He couldn't wait for Zainab to wake up. He tip-toed out of their room.



Tariq went into the living room. There was nobody there. The house was very quiet.

He went over to the Hadith Box. He was very excited to open the box. His heart was beating **"ba-dum ba-dum."** He closed his eyes and reached his hand inside the box and then,

Meeowwww!

Tariq jumped back when he heard this sound. He turned around and saw his cat.

"Cuddles! You were here?" Tariq asked. "You scared me to death!"