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"...Allah loves those who are patient."

(Surah Ali Imran, 3:146)




Being Patient

MY SPACESHIPS

Adam was playing his favorite game with his dad, Mr. Salih: The space adventure game.

They always played this game when Dad came home from work. That night they made a spaceship out of the chairs that were in their house.

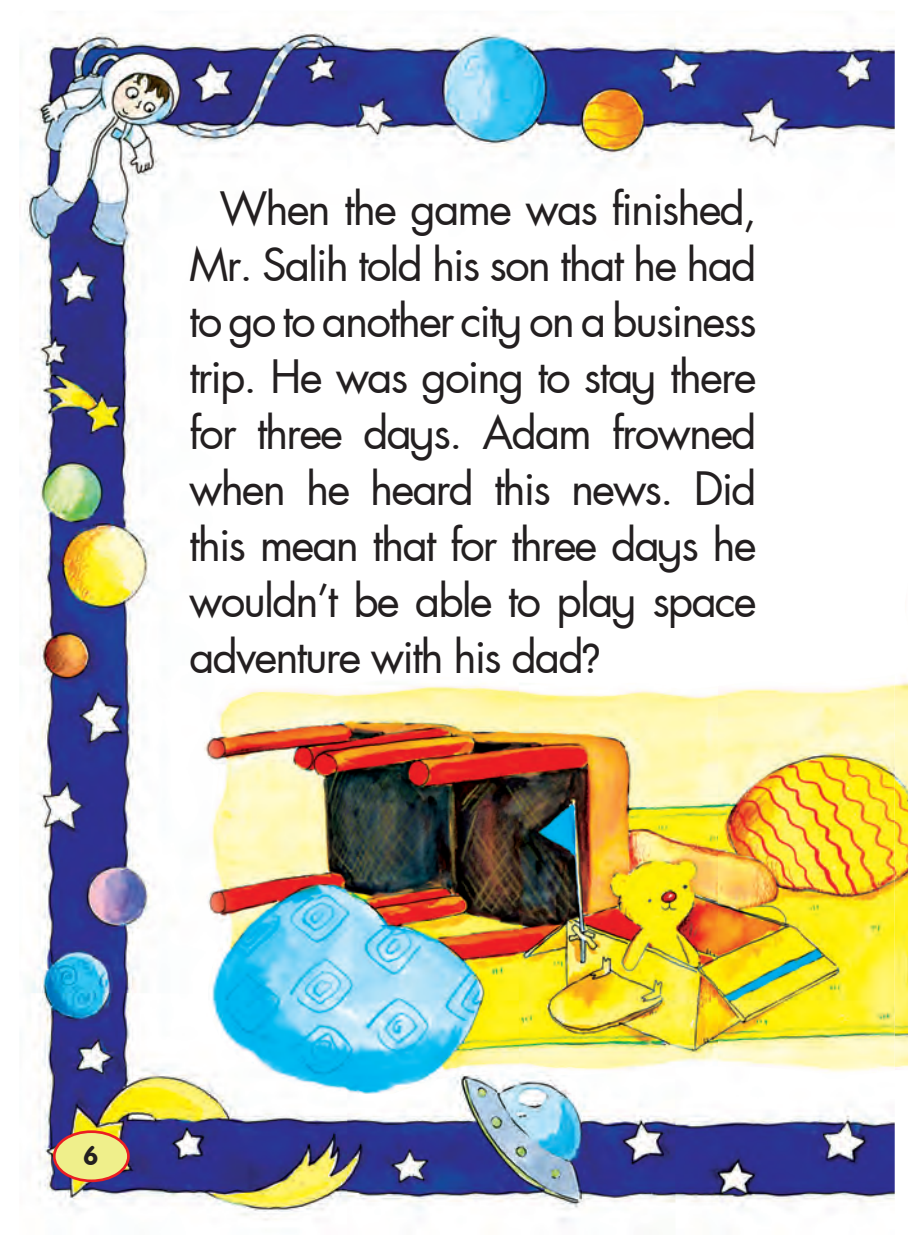




They would put pillows all around to be the colorful planets. Then the spaceship made its way between these cozy planets.


Zoom...zoom!





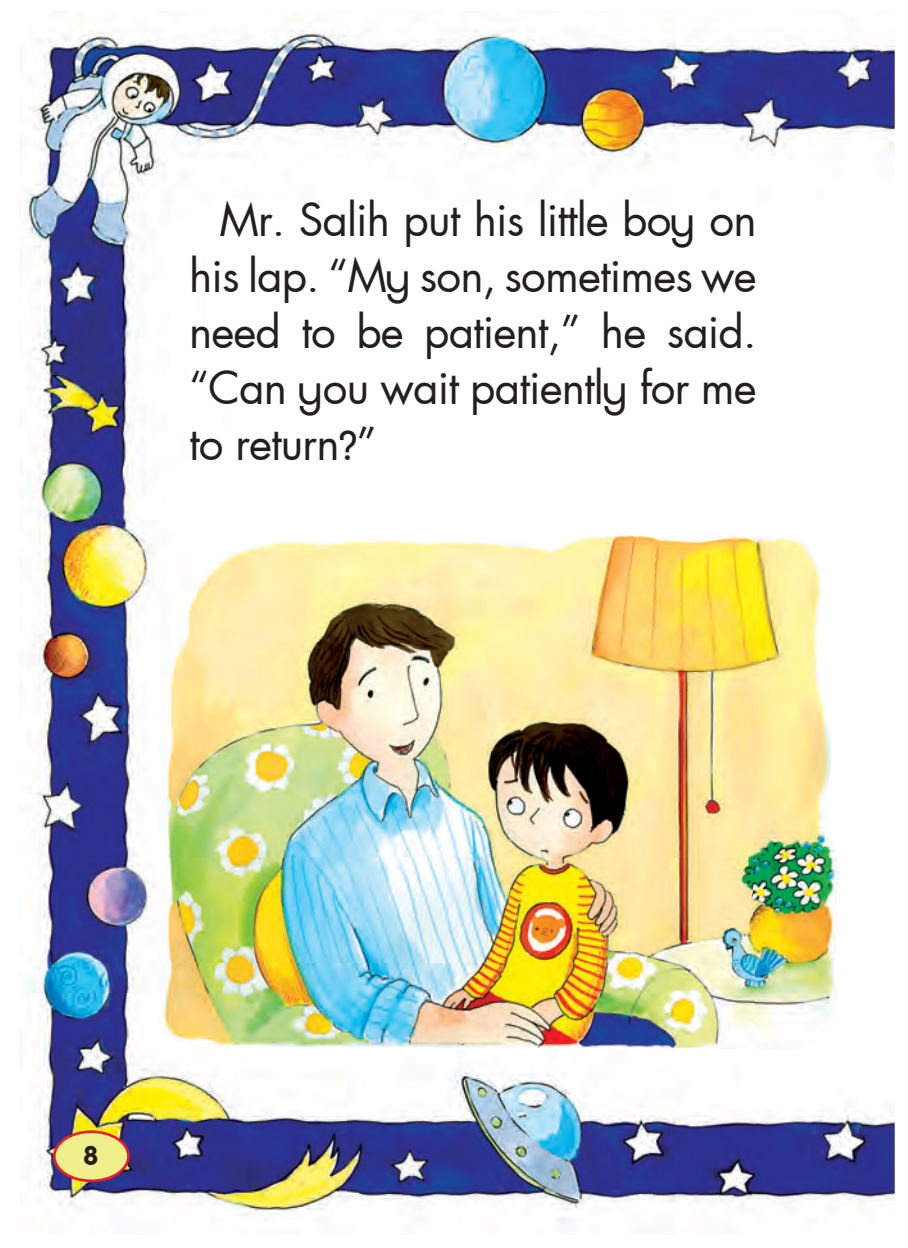
When the game was finished, Mr. Salih told his son that he had to go to another city on a business trip. He was going to stay there for three days. Adam frowned when he heard this news. Did this mean that for three days he wouldn't be able to play space adventure with his dad?





"I hope you come back quickly Dad. Don't stay for a long time!" Adam insisted.






Mr. Salih put his little boy on his lap. "My son, sometimes we need to be patient," he said. "Can you wait patiently for me to return?"





Adam began to count on his fingers.

"First comes morning, then evening, then morning, then evening again... oh! It's even hard to count! How can I be patient for so long?" exclaimed Adam.



The next day Mr. Salih packed his bags. He kissed his son on both cheeks. After that, he left.




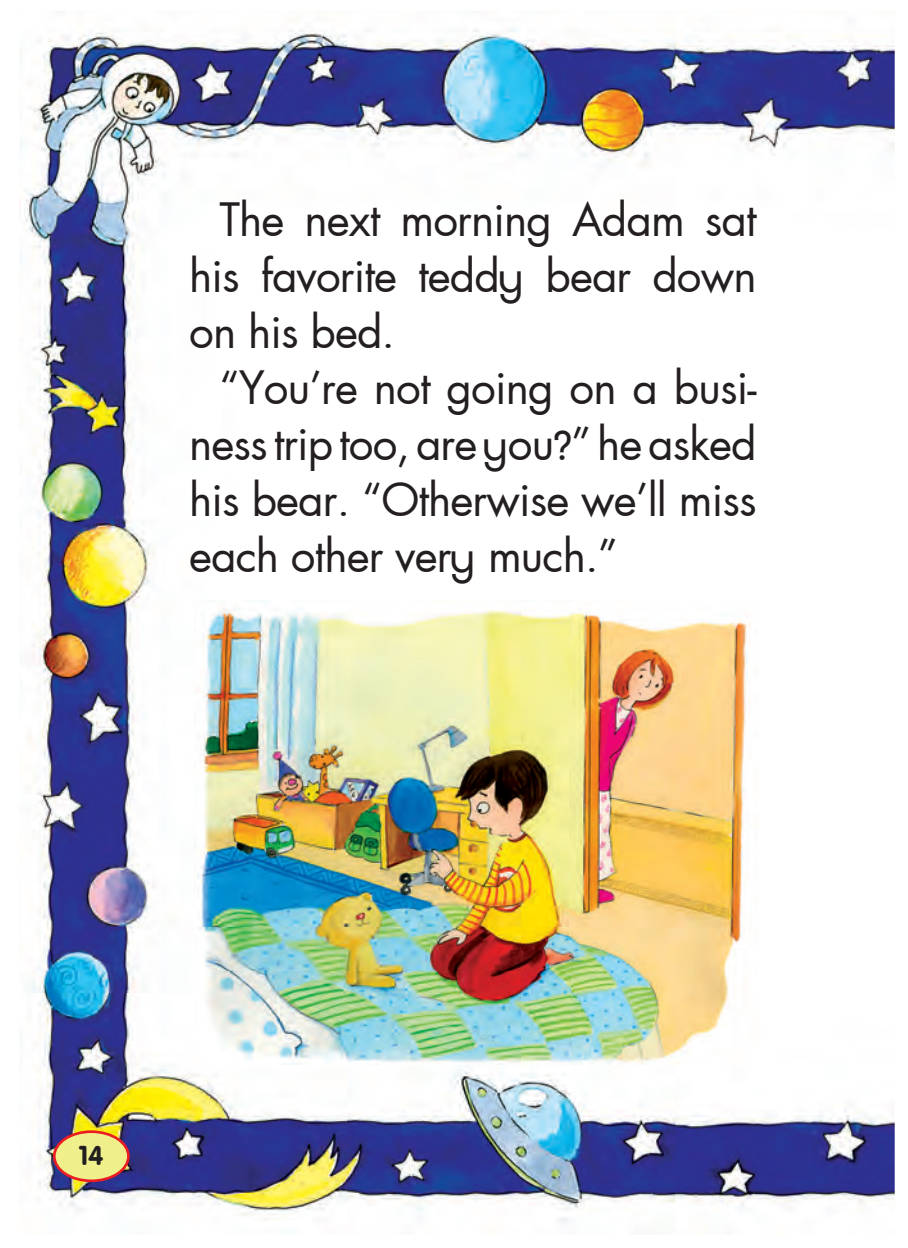




That night Adam took a picture out of the photo album. It was of him and his dad playing space adventure.

He kissed the picture before he went to sleep and put it under his pillow. Adam's dad was the best space captain ever! Adam had missed his dad so much.





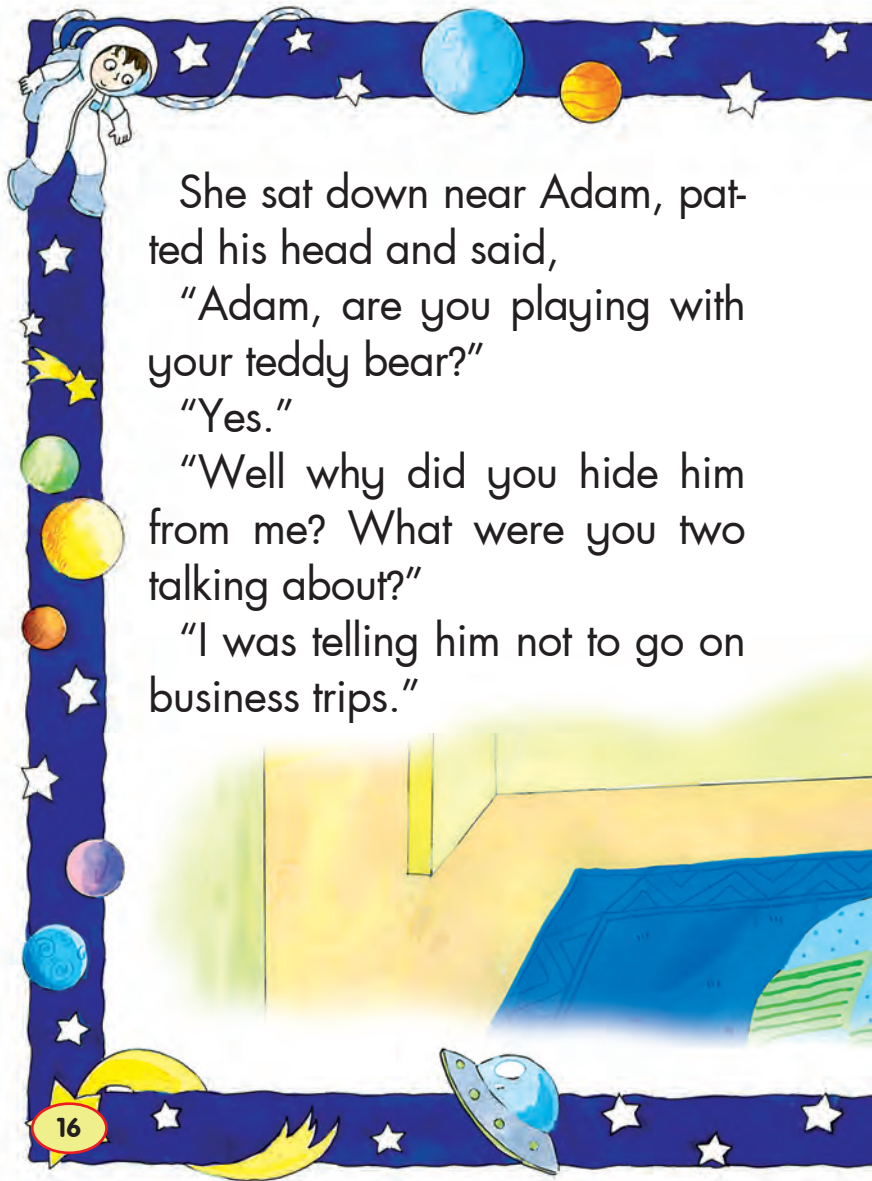
The next morning Adam sat his favorite teddy bear down on his bed.

“You’re not going on a business trip too, are you?” he asked his bear. “Otherwise we’ll miss each other very much.”



Adam's mother was watching from the doorway. Adam got quiet right away and hid the teddy bear behind his back. His mother became a little sad when she saw all of this.





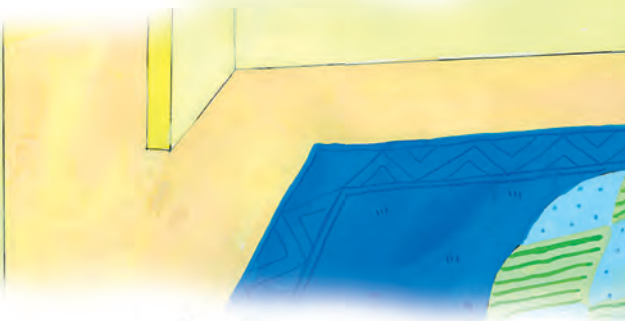
She sat down near Adam, patted his head and said,

"Adam, are you playing with your teddy bear?"

"Yes."

"Well why did you hide him from me? What were you two talking about?"

"I was telling him not to go on business trips."


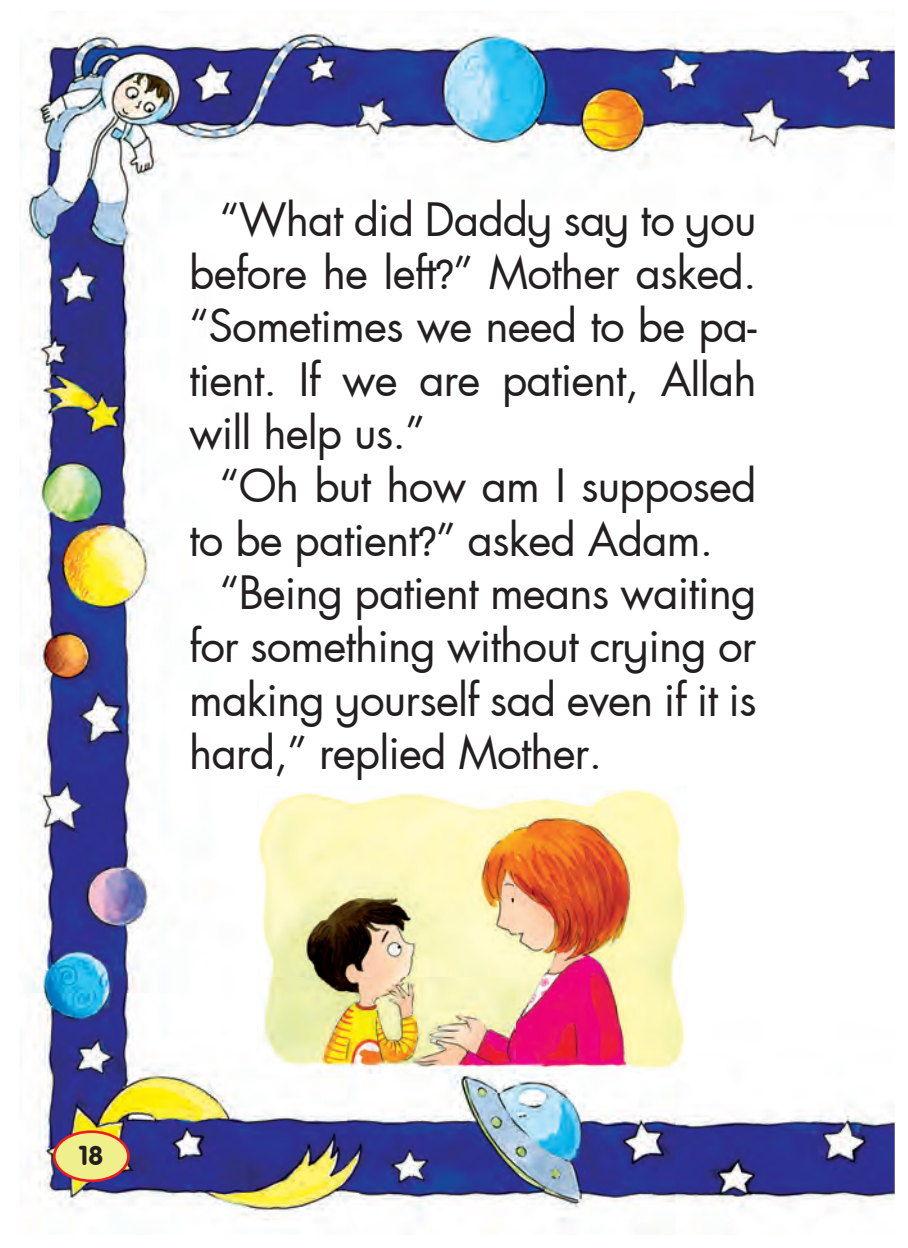




“Why did you tell him that sweetie?” asked Mother.

“Because Dad left and I really miss him!” answered Adam.



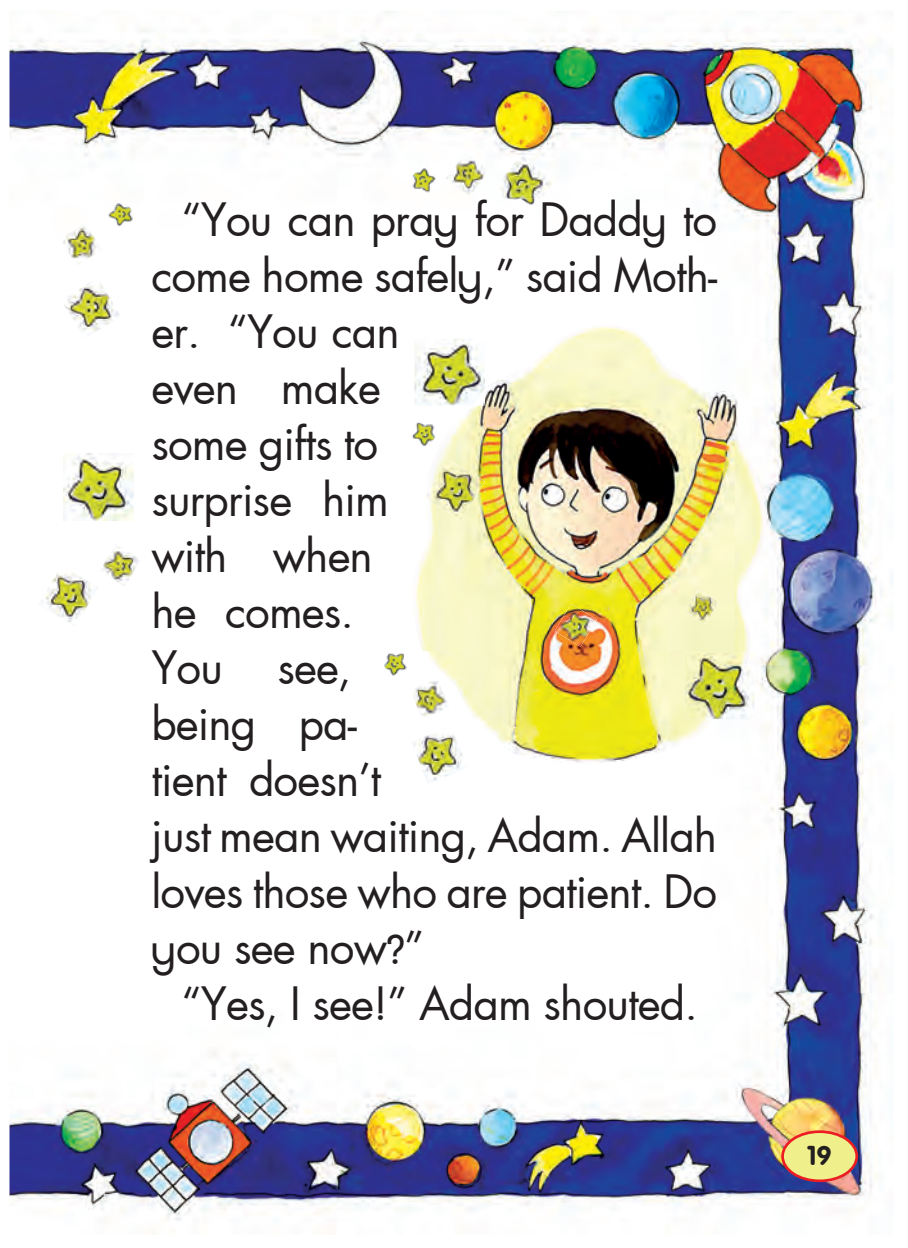


“What did Daddy say to you before he left?” Mother asked. “Sometimes we need to be patient. If we are patient, Allah will help us.”

“Oh but how am I supposed to be patient?” asked Adam.

“Being patient means waiting for something without crying or making yourself sad even if it is hard,” replied Mother.





"You can pray for Daddy to come home safely," said Mother. "You can even make some gifts to surprise him with when he comes. You see, being patient doesn't just mean waiting, Adam. Allah loves those who are patient. Do you see now?"

"Yes, I see!" Adam shouted.





Adam started thinking of what kind of gift to make for his father. He sat by the window and looked outside. Suddenly he jumped up with an idea in his mind. He went running to his mom.

"I want to draw a picture of a spaceship for Dad!" he shouted. "I'll color it in with crayons too. It will help me to wait patiently."

