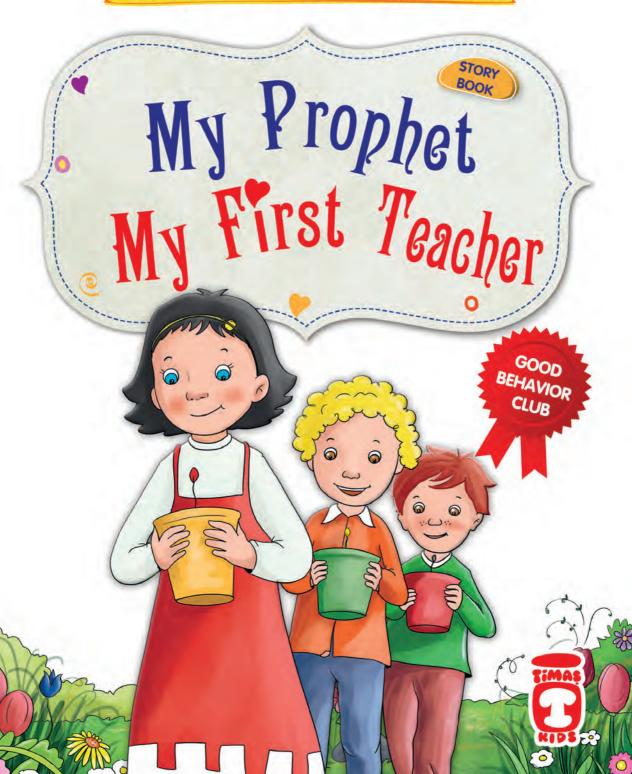
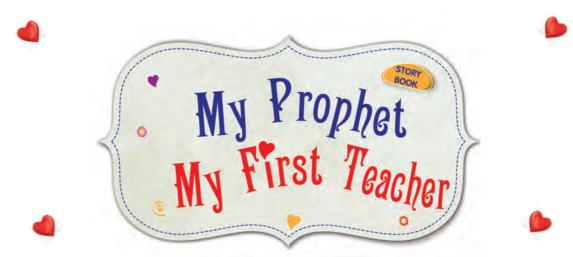
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A PLEASANT PLACE CALLED MAIN STREET

The homes on Main Street were nicely laid out. They had beautiful backyards with lawns, gardens and patios. Everyone, young and old, sat together and passed their free time in their backyards. In front of people's homes were shops. Every child's favorite store was Mr. Hasan's store. Mr. Hasan's job was a job that any child would like. He was a toymaker! Mr. Hasan's shop was filled with all kinds of toys. There were trains and dolls and puppets. There were little tables and chairs, and many other fun things. The neighborhood children went to Mr. Hasan's store whenever they wanted to play with the toys. Out of all

of the children, Tevfik, Erum and Metin went to the shop the most.



Tevfik loved to spend time with his friends and solve riddles. He had a little sister.

Erum loved to wear bright colors. She had an older brother. Their grandfather lived together with them.



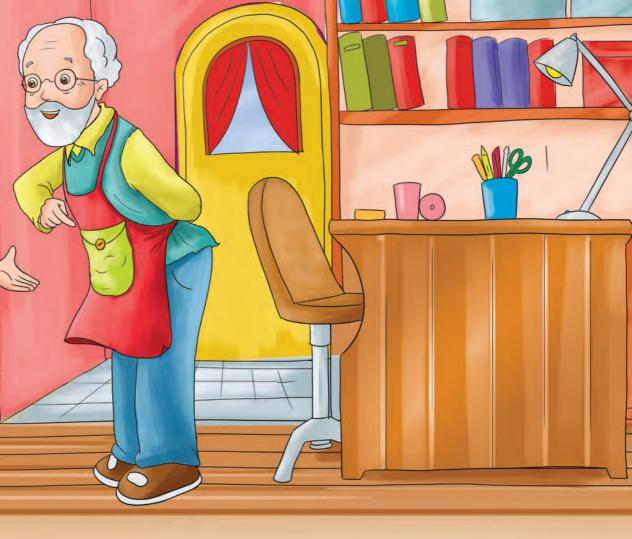


Metin also loved to play games. He lived with his grandmother. When Mr. Hasan moved to Main Street, Tevfik, Erum and Metin thought he was a furniture maker. At first, they didn't pay much attention to his store. Later, when they saw the puppets, dolls, cars and other toys in the store-window, they became so excited that they couldn't sit still. Mr. Hasan was the first toymaker on the street! When Mr. Hasan saw how excited the children were, he invited them inside. As soon as they entered, it was as though they had entered a magical world. It was a place buzzing with energy and filled with eye-catching toys. When Mr. Hasan gave them permission to play with the toys, they became even happier. It was such an amazing place.

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Tevfik, Erum and Metin started to go to the store every day. One day when they were there, Mr. Hasan reached into the pocket in his apron and said, "I have a surprise for you guys!"



"What's the surprise, Mr. Hasan?" Tevfik asked curiously.

"I'll tell you soon," he replied, "but first I have to ask you something."

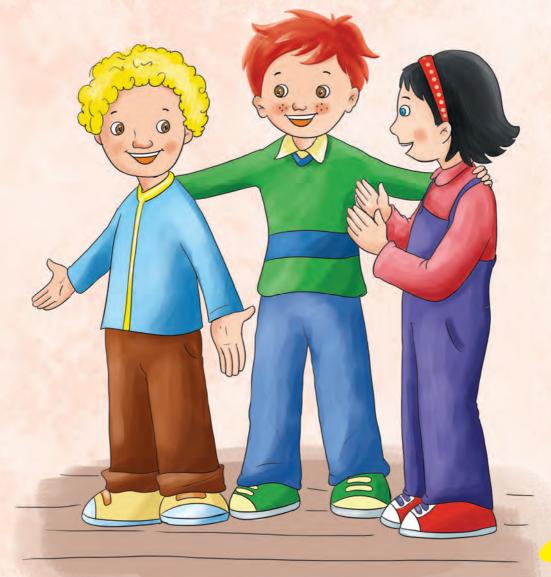
The children's curiosity grew. Mr. Hasan continued.

"Our Prophet Muhammad was Allah's messenger and servant. His perfect behavior is an example for us. I always try my best to do the things that he did and recommended for us. Do you want to behave the way that our Prophet did too?"



The children were happy. "Yes! Yes! Let's behave the way our Prophet behaved!" Erum said.

"But how do we do that?" Tevfik asked Mr. Hasan.



"Now we've come to the surprise!" said Mr. Hasan. "I have all sorts of riddles in my pocket. Sometimes, I'm going to ask you one of these riddles. Other times I'm going to play a game with you. This is how you will learn how our dear Prophet behaved."

The children really liked this idea. This is how they set up the "Good Behavior Club."

Metin, Erum and Tevfik waited in front of Mr. Hasan's store for him to return from Dhuhr Namaz, the prayer said at noontime. "I'm very excited!" said Erum. "I wonder

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which one of our dear Prophet's actions Mr. Hasan is going to teach us about today?" Just then Mr. Hasan came. He was happy to see his three little friends waiting for him in front of his store. He opened the door and waved for them to come inside. Then he reached into his pocket and took out a small piece of paper. On it was written a riddle.

Our prophet loved it; It's white and it's cool; He suggests that his nation Take drinks of it too.

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"It's milk!" the children shouted together. "That's right, children!" Mr. Hasan said. "Drinking milk is a Sunnah of our dear Prophet."

"What's a Sunnah?" Tevfik asked.

"The actions of our dear Prophet are called Sunnah," Mr. Hasan replied. "Our Prophet drank milk and he recommended that others drink milk as well."

"How nice!" said Erum. "We should tell our friends about this!"



"That's a very good idea," said Mr. Hasan. "Carrying out each Sunnah is taking a step towards good behavior. Since Erum had the idea, let's have Erum count the number of steps it takes to get to her house. However many steps it takes, tell that many people about this Sunnah that you just learned!"