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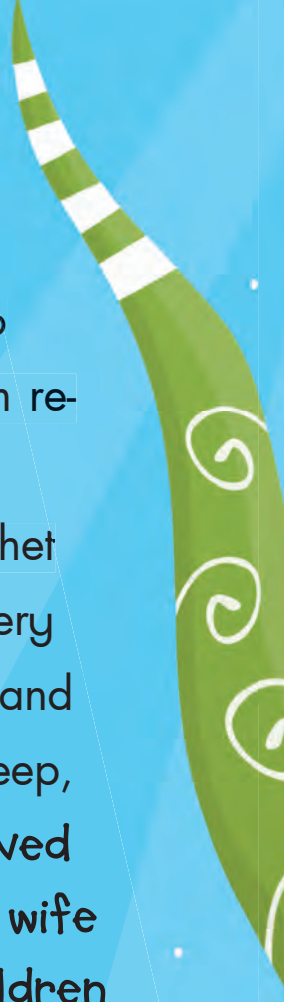

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Prophet Ayyub

Ayyub was a descendant of 'Isuw, who was the son of Prophet Ishaq, who was the son of Prophet Ibrahim. **Ayyub** had a wonderful personality just like his famous ancestors. Everybody loved and respected him. Allah also made Ayyub a **prophet**.







Ayyub would invite people to worship One God and to do good. He helped them remember the next life.

Allah blessed Prophet Ayyub. He was very rich. He had a lot of land and many herds of sheep, goats and cows. He lived with his beautiful wife and his obedient children in a big house.





Ayyub's wife was also a descendant of prophets. She was beautiful woman full of good manners. **Ayyub** and his wife brought their children up well. They made sure not to spoil them with the wealth they had.



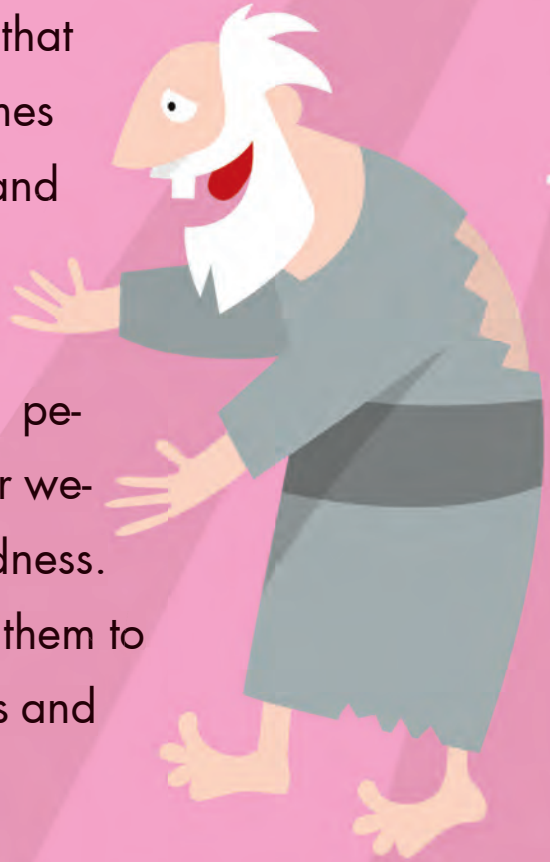





Ayyub always thanked Allah for his wealth and beautiful family. He knew that

Allah sometimes gives wealth and children to people as a test.

Allah orders people to use their wealth for goodness. He also orders them to protect orphans and the poor.





All of Allah's prophets were models of obedience, generosity, kindness and mercy. **Ayyub** was exactly like this. He fulfilled every command of Allah. His greatest wealth was his belief. The things of this world were not so important to him, for he knew only the next world lasts forever.



Ayyub was generous with his mercy and tenderness. Those who knocked at his door never left empty-handed. He helped those who were in difficult situations

He fed the poor, protected the widows and clothed the orphans.





Evil is always annoyed by beautiful and good things. Therefore Shaitan was determined to turn people against Ayyub. **Shaitan spread suspicion and jealousy among Ayyub's neighbors.**

"The only reason Ayyub is good is because he has lots of money and a nice family," people began to whisper. "What if he had nothing? Would he be so faithful then?"



People began to lose belief in both Allah and Prophet Ayyub. Therefore Allah tested Ayyub with great difficulties to show everyone his faithfulness.





First Ayyub's animals died. His fields then became flooded. Shaitan thought that Ayyub would complain when he saw this disaster. But he didn't. Ayyub did not complain, or scream, nor beat his chest in anger.







“Certainly, hardship
has touched me”

★ he said in a calm voice. “But everything belongs to Allah. He is the one who gives and takes.” The one who beat his chest in anger was, in fact, Shaitan. After all animals and fields were gone, Ayyub did not complain. Instead he only thanked Allah more.

