

Salamoji

& The Sadaqa Box



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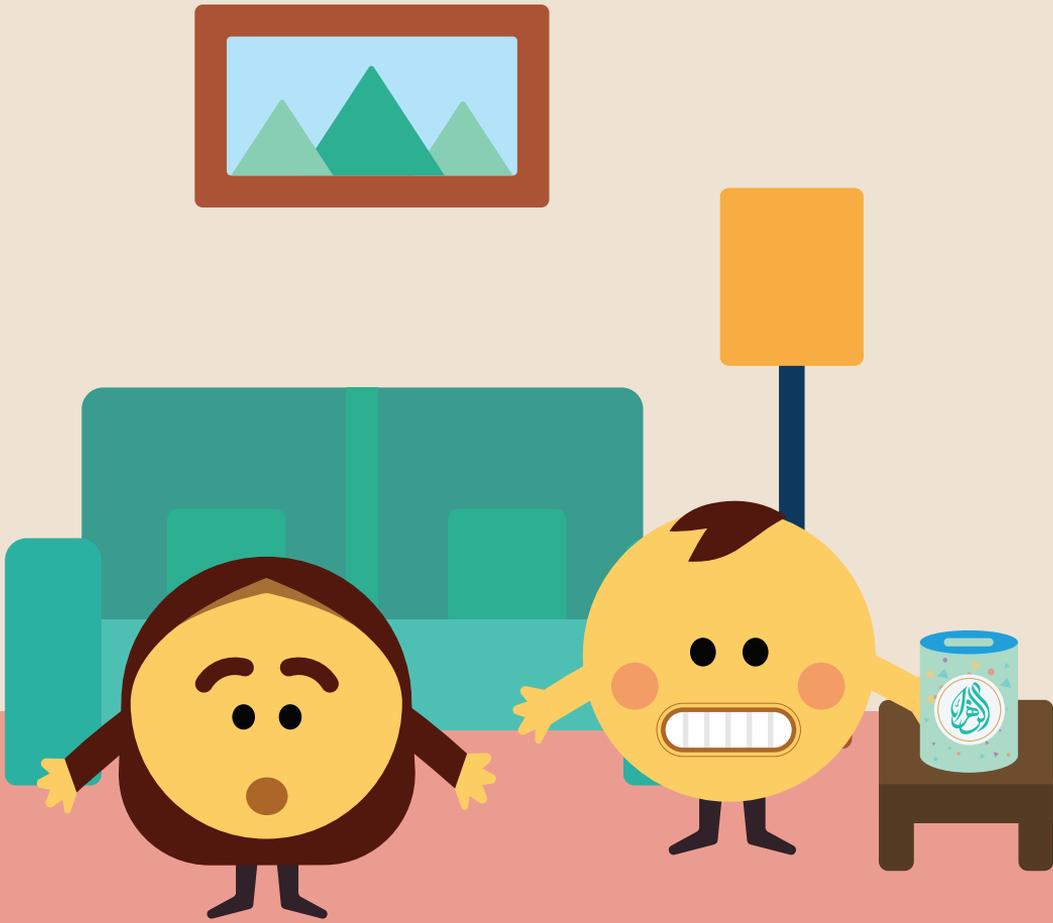
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‘What are you doing, Salam?’ shouted Moji as she saw Salam taking money out of the Sadaqa box.

‘I need some money Moji,’ replied Salam as he grabbed a handful of coins.

Moji started to get hot with anger and wailed at the top of her voice, ‘That’s for poor people Salam!’

Salam gave his sister a cheeky smile and said, ‘But I have no money Moji, so that makes me poor.’



Moji calmed down and decided she would show her brother how other people lived around the world. She picked up her phone and searched for 'walk for water'. She showed her brother all the pictures and said, 'Look Salam, lots of people in these African countries have to walk 6 kilometres just to get clean drinking water. The water they have nearby is all dirty.'

Salam started to become very curious and asked, 'How far is 6 kilometres?'

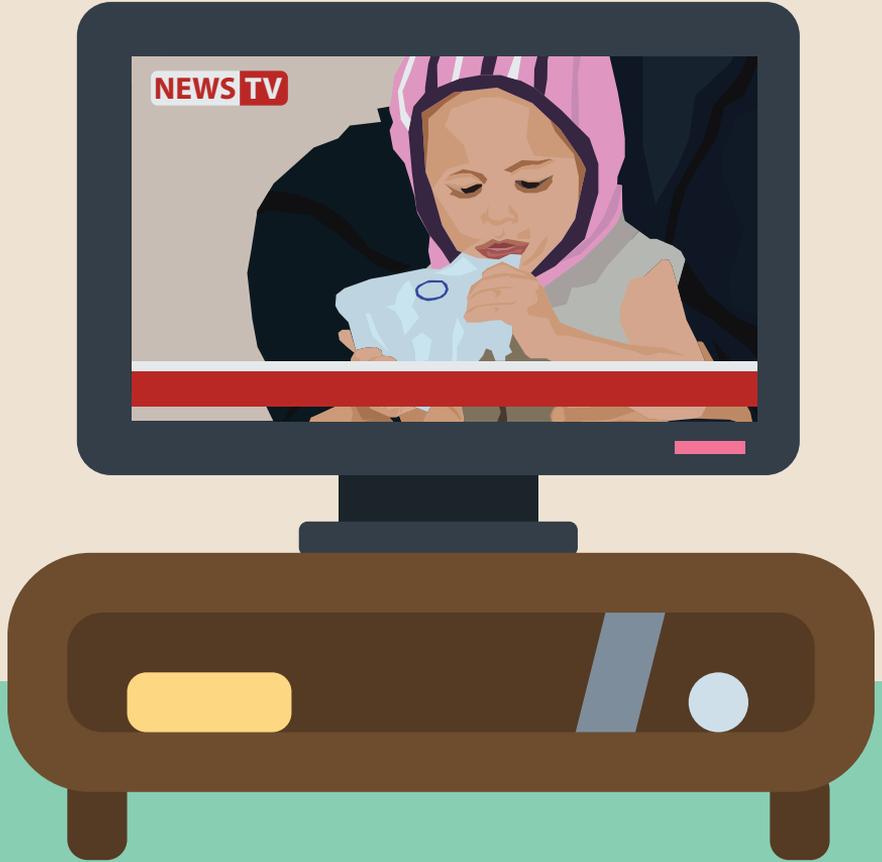
'It's very very far Salam. You know you can get water from a tap, but they have to walk for hours,' said Moji in a very stern voice.



Moji grabbed the remote control and switched on the TV to show Salam something else. 'Look what they are showing on the news Salam,' said Moji. 'It's people that have hardly any food in Yemen.'

'Where is Yemen Moji?' said Salam as his own stomach started to rumble.

Moji replied quite passionately. 'It's a country in the Middle East. Lots of people are hungry there. They don't have a fridge full of food like you and me.'



Salam started to wonder about all these other countries in the world that needed help. He asked his sister, 'Moji, are there other places that are suffering?'

'I'm sorry to say this, but there are lots of countries around the world that need help,' said Moji. 'In Syria there are lots and lots of orphans.'

'What's an orphan Moji?' asked Salam.

'It's when you don't have a mummy or daddy.'

Salam started to cry and said, 'That's so sad Moji, I don't know what I would do without my mummy or daddy.'



After Salam blew his nose and wiped his tears he turned around to his sister and said, 'Moji, I don't think I am poor at all, in fact I'm quite rich. I've got lots and lots of water and juice, whenever I'm hungry I have food, and most of all I have mummy and daddy to love and look after me.'



Salam gave his sister a big hug, but he still had one last burning question. ‘Moji, I don’t understand how the money in the sadaqa box helps all these people.’

‘Well Salam,’ said Moji as she switched on her mum’s laptop, and opened up the zahratrust.com website, ‘once we collect the money, we send it to a charity that helps all those people in need around the world. You can even go yourself and visit the countries to help them.’

‘I am going to do lots of fun and crazy things Moji, so that I can raise lots of money for charity,’ said Salam jubilantly.



