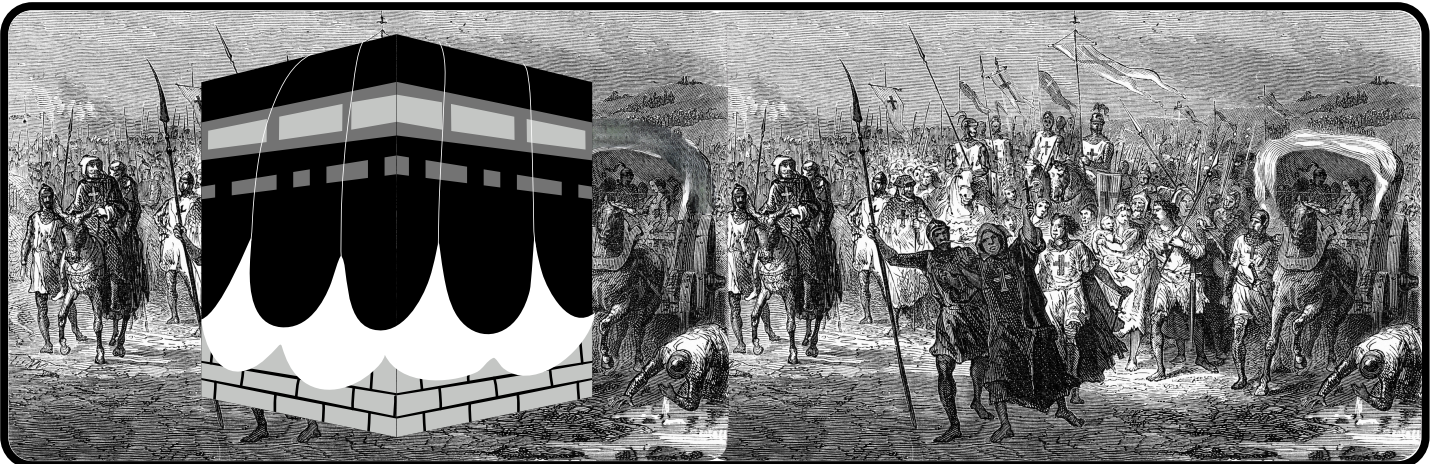


# THE EVENT OF THE ELEPHANT

While the People of Makkah were busy in their markets, the news came to them that a huge army is coming to Makkah to destroy the Ka'bah. The Abyssinian king (Abrahah) had decided to destroy the Ka'bah. His massive army was storming the Arabian desert with many soldiers and elephants. Abrahah wanted to destroy the Ka'bah because it was uniting the Arabs. He also built a magnificent church in Yemen and wanted Arabs to go and visit it, but the Arabs refused to visit his church. That is why Abrahah was angry and decided to destroy the Ka'bah. The Ka'bah is the house of Allah that was built by Ibrahim and his son Isma'eel, peace be upon them.

When the army was close to Makkah, Allah made the elephants run away and not to enter Makkah. Allah sent massive flocks of birds with pebbles from the fire, which they threw on Abraha's army. The pebbles destroyed the army and made them run away. This incident was called (the Event of the Elephant). A few months after this event, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born.



# THE BIRTH OF MUHAMMAD

The pregnant mother, Aminah, was having a lot of mixed feelings. She was sad because her husband, 'Abdullah, died few months ago. However, she was happy and excited about the baby who was about to come to the world. She had dreams of light when she was going to deliver. Her pregnancy was easy without any troubles or pain. Many signs had told her that this baby who is about to come to the world will be special in many ways.

On Monday, the 12th day of Rabi' al-Awwal year 571 A.D in the Year of the Elephant, Aminah gave birth to a baby boy. The news reached the grandfather, 'Abdul-Muttalib, who was sitting close to the Ka'bah at this time. 'Abdul-Muttalib received the good news with great joy and began to think of a name for his grandson, who will heal his heart after he lost his son 'Abdullah.

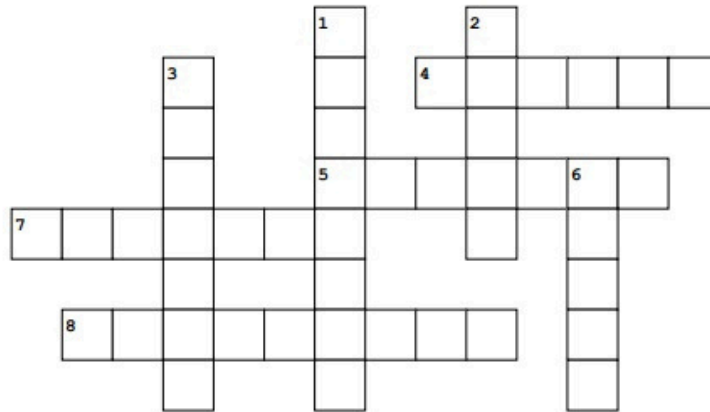
'Abdul-Muttalib wanted to give his grandson a special name. So he kept thinking for a long time. Finally, 'Abdul-Muttalib made his mind to name him Muhammad, which means 'the Praised One'. The name was uncommon at that time. 'Abdul-Muttalib, who was the leader of Quraysh, was asked why he chose such a name? He replied, 'I want him to be praised by Allah in the heavens and by people on earth.

# Activities

- 1- Who tried to destroy the Ka'bah?
- 2- Why did he try to destroy the Ka'bah?
- 3- Was he able to destroy the Ka'bah?
- 4- Who built the Ka'bah?
- 5- What was this year called?
- 6- Who was born in the Year of the Elephant?

# Activities

## The Birth of Prophet Muhammad [pbuh]



### Across

4. Where is the kabah?
5. The king who wanted to destroy the kabah.
7. The prophet who built the Kabah.
8. Abrahah brought huge army and

### Down

1. Who was born in the year of the elephant?
2. The house of Allah was built by prophet Ibrahim.
3. Helped his father building the kabah.
6. Who saved the kabah and destroyed the army?

# Match

- Wanted to destroy the Ka'bah
- Built the Ka'bah
- Born in the year of the Elephant
- Threw pebbles on the army

- Muhammad ﷺ
- Birds
- Abrahah
- Ibrahim and Ismaeel

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

Muhammad - elephant - Abdullah - AbdulMuttalib -  
praised - 12th - baby

Aminah was sad because her husband ..... died, but she was -  
happy because she was about to have a ..... The  
grandfather..... name the baby boy ..... He was born  
on Monday,..... of Rabi' al-Awwal. It was the year of the  
..... Muhammad means the .....one.

## Color the Correct Matches with the Same Color

When was Prophet Muhammad  
born?

Aminah

What is the name of Prophet  
Muhammad's mother?

Abdullah

What is the name of Prophet  
Muhammad's father?

12th day  
of Rabi' al-Awwal

What is the name of Prophet  
Muhammad's grandfather?

Abdul-Muttalib