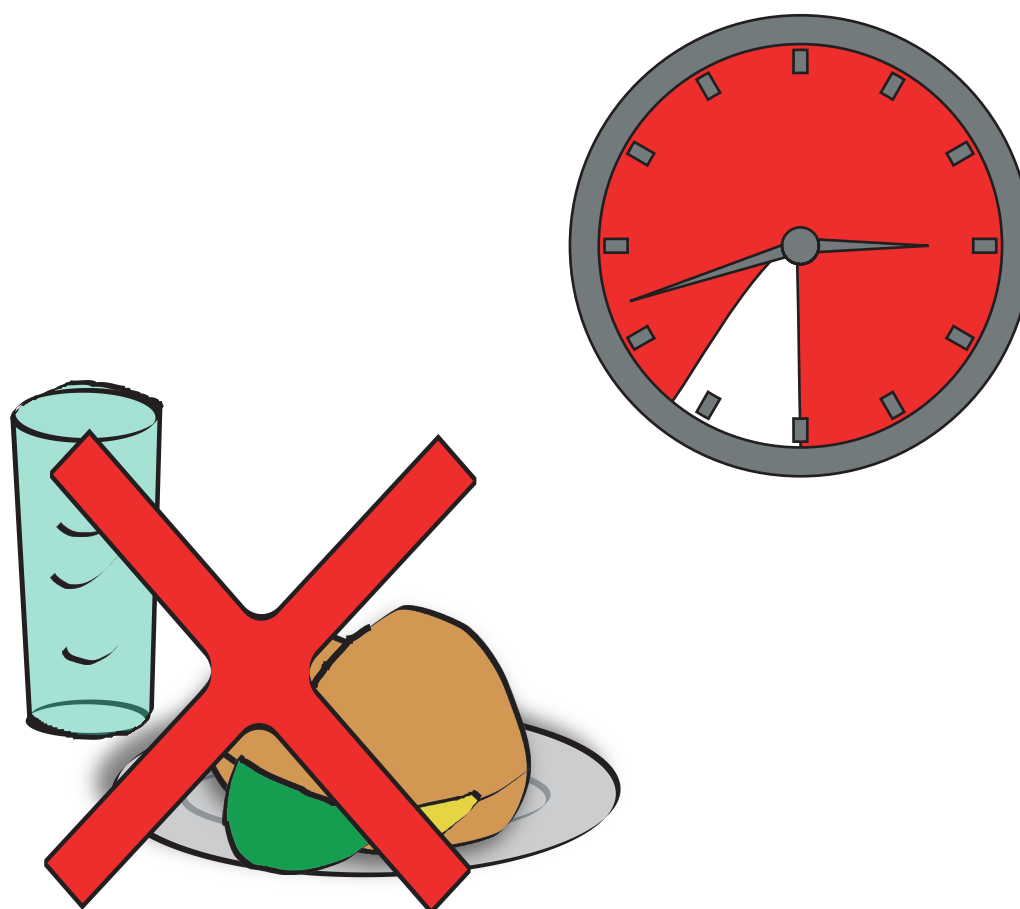


Once a year, for one month,
Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink
for a few hours each day.
They do this because Allaah
told them to do that. [1]



[1] Allaah - the Most High - says:

<<O you who believe! Fasting is kutiba (prescribed) for you as it was prescribed for those before you so that you might attain taqwaa (fear of and dutifulness to Allaah).>>

Soorah al Baqarah (2) aayah 183

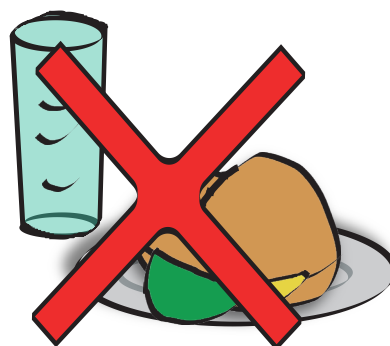
And Shaykh al Fawzaan - hafidhahullaah - stated in his explanation of al Usool ath Thalaathah about this aayah:
The meaning of kutiba here is furida (it was made obligatory).

This is called fasting.

In Arabic, we call it *sawm*.

And that special month is called Ramadaan. [2]

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[2] Allaah - the Most High - says:

<<The month of Ramadaan in which the Qur-aan was revealed, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion. So whoever from you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (and is resident at his home), then he must observe the fast...>>

Soorah al Baqarah (2) aayah 185

Muslims must fast during that month -
unless they have a special reason not to.

For example, if a person is ill and he would become
more ill if he fasted, then he does not fast.

Allaah has made our religion easy for us.

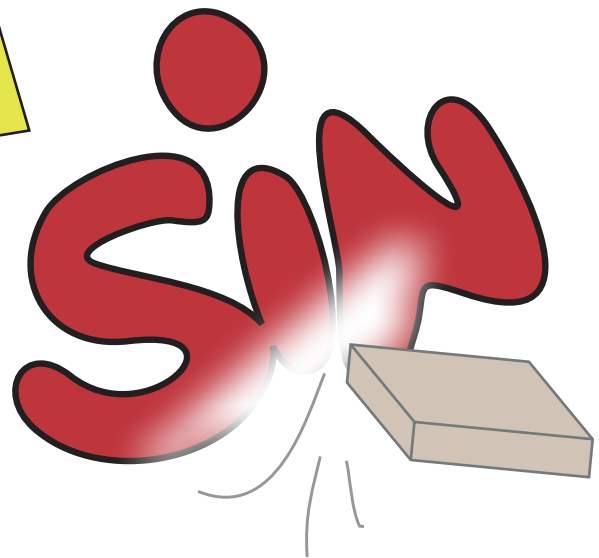
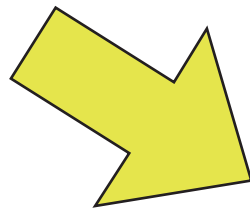
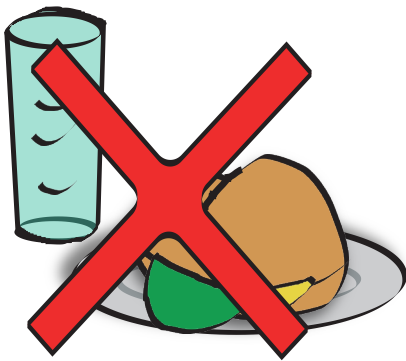
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Allaah has promised us that if we fast during Ramadaan in order to please Him and hoping that He will reward us for doing that, then He will forgive us for the bad things we did. [3]

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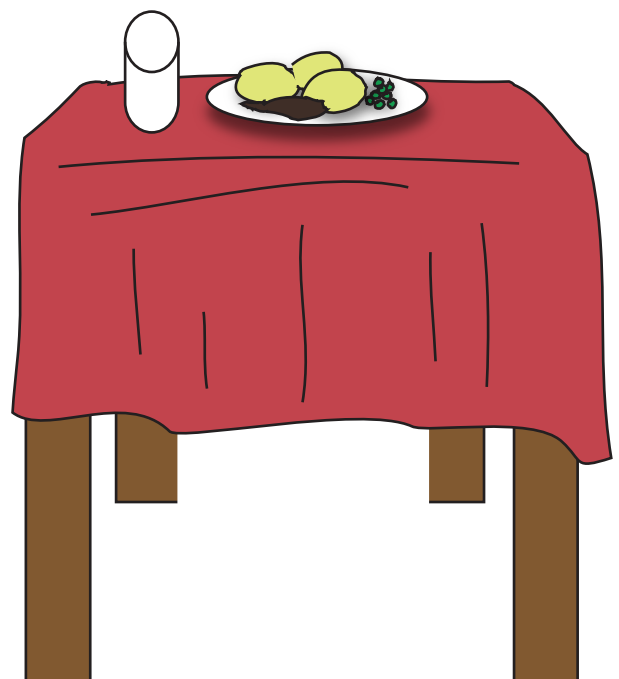
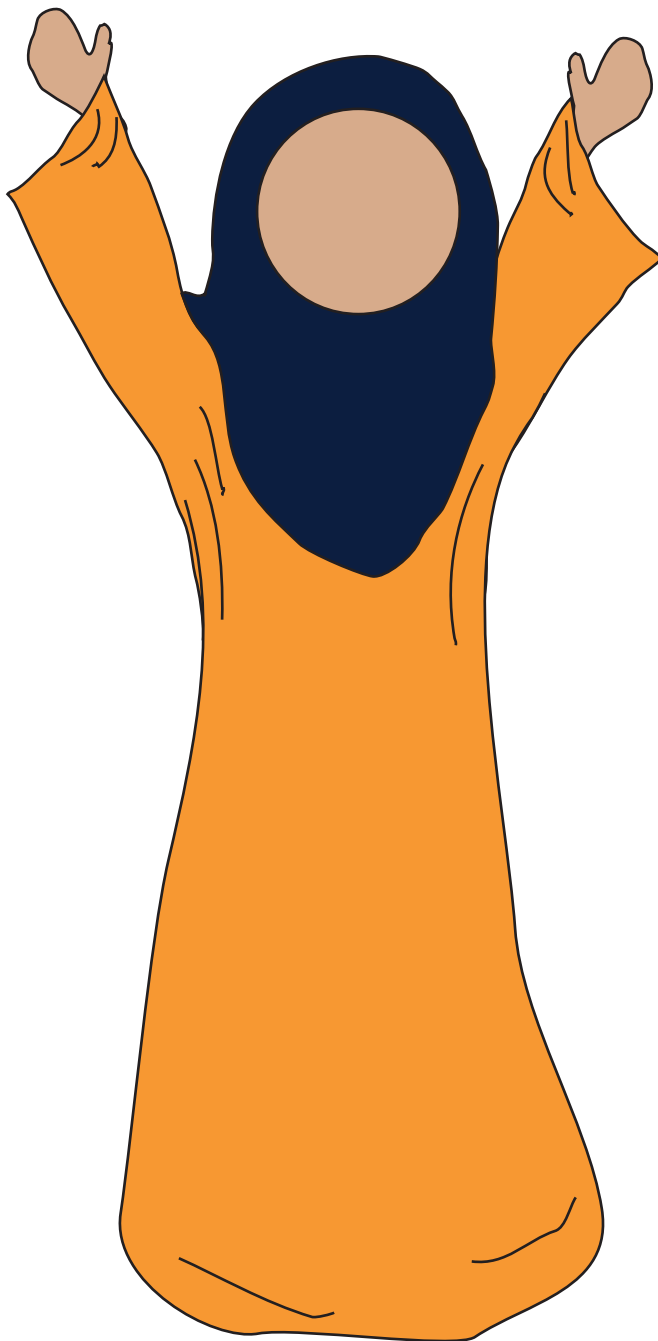


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[3] Aboo Hurayrah - radi Allaahu 'anhu - said that the Messenger of Allaah - sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam - stated: Whoever fasts the month of Ramadaan with eemaan (true faith) and hoping for its reward shall have all his previous sins forgiven for him.

Reported by al Bukhaaree (4/115/1901), Muslim, an Nasaa-ee and ibn Maaajah.

When we fast so as to please Allaah,
then we are very happy when we can start
eating and drinking again in the evening.



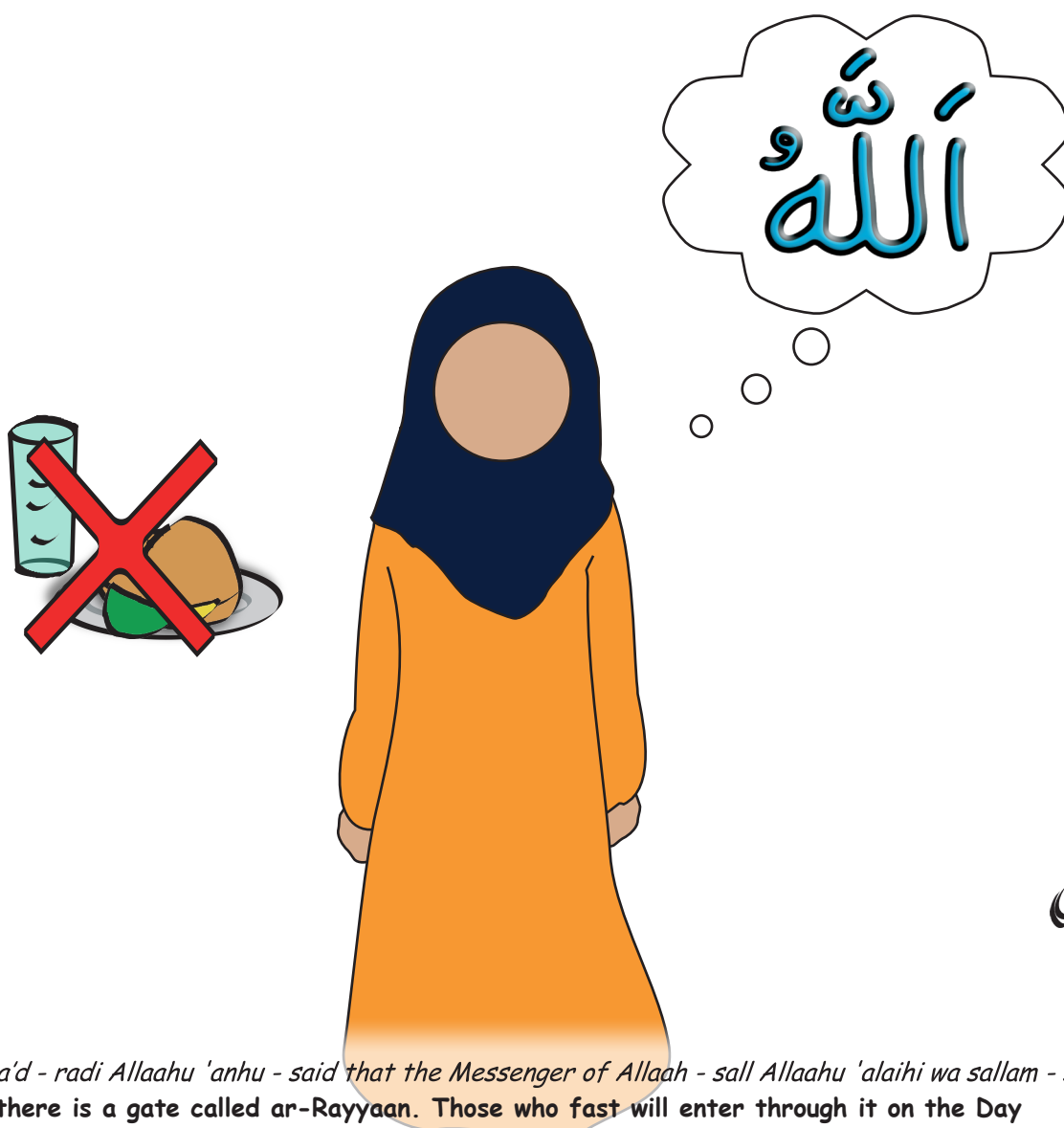
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But there is another time
when we will be happy in shaa Allaah.
We will also be very happy in shaa Allaah
when we meet Allaah after we have died. [4]



[4] *Aboo Hurayrah - radi Allaahu 'anhu - said that the Messenger of Allaah - sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam - stated: For the fasting person, there are two times of pleasure: when he breaks his fast, he is pleased and when he meets His Lord, he will be pleased with his fasting. Reported by al Bukhaaree (4/118/1904), Muslim and an Nasaa-ee.*

We will in shaa Allaah even have a special gate for us to go through and go into Jannah (Paradise) after we have died. [5]
But this is true only if we did our fasting to please Allaah alone - and not to show off to the people around us.

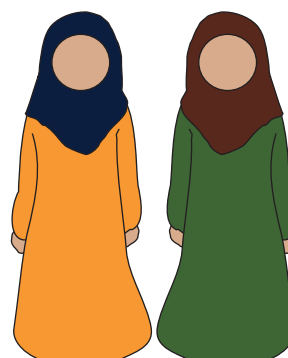
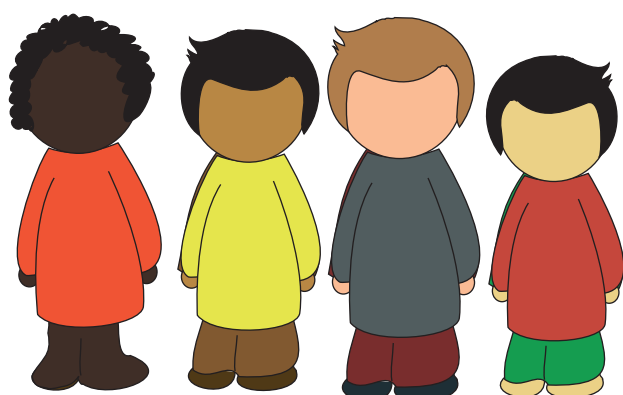


[5] *Sahl ibn Sa'd - radi Allaahu 'anhu - said that the Messenger of Allaah - sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam - stated: In Paradise, there is a gate called ar-Rayyaan. Those who fast will enter through it on the Day of Resurrection and none other than them shall enter it. It will be said, "Where are those who fasted?" They will stand and none other than them shall enter it. When they all enter it, it will be closed and no one will then enter it.*

Reported by al Bukhaaree(4/111/1896) and this is his wording: Muslim, at Tirmidhee an Nasaa-ee and ibn Maajah.

O Allaah,
accept our fasting
and all the worship
we do for You.

O Allaah,
make it easy for us
to fast during Ramadaan.



O Allaah,
protect us from worshipping anyone
except for You.
Aameen.

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