

Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام and the Ant

A story from the Qur'an





Allah gave Prophet Dawud عليه السلام and his son, Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام, great knowledge. They both said: “All praise is for Allah, who has blessed us.”



Allah taught Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام the language of the birds, and gave him something of everything.



Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام had a great army of jinn, people and birds. They marched together in neat rows.



One day, the army came to a valley where many ants lived.



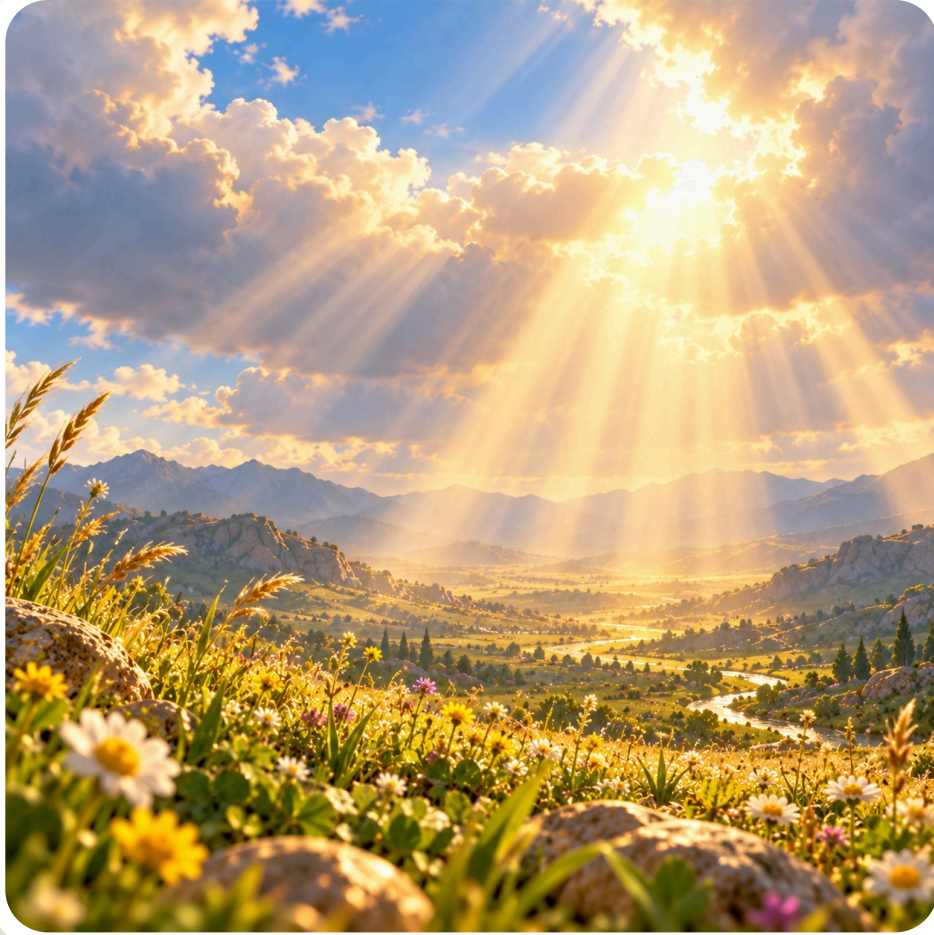
One little ant saw the great army coming towards the valley.



The ant called out: “O ants, go into your homes, so that Sulayman and his army do not crush you without even knowing!”



Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام heard what the little ant said, and
he smiled and laughed at her words.



Then he thanked Allah and made this du'a:

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تَرْضَاهُ وَأَدْخِلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

Rabbi awzi'ni an ashkura ni'matal-lati an'amta 'alayya wa 'ala walidayya, wa an a'mala salihan tardahu, wa adkhilni birahmatika fi 'ibadikas-salihin.

“My Lord, help me to be thankful for the blessings You have given me and my parents, and to do good deeds that please You. And by Your mercy, make me one of Your good servants.”



Safe in their homes, the ants carried on with their work. Even the smallest ant is looked after by Allah.



Ants are small, but a whole surah of the Qur'an is named after them: Surah an-Naml, "The Ants."



Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام was a mighty king, yet he was gentle and thankful. Let us be kind to every creature, and thank Allah for all He gives us.

Talk about it

Read the story together, then talk about these

1

What did the little ant tell the other ants?

2

What did Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام do when he heard the ant?

3

Name three blessings you can thank Allah for today.

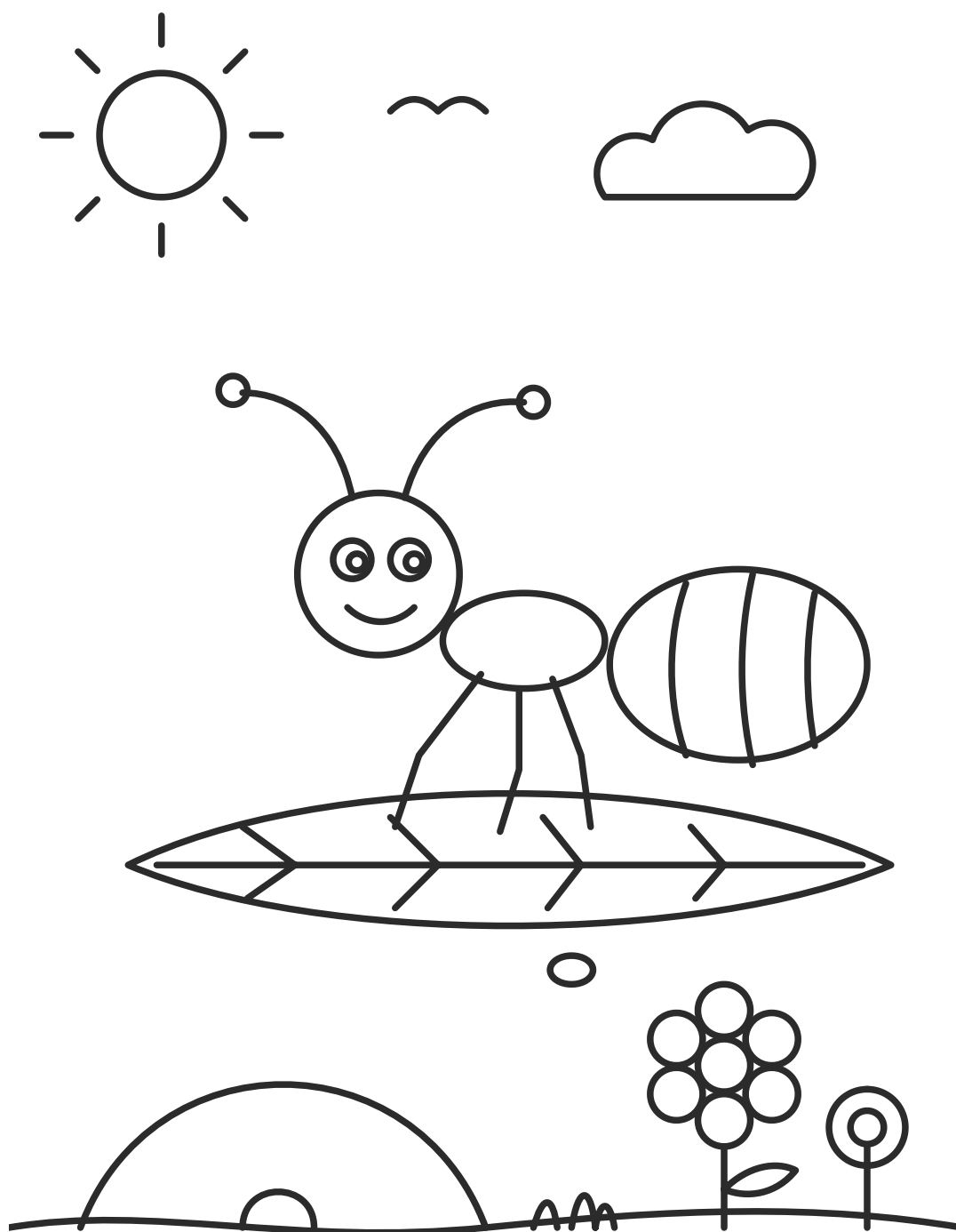
LEARN THE DU'A OF PROPHET SULAYMAN عليه السلام

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“My Lord, help me to be thankful for the blessings You have given me and my parents, and to do good deeds that please You. And by Your mercy, make me one of Your good servants.”

Colour me in!

Colour the ant, the leaf and the flowers





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