

The Owners of the Garden

A story from Surah al-Qalam





Long ago, there was a beautiful garden, full of fruit trees, with streams of water running between them.



Every year the fruit grew big, sweet and ripe. Even the little birds came to enjoy it.



The garden belonged to a kind man. At harvest time, he always shared his fruit with poor and hungry people.



After he passed away, the garden went to his sons. One night they made a plan: “Let’s pick all the fruit early in the morning, before any poor people come.”



They were sure they would do it. But they did not say “In sha Allah”, which means “if Allah wills”.



That night, while they were fast asleep, something from Allah came over the garden.



At dawn they called to each other, **“Go early to your harvest!”**
They set off, whispering, **“Don’t let any poor person come in
today.”**



But when they saw the garden, it was black and burnt! They said, **“We must have lost our way!”**



Then they understood: **“No, we have lost everything.”** The best of them said, **“Didn’t I tell you to remember Allah?”** They said, **“Glory be to our Lord! We were wrong.”**



They were sorry, and they turned back to Allah. They said:

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"Maybe our Lord will give us something better than it. We turn to our Lord in hope."



Everything we have is a gift from Allah. When we share it, and say **“In sha Allah”** when we plan, Allah puts blessing in it.

Talk about it

Read the story together, then talk about these

1

Why did the sons go to the garden so early in the morning?

2

What should they have said when they made their plan?

3

Their father shared his fruit with others. What can you share this week?

LEARN THE DU'A OF THE GARDEN OWNERS

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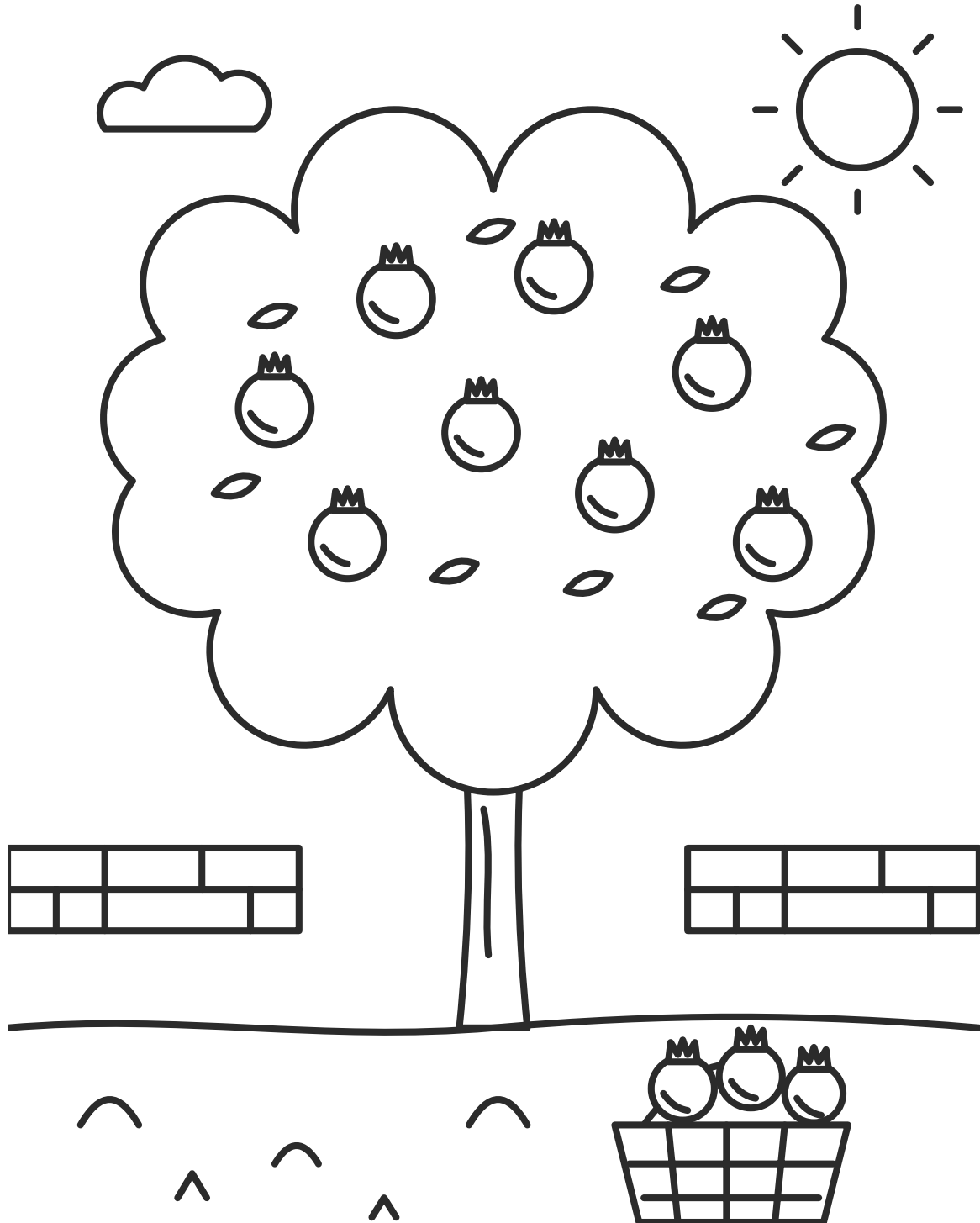
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This du'a is in Surah al-Qalam (chapter 68 of the Qur'an). When we lose something, we can turn to Allah and hope for something better.

Colour me in!

Colour the pomegranate tree, the basket of fruit and the sun





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