



Ahmad's Journey: The Story of the Prophet's Call

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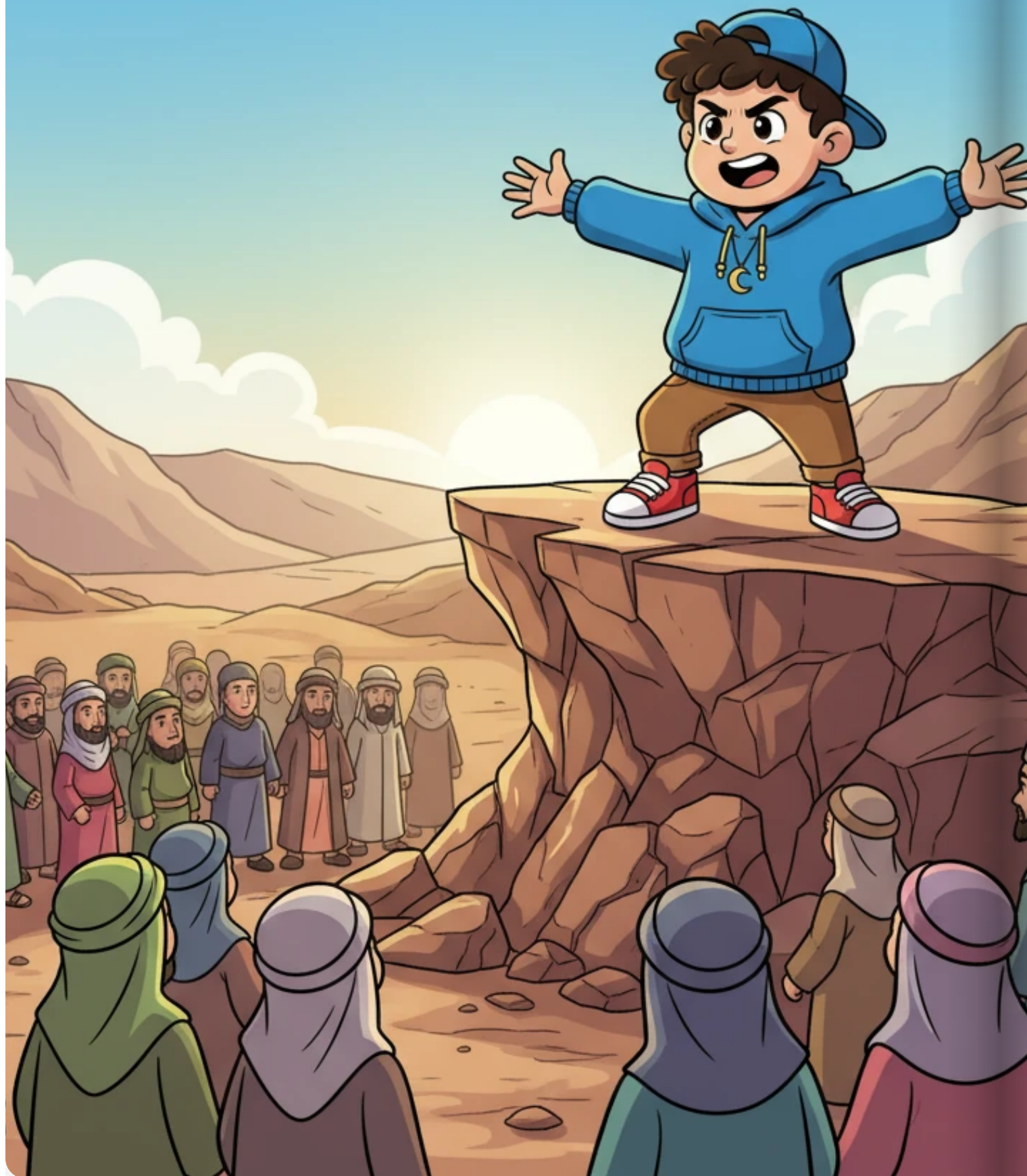
Ahmad sat beside his father, listening intently as he recited Sūrat al-Muddathir in a melodious voice. The warm glow of the evening light filled the room. Ahmad, eyes wide with wonder, felt a sense of peace and reverence wash over him as he listened to his father's beautiful recitation.



Ahmad excitedly asked his father about the sūrah, recalling his Islamic Education teacher's explanation. His father smiled, explaining how the Prophet ﷺ began to call his family and friends to worship Allah alone after receiving the revelation. The image of the Prophet's ﷺ early efforts filled Ahmad's imagination.



The father continued, describing how the Prophet's wife, Khadijah (رضي الله عنها), and his friend Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه), were among the first to believe. Ahmad visualized the early believers, their faces alight with faith, as they gathered around the Prophet ﷺ.



The story shifted to the Prophet ﷺ climbing Mount as-Safā, calling out to the people of Quraysh. Ahmad pictured the scene – the Prophet's ﷺ voice echoing across the valley, the people gathering, and the challenge he presented to them. He imagined the courage it took to stand before them.



Ahmad learned about the opposition faced by the Prophet ﷺ, and the unwavering support of his uncle Abu Talib. He imagined the power of the disbelievers and the strength of the Prophet's ﷺ conviction, which was as solid as a mountain. Ahmad felt admiration for the Prophet's ﷺ resilience.



Ahmad and his siblings concluded the story with a shared praise to Allah. The image of the early Muslims, united in their devotion, filled Ahmad's heart with hope. He understood that the Messenger ﷺ brought them out of darkness and into the light.