

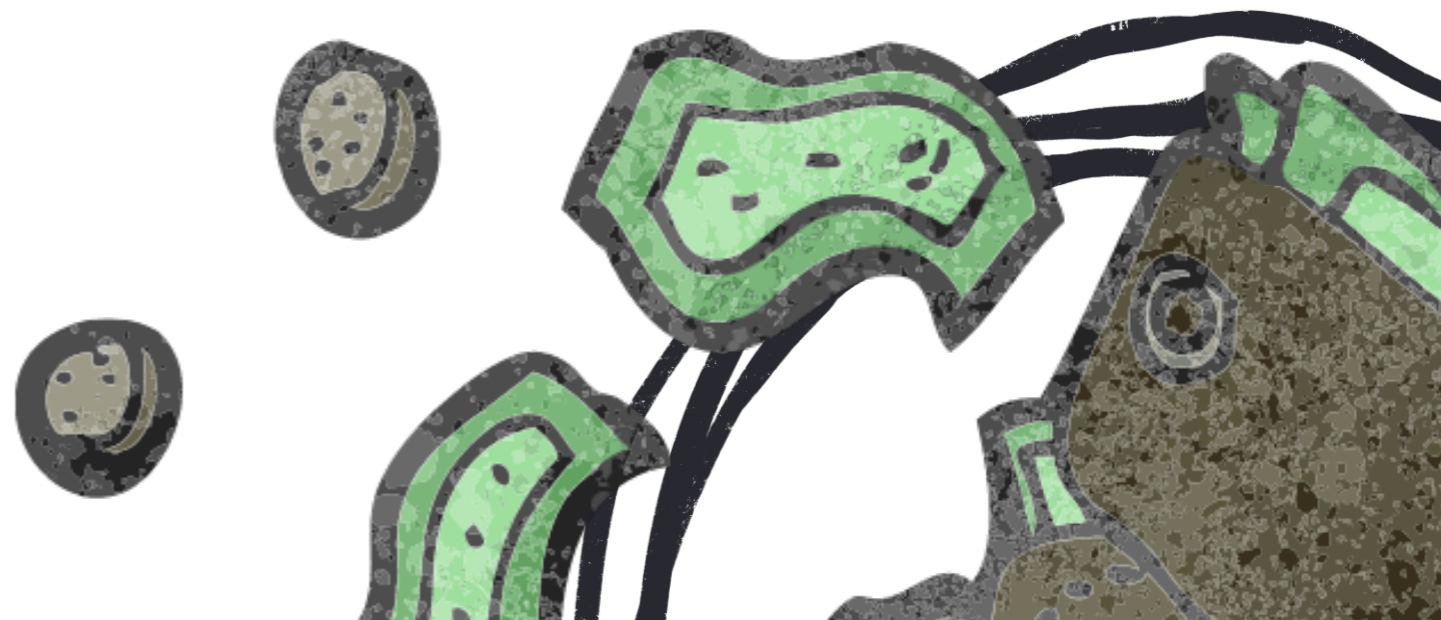


THE STORY
OF THE COW

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

This story took place at the **time** of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him).

There was a **rich man** among the Banu Israel who did not have any children. He had only a nephew who could inherit his **wealth**. In order to gain this wealth, the **nephew** killed him and placed his body at someone's doorstep in the night. The next morning he acted **innocent** of the crime he had committed and cried out for **revenge**.



The people started **d i s p u t i n g** among themselves as to who could be the murderer. They **a r g u e d** to a point where they picked up their weapons and almost started **f i g h t i n g** each other.


Then a **w i s e** man among them suggested that instead of fighting among themselves they should seek **h e l p** from the **P r o p h e t** of Allah. So, they went to **P r o p h e t M u s a** (peace be upon him) and mentioned the matter to him.



Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) told everyone that Allah has commanded them to slaughter a cow, then place its **f l e s h** on the dead man and he will come back to **l i f e** and tell them who murdered him.

When the people heard this, they were very **s u r p r i s e d** and asked Musa (peace be upon him) whether he was **mocking** them.






Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) refused and made **dua** to Allah to protect him from being among the **ignorant** ones.

How can a Messenger of Allah who gets divine revelations be ignorant or mock at people?

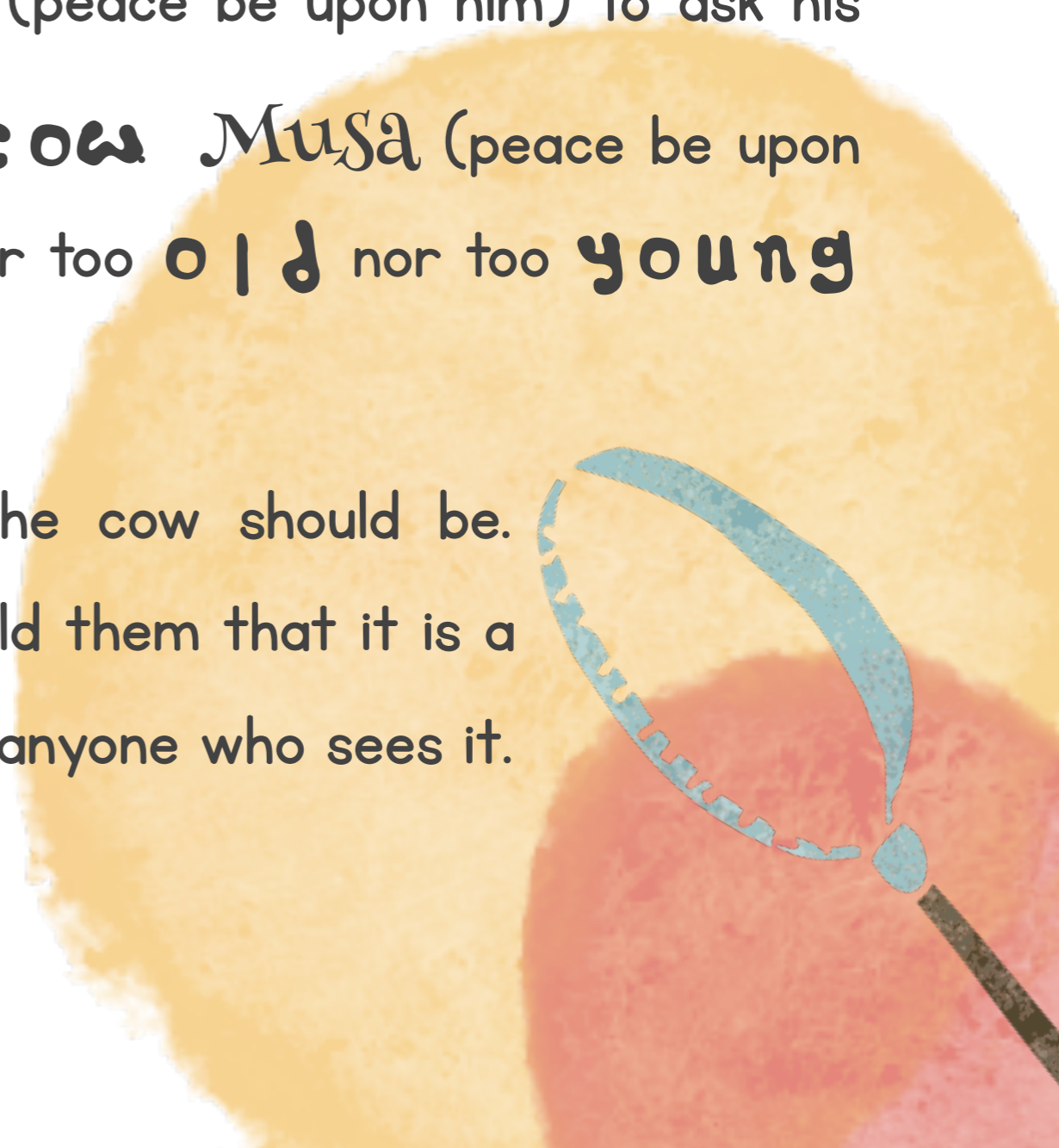
Then Allah mentions how Banu Israel made matters more difficult on themselves. They were **stubborn** and did not take Allah's command seriously.



They kept asking Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) to ask his Lord, which shows **disrespect** to Allah and His Messenger.

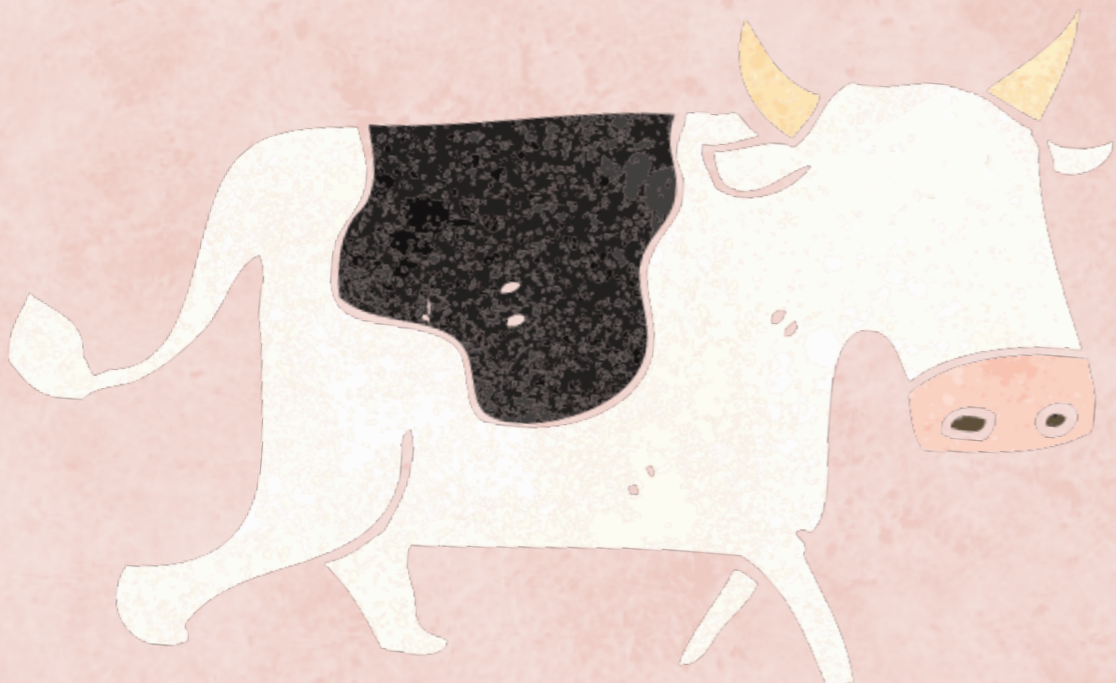
First, they asked Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) to ask his Lord for a clear description of the **cow**. Musa (peace be upon him) told them that it is a cow neither too **old** nor too **young** but **in between**.

Next they asked what **color** the cow should be. Then Musa (peace be upon him) told them that it is a yellow cow, bright in color, pleasing to anyone who sees it.



Then again they asked *MuSa* (peace be upon him) to ask his Lord to make it more **c | e a r** to them as all cows looked alike to them.

MuSa (peace be upon him) told them it is a cow which does not **w o r k** - it is neither used to till the soil nor water the fields and it should have no blemish - it should be free from any *physical* defects, **s p o t s** or marks.



Finally after a lot of **searching**, they found the desired cow and slaughtered it, though they were *reluctant* to do so. Had they *submitted* to Allah's command from the beginning, it would have been sufficient for them to *slaughter* any cow. But they made it *harder* and tight on themselves by asking too many **unnecessary** questions.



After they slaughtered the cow, Allah commanded them to **strike** the dead man with a piece of its flesh. As they did so, the dead man stood up and **pointed** at his nephew and then he **died** again.



This shows that Allah can bring out what people are trying to **hide** and that Allah alone can bring back the dead back to **life**.

This story highlights the **disobedience, stubbornness** and **transgression** (exceeding boundaries) of Banu Israel.

Even after seeing clear signs from Allah, Banu Israel did not change. Allah blessed them with many **favours** but they were ungrateful and spread mischief on the earth. They followed their **desire** and did not submit to His commands. As a result, Allah made their hearts **hard**, that is, they could not accept any guidance or nurturing, and they became of those who earned His **anger**.

Thus Banu Israel were a clear **failure** example and Allah tells us their story so that we should not be like them.





Names of Alliah

in the story of the cow

There are **two** beautiful names of **Allah** mentioned in this story:

Allah (الله): This is the **greatest** name of **Allah** and all His Names revolve around this name. **Allah** is the One Who you are attached to out of **love** and magnification. He has all the **PERFECT** attributes of **greatness** and **MAJESTY**. He gives you everything you need for your sustenance. **Allah** is the only One worthy of our **Worship**.

We **love** Him, **fear** Him and **hope** from Him alone.



Ar Rabb (الرب) : The Nurturer, The Reformer

Allah Ar Rabb is the One Who nurtures us with blessings and favors. He is our creator, provider, and He takes care of all our affairs. And for the believers, He nurtures them with special nurturing by nourishing them with **faith, guidance** and **insight**.

Lessons

We should Obey the rules set by Allah and submit to His commands.

We should not ask too many unnecessary questions.

We should not be Stubborn over any matter, especially if we are asked to do something by our elders.

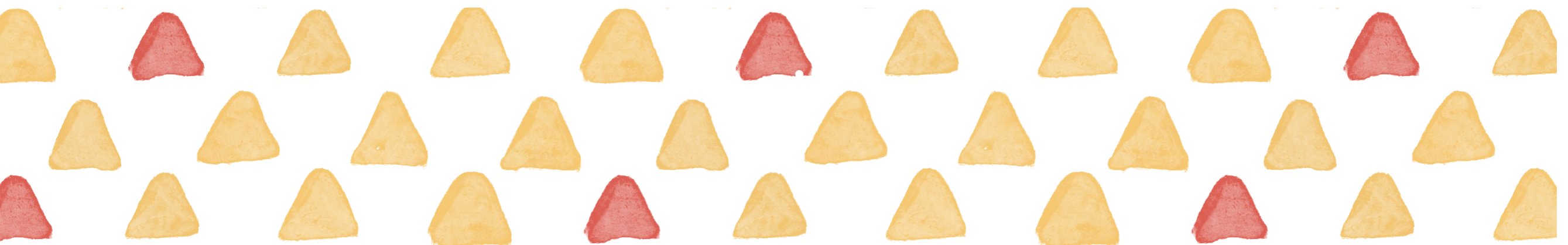
We should Respect the people who are above us in age, knowledge and experience - our parents, teachers, grandparents or anyone else who has been given authority over us. We should follow the rules set by them.

We should not argue among each other, rather we should ask someone in authority to make the matters clear.

We should not mock at others.

We should always be truthful because Allah knows what we hide in our hearts and what we show outside.

We should ask protection from Allah from hardening of the heart.

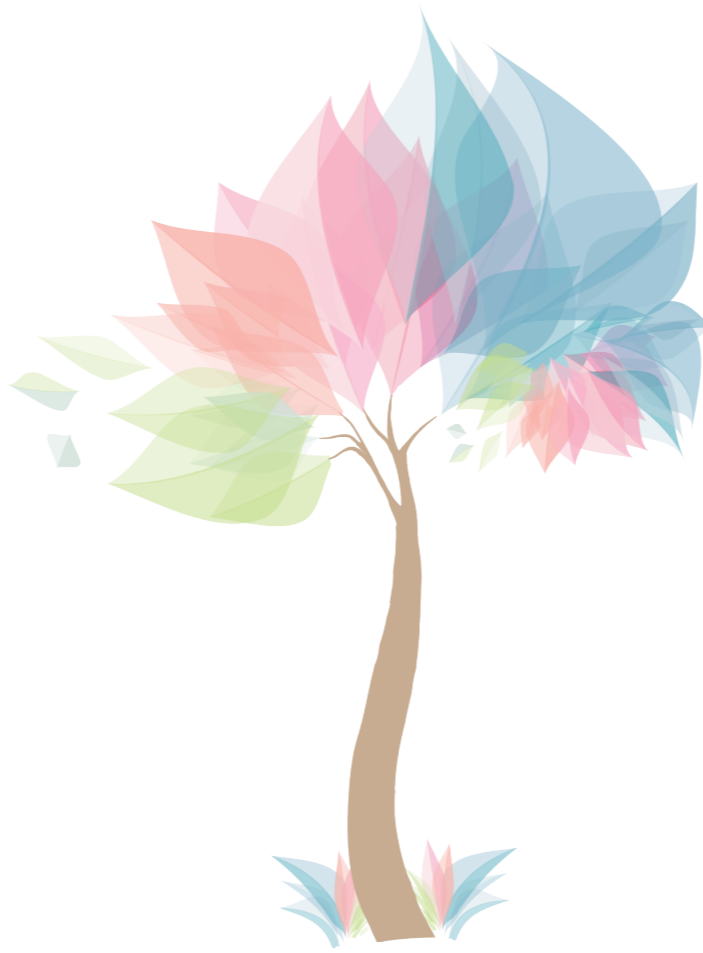


When we see the Signs of Allah, it should increase us in faith.

We should believe Allah is capable of doing everything. If He is able to bring back the dead to life, then He can surely return what we have lost, so we should not lose hope.

When you want anything ask Allah directly and not through anyone else.





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