

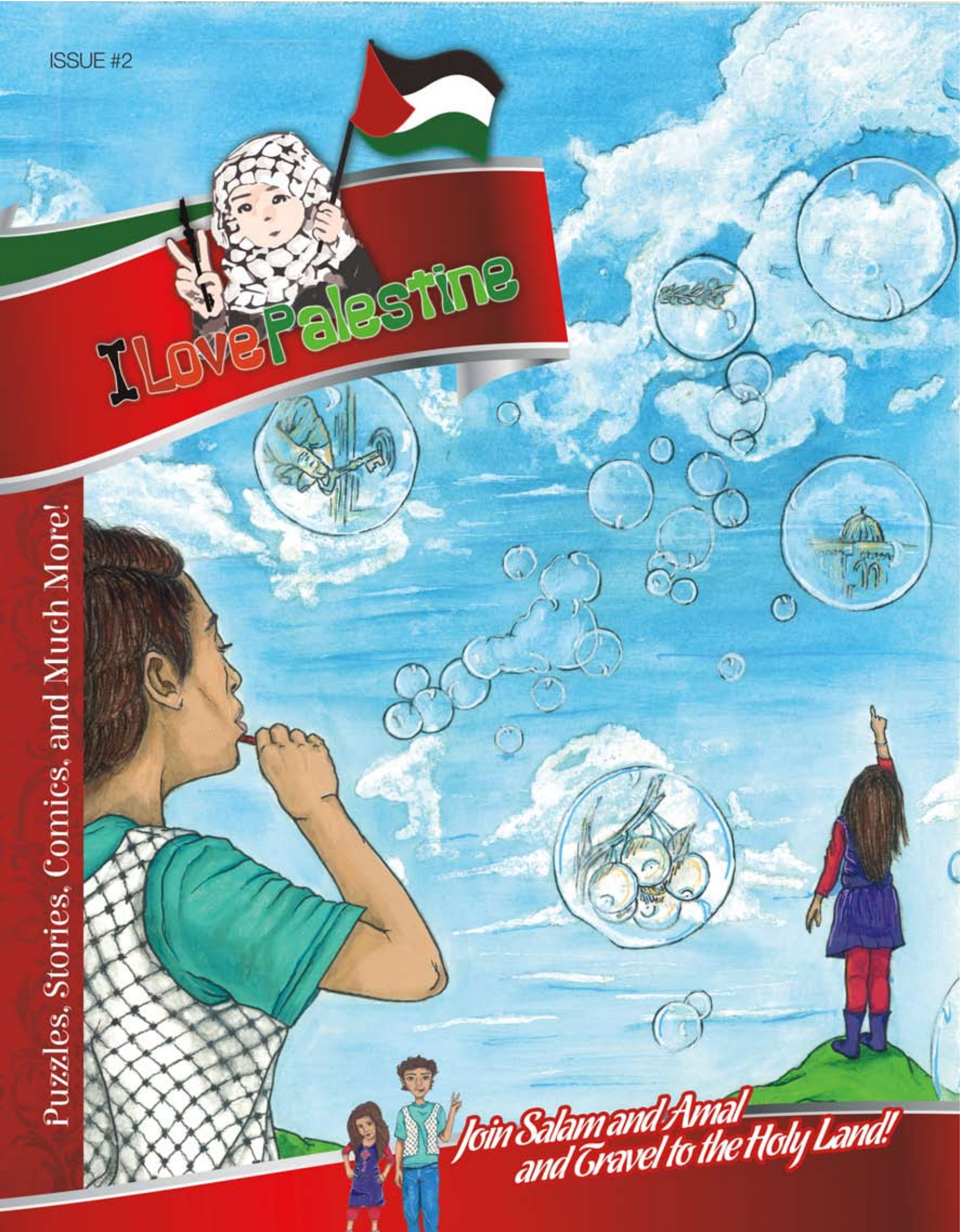
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I Love Palestine

Puzzles, Stories, Comics, and Much More!



*Join Salam and Amal
and Travel to the Holy Land!!*



DEAR PARENTS,

The first command that was revealed by Allah to Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) was "read". Although the beloved Prophet was illiterate, he was commanded by Allah to read. After that first revelation, ayahs and surahs continued to be revealed. These ayahs and surahs amount to the Quran, our manual for life. By example, Allah (swt) has demonstrated to the believers the importance of reading; the key to educating ourselves and finding our own truths. Moreover, Allah (swt) has given us a means of preserving the history of our Prophets and the tool for us to use them as our role models in all facets of our lives and that is the Quran. The I Love Palestine team hopes that it is placing in Muslim homes and classrooms a resource that will allow them to educate themselves with the help of their role models on our roots so that they may better preserve those roots and build on them to become exceptional leaders and role models for generations to come!

Empower your children by educating them,
The I Love Palestine Team

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Agents of Freedom, Justice, and Peace



We often hear that it is our duty to reclaim our narrative.

What does it mean to reclaim the Palestinian narrative?

What does this mean?

Reclaim: to take back

Narrative: a story

How can I take back something I cannot grab or see?

Make it yours.

The story of the Palestinians

is no longer the story of Palestine.

The story of the Palestinians has become

what the media and the world

have made it out to be.

Where are the facts?

Who are the faces?

What are the events that are

the Palestinian narrative?

Whose job is it to correct the incorrect and humanize those that have become nothing but numbers and statistics?

Whose job is it to show the world exactly what is happening; to complete the picture of what they have been shown on television?

Whose job is it to make sure that the voices of the victims are told; that their experiences and dreams do not die?

That is your job and mine.

It is the job of anyone in the world
who recognizes injustice and strives to become
an agent of freedom, justice, and peace!



It's Story Time...

Darna

Pass the second hill on the left of the A'aqab Al-Jabr settlement, down the hill by Abu Mohammed's house, ten steps to the left, and there it was, our home; "Darna" it was called. It wasn't much, a small rectangular hole in the ground with nothing more than a cardboard box that served as a table. The inhabitants of this home, however, weren't related by blood; they were inseparable friends. Farah was the oldest of the bunch, only fourteen years old, but she was wise beyond her years. Majd and Eman were twins who moved to A'aqab Al-Jabr after their father died when they were just seven years old. Hayat was a very shy and quiet twelve year old. Naser was a ball of joy. Although he was orphaned at age ten, he was always laughing and smiling even when there really wasn't much to smile about.

The five met during a curfew time that was enforced so that everyone was prohibited from leaving their home. At the time, they were all away from home going about their daily routines and when they heard about the immediate curfew they panicked and only found comfort in each other's company. Since that day, they were only seen together; they became their own family unit. They went exploring in the ruins of what used to be numerous bustling villages until they found Darna. It automatically became their sanctuary. When they were there, they temporarily escaped their troubles and problems and the scary world they lived in. **They pictured a perfect Palestine.** They pictured a place where their families could live under rooftops and not flimsy tents. A place where everyone had the proper attire for the weather and where parents didn't have to watch their children leave to school in the morning and pray they came back alive. They dreamed of a place where young kids weren't scarred by the sight of dying relatives; of living in a place called Palestine; the place their parents and grandparents told stories of.

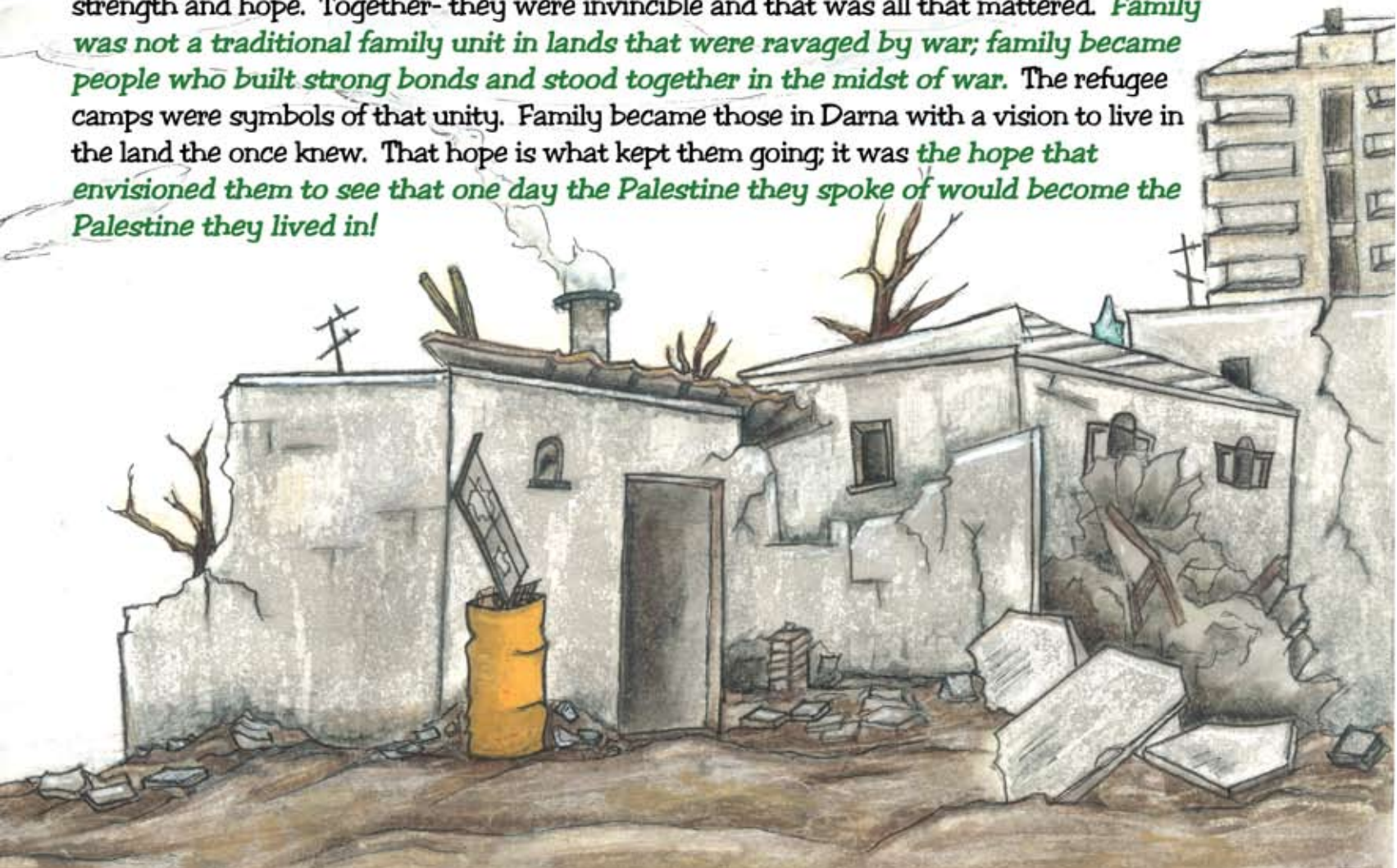
KEY WORDS

- Darna
- Curfew
- Enforced
- Sanctuary
- Zait
- Zaatar



When they were in Darna they told each other stories about where they were before A'aqab Al-Jabr. Farah described her little house in Deir Yasin; she told them how her family of seven lived in such a tiny house but were always happy. She described her family's garden and the vegetables and fruits that grew in it. Mostly she missed the grand olive trees. She always had tears in her eyes because *she realized that the simple happy life she lived before was gone and there was nothing she could do to go back* to her old home and reclaim her family's land. Naser explained how he came home from school to find his house nothing more than a pile of rubble that eventually became a tombstone for his mother and baby brother. Hayat explained how she wasn't always quiet; she meekly spoke of how she watched Al Noor Elementary School crumble while her friends were still inside. She was never herself after that. Her voice cracked every time she talked and she was startled by the simplest things. The twins briefly told their friends how their lives changed after they lost their father. They cried when they explained their last morning with him, they were eating Zait and Zaatar and he was teasing them and laughing with them before he left to work. They helped each other deal with such painful memories and they promised to be there for one another and try to make new memories together that would make them smile not cry.

The five of them spent every day together in Darna and continued pretending that when they were there, they were living in the Palestine they dreamed of. They gave each other strength and hope. Together- they were invincible and that was all that mattered. *Family was not a traditional family unit in lands that were ravaged by war; family became people who built strong bonds and stood together in the midst of war.* The refugee camps were symbols of that unity. Family became those in Darna with a vision to live in the land the once knew. That hope is what kept them going; it was *the hope that envisioned them to see that one day the Palestine they spoke of would become the Palestine they lived in!*



THINK TANK

WHAT IS SOCIAL INJUSTICE?

ISLAM AND AMERICA ARE BOTH FOUNDED ON THE IDEA THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. WHEN THIS RIGHT IS CHALLENGED FOR ANY REASON IT IS CONSIDERED SOCIAL INJUSTICE.

SOCIAL INJUSTICE IS WHEN PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE TREATED UNFAIRLY. THIS MEANS THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES LIKE FOOD AND SHELTER AND OPPORTUNITIES LIKE POLITICAL FREEDOMS AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY SHOULD.

Social Injustice in America Today:

Michael Brown:

Recently on the news, the world has been hearing about Michael Brown from Ferguson, Missouri. Michael Brown was an 18 year old black man who was shot and killed by a white police officer on August 9, 2014. Although the police officer, Darren Wilson claimed that he shot Brown to protect himself because Brown was charging at him, witnesses at the scene said that Brown was running away from the officer and was about to surrender when he was shot six times. Brown was unarmed. The Brown case has opened up all wounds of race, justice and police violence. When the Ferguson community protested against the killing of Brown, even peaceful protestors were attacked by police who used equipment such as armored vehicles, tear gas, rubber bullets, and sound cannons to try and stop protests. In court, a grand jury decided not to indict Darren Wilson which again led many to believe that this was an issue of race and not justice.



Eric Garner:

Unlike the Michael Brown case, Eric Garner's case was not based on eyewitnesses from the scene; in fact, Garner's case was completely recorded on video by a bystander. Eric Garner was accused of selling cigarettes in the street which is considered a crime. When the police tried to arrest him, even though he did not try to resist, they used too much force and ended up killing him. Like the police officer in the Michael Brown case, it was decided that the officers would not be held responsible for their actions.

Social Injustice in Palestine:

Social injustice has become the driving force of the Palestinian occupation. Palestinians are constantly victims of displacement; this means that their homes and lands are often taken from them for no reason. People's harvests and access to their own crops have also been denied. Palestinians cannot travel from one place to another without being stopped at checkpoints for long periods of time. Sometimes they are not allowed to go through; again with no explanation or reason. Palestinians receive little or no benefit from the numerous natural resources the land has to offer. They have no access to water and are often left with limited contaminated water in places like Gaza.

The siege on Gaza is one of the worse international examples of social injustice. The people of Gaza are not allowed to leave and little aid has been allowed in. Even though Gaza has been attacked by Israel three times in the last four years, very little aid has been allowed in to help them rebuild their homes and businesses and gain some of their humanity back. With the latest attack, Operation Protective Edge, the basic necessities of life have been taken from the Gazans. This includes but is not limited to electricity and water. As the world stands by silently, it does not seem that the situation in Gaza will get any better soon.

Social Injustice in our Everyday Lives:

Social injustice is not limited to people we hear about in the news. Children are exposed to social injustice in their everyday lives. What does it look like? During recess when a student is not allowed to play with other students because he looks different. When really smart students in classes are targeted by other students because they are so smart. These are all common examples of social injustice.



DO YOU RECOGNIZE SOCIAL INJUSTICE WHEN YOU SEE IT?

LABEL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SCENARIOS AS SOCIAL JUSTICE OR SOCIAL INJUSTICE:

- A man applies for a job and doesn't get it because he is physically handicapped.
- A group of girls spend time together in school because they have a lot in common; they don't allow others to join their group.
- A boy who is very smart is always called a nerd by other boys in his class.
- An athletic girl is not allowed to play sports because she is a girl.
- A teacher ignores a student when he raises his hand because he has a speech disability when he speaks.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? BECOME A LEADER OF CHANGE!

- ASK QUESTIONS. FIND YOUR OWN TRUTH. EDUCATE YOURSELF. REMEMBER THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY.
- CORRECT INJUSTICES IN YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. BE THE FIRST PERSON TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE.
- USE YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH. DO NOT FEAR HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ADULTS IN YOUR LIFE ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE.
- JOIN GROUPS THAT PUT PRESSURE ON THOSE WITH POWER TO CHANGE POLICIES IN FAVOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY. WHEN PEOPLE JOIN AND FOCUS ON SPECIFIC POLITICAL OR SOCIAL ISSUES, THEY CREATE SOCIAL MOVEMENTS.

THINK & DISCUSS

What types of problems would be eliminated in a world where social justice exists?

Why is achieving social justice important?

What other examples of social injustice in the world today can you think of?



KEY WORDS

Gazans, Race, Justice, Social Injustice, Indict, Protest, Social Movements, Displacement, Natural Resources, Oppression.



Salam and Amal



Salam's Diary

Dear Diary,

Today Amal and I went with my father to pray Friday prayer in Masjid Al-Aqsa. We were so sad when we realized that the checkpoint was closed and that no Palestinians were allowed into Jerusalem to pray at the mosque. This masjid is one of the many reasons that Palestine is such a sacred land. The masjid was built by Prophet Ibrahim. The mosque was destroyed twice by earthquakes and rebuilt. Before Muslims began to face the kaaba for prayer, they faced Al-Aqsa mosque. A prayer in the masjid is worth 1,000 prayers!

As I was growing up, I loved to hear my father tell me the story of Isra and Miraj. The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) went on a night journey (al-isra) during which he rode on the Buraq, who took him from Mecca to al-Aqsa. The Buraq stayed next to the Western Wall while the prophet prayed at Al-Aqsa Mosque and after he finished his prayers, the angel Gibreel took him to heaven, where he met several other prophets and led them in prayer. This part of our Muslim history always warms my heart and makes me love the mosque because it was a place that our beloved Prophet (pbuh) once prayed. I just learned that the rectangular mosque and its surrounding grounds are 1,550,000 square feet. The mosque itself is about 380,000 square feet and could hold up to 5,000 worshippers. Yet zero worshippers were allowed to enter and worship there today.

Unfortunately, in the history of Palestine, closing the mosque off to worshippers has always been used as a tool against the Palestinians. It is not the first time that people have not been able to pray there. Sometimes it is men under the age of 50 and women under the age of 45 who are not allowed to enter. This time it was closed to everyone.

The Israeli occupiers are also currently digging beneath the mosque in search of the Temple of Solomon. The digging is threatening the physical stability of the mosque. This is so scary to me. I cannot imagine losing something that is so sacred to the Muslims people all over the land. I pray and make dua to Allah that I have the opportunity to visit the mosque and pray in it freely. A time when people do not have to gather by the hundreds and thousands to pray outside the closed borders to show that they will not give up and that they love Palestine and the mosque. Until then, we will keep trying to visit it and teach people about it.

With lots of hope for a free future,
Salam

Walking in the Streets of....

Akka



Akka is an important and beautiful city. It is important because it sits on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Akka was founded by the ancient Canaanites, which means that Akka is a very old city, over 50,000 years old.

THE CANAANITES WERE THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF AKKA. TO THE CANAANITES, AKKA WAS KNOWN AS AKKAW WHICH MEANT "HOT SAND" AND IT IS DERIVED FROM THE ARABIC WORD OF 'AKK, MEANING INTENSE RUBBING.

Akka was a village known for its strength.

This was especially evident when Napoleaon tried occupying Akka in 1799 but could not succeed.

Akka was inhabited by Muslim and Christian Palestinians. There were plenty of mosques and churches.

There were six Islamic schools and four Christian schools. Everyone lived together in harmony and peace. The fishing industry in Akka fished no less than 40 tons sometimes 60 tons of fish a year before 1945.



**UNTIL 1942,
PALESTINIANS OWNED ALL OF THE OLIVE PLANTATIONS,
97% OF CITRUS GROVES, AND 91% OF BANANA FARMS.**

On May 18th, 1948, the unthinkable happened and Akka changed forever. A violent gang of foreign immigrants closed all of the exits of the city except for the one that led to Lebanon. Out of the 13,000 Palestinians that lived in Akka, 7000 Palestinians were ethnically cleansed out of their city.



Only 3000 Palestinians were able to find safety in the surrounding hills, Mosques, churches, and schools. The olive plantations, orange groves, and banana farms were forcefully taken away from the original owners. Akka will always be remembered as the vibrant and welcoming city.



Key words: Vibrant, Inhabitants

You're
the
Chef



Palestinian Recipe for Lentil Soup

Ingredients:

- 8 cups of water
- 1 ½ cups of small red lentils
- 3 Maggi chicken cubes
- ½ cup of finely diced onion
- 1 garlic clove (grated)
- 1 ½ teaspoons of fresh parsley
- ¾ teaspoon of cumin
- ½-1 teaspoon of turmeric

Directions:

- Wash your hands before beginning!
- Wash and drain lentils.
- In a large pot, combine all your ingredients.
- Bring to a boil, and then let it simmer on medium/low stove temperature for about 35 minutes.
- Make sure to stir occasionally! You don't want your lentils to burn or stick to the pot!
- Now you have a delicious traditional Palestinian lentil soup to serve!
- To add a sour taste, serve it with lemon wedges on the side.
- Enjoy!



Fun Facts!

- THE TRADITIONAL PALESTINIAN WAY TO EAT LENTIL SOUP IS BY SHREDDING PITA BREAD AND SOAKING IT WITH THE SOUP, LETTING IT SIT, AND THEN EATING IT WITH ONIONS, RADISH, AND OLIVES ON THE SIDE. THIS IS CALLED FATITTADAS AND IS BEST EATEN ON A COLD WINTER DAY.
- LENTIL SOUP IS KNOWN AS "THE POOR MAN'S MEAT" BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST AND BEST ALTERNATIVE TO A POOR MAN FOR MEAT BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH PROTEIN CONTENT.
- LENTILS ARE INCLUDED IN A VARIETY OF PALESTINIAN CUISINE INCLUDING MUJADDARAH, RASHTAYA, AND MANY MORE!



APPRECIATE THE GIFT OF ALLAH, APPRECIATE PALESTINE

"THIS IS BECAUSE ALLAH (SWT) HAS NEVER CHANGED A FAVOR WHICH HE HAS CONFERRED UPON A PEOPLE UNTIL THEY CHANGE THEIR OWN CONDITION; AND BECAUSE ALLAH IS HEARING; KNOWING."

THE UMMAH OF MUHAMMAD (SAAW) IS AN UMMAH THAT HAS BEEN SHOWERED WITH GIFTS. THE QUR'AN IS A GIFT, THE LEGACY OF MUHAMMAD (SAAW) IS A GIFT, AND ISLAM IN ITS ENTIRETY IS A GIFT. THE PLACES OF WORSHIP WHERE WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP ALLAH (SWT) ARE ALSO GIFTS. FROM THESE PLACES OF WORSHIP ALLAH MADE SOME MORE SPECIAL THAN OTHERS; JUST LIKE HE MADE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MORE SPECIAL THAN OTHERS, AND CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR MORE SPECIAL THAN OTHERS. AL-MASJID AL-AQSA AND THE LAND AROUND IT THAT IS NOW CALLED PALESTINE IS ONE OF THOSE PLACES ON EARTH THAT IS VALUED MORE THAN OTHER PLACES IN OUR RELIGION. IT IS A FORM OF WORSHIP TO ALLAH (SWT) TO HONOR THAT WHICH HE PRAISES, EXHIBITING A DESIRE TO PERFECTLY ALIGN ONE'S WILL AND EMOTIONS WITH THE ULTIMATE WILL OF ALLAH (SWT).

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَكُ مُغَيِّرًا نِّعْمَةً أَنْعَمَهَا عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا
بِأَنفُسِهِمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٣﴾

"...AND WHOEVER RESPECTS THE SIGNS OF ALLAH, THIS SURELY IS (THE OUTCOME) OF THE PIETY OF HEARTS."

MASJID AL-AQSA IS A SIGN OF ALLAH'S MIGHT AND THE EXISTENCE OF PALESTINE AS AN ISLAMIC LAND IS A GIFT FROM ALLAH; HOWEVER, THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS OF ALLAH AND BEING GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS FROM ALLAH IS MAINTAINING THEM WITH JUSTICE ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO APPROACH THIS NOBLE GIFT WITH AN ISLAMIC VIEW; OUR ACTIVISM IS MEANINGLESS IF WE ARE NOT MINDFUL OF WHAT ALLAH LOVES AND WHAT HE DISLIKES. LET US BE REMINDED THAT EVERY SINGLE STEP WE TAKE TOWARDS THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH IS A STEP CLOSER TO THE FREEDOM OF PALESTINE. AS OUR LEADER AND ROLE MODEL OMAR IBN AL-KHATTAB SAID AS HE ENTERED PALESTINE, OPENING IT FOR THE MUSLIMS "WE ARE A PEOPLE WHOM ALLAH (SWT) HAS GRANTED GLORY THROUGH ISLAM, AND EVERY SINGLE TIME WE SEEK GLORY THROUGH OTHER THAN ISLAM, ALLAH WILL HUMILIATE US."

ذَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعِظِمِ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِن تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ ﴿٣٢﴾

KEY WORDS:
JUSTICE, ACTIVISM, GLORY

Do it Yourself.....



Pollution of air, water, and land is one of the biggest threats facing mankind today.

Pollution is when people contaminate or dirty the air, water, or land and it affects the living organisms. Scientists believe that many of the extreme climate changes the world is facing are a result of man's pollution and lack of care. Muslims believe that the land is a blessing from Allah and all of the gifts Allah has granted mankind should be valued, taken care of, and used wisely without waste. If people do not start to pay attention to what they are doing to contribute to pollution, we might lose the Earth or become extinct like dinosaurs!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Reduce the amount of water you waste, garbage you throw, and the destruction of natural habitats.

Carpool to avoid extra emissions that pollute the air!

Reuse anything that you can find another purpose for.

Reuse empty jars, plastic bags, and other reusable items instead of discarding them.

Recycle paper, cans, water bottles and any other **recyclable** materials. Don't be lazy; make it a habit at home, school, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Everyone needs to do their part in whatever way he or she is able to so that we can save our Earth!

**NO EFFORT
IS TOO SMALL**

What are the people of Palestine doing to leave their green footprint?

- Collecting rainwater so that it can be reused
- **Reusing** waste water for irrigation
- Planting trees in urban areas
- Composting methods for green gardens
- **Reusing** materials to rebuild homes



Palestinians have also found ways to make art out of recyclable materials.

This includes debris of war as well as remnants of weapons that were meant to kill them.



WORKERS AT THE RAFAH PLANT SORT WASTE FOR RECYCLING
(Eyad al-Baba / APA images)



Do it Yourself....

KEY WORDS:

- THREATS
- IRRIGATIONS
- COMPOSTING
- DEBRIS

Find something that others would consider useless and find another purpose for it.

Mail the picture of your recycled piece to AMP before next issue.

Send your entries to:

Education Committee, ATTN: Magazine Contest
10101 S. Roberts Rd. Palos Hills, IL 60465.

The top three entries will be featured in our next issue.

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Bet You Didn't Know

200 tons of strawberries are produced annually by Palestinian farmers in the West Bank.

Ariha stays warm throughout the year because it is near the Dead Sea and the Dead Sea is more than 700 feet below sea level.

Gaza has a population numbering 1.86 million. It is one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

Ariha is a village in Palestine; it is the oldest inhabited city on Earth, dating back 12,000 years.

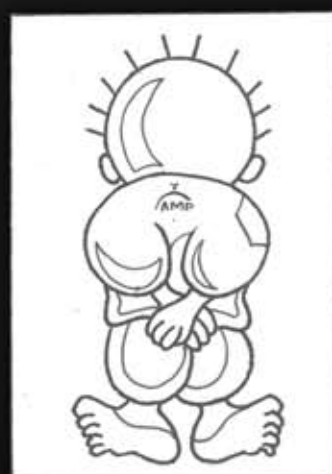
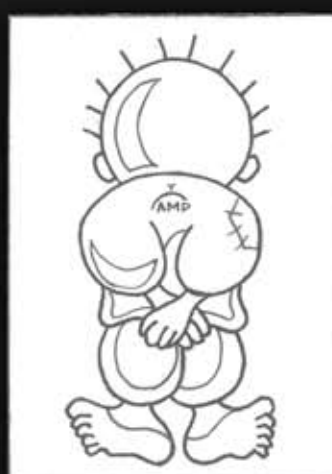
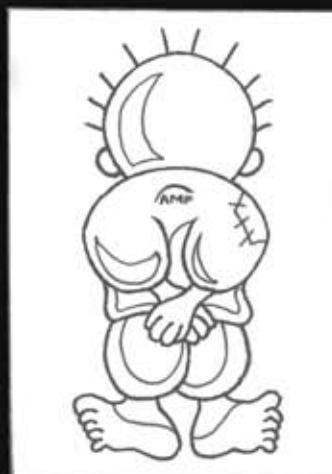
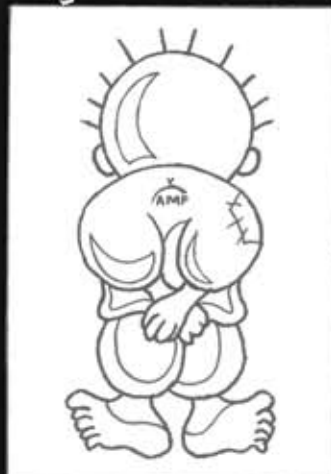
The Dead Sea is the saltiest body of water in the world. It borders Jordan to the east and Palestine to the west.

In 2009, a pastry chef in Nablus (Palestine) made the world's largest Kunafa. It was 243 feet long and weighed 3,891 pounds. It was shared among the residents of the city.



Spot the Difference

Can you find the differences in each picture?



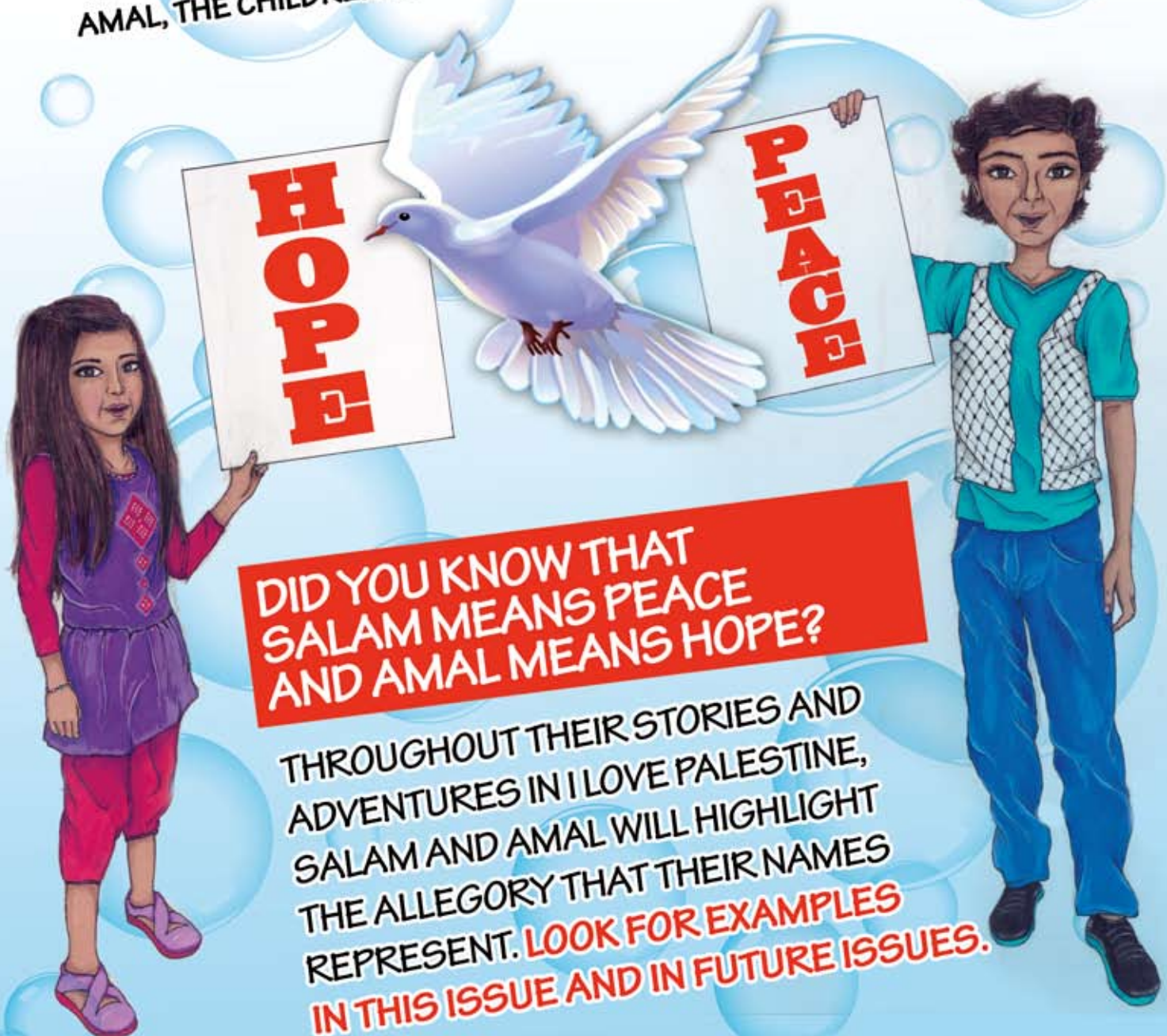
Defining Allegory

Do you know what the literary device **allegory** means?

Allegory is:

- WHEN SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE SEEN IS REPRESENTED BY SOMETHING TANGIBLE AND CONCRETE.

- WHEN CHARACTERS IN A STORY ARE SYMBOLS OF AN IDEA. SALAM AND AMAL, THE CHILDREN OF I LOVE PALESTINE, ARE ALLEGORICAL CHARACTERS.



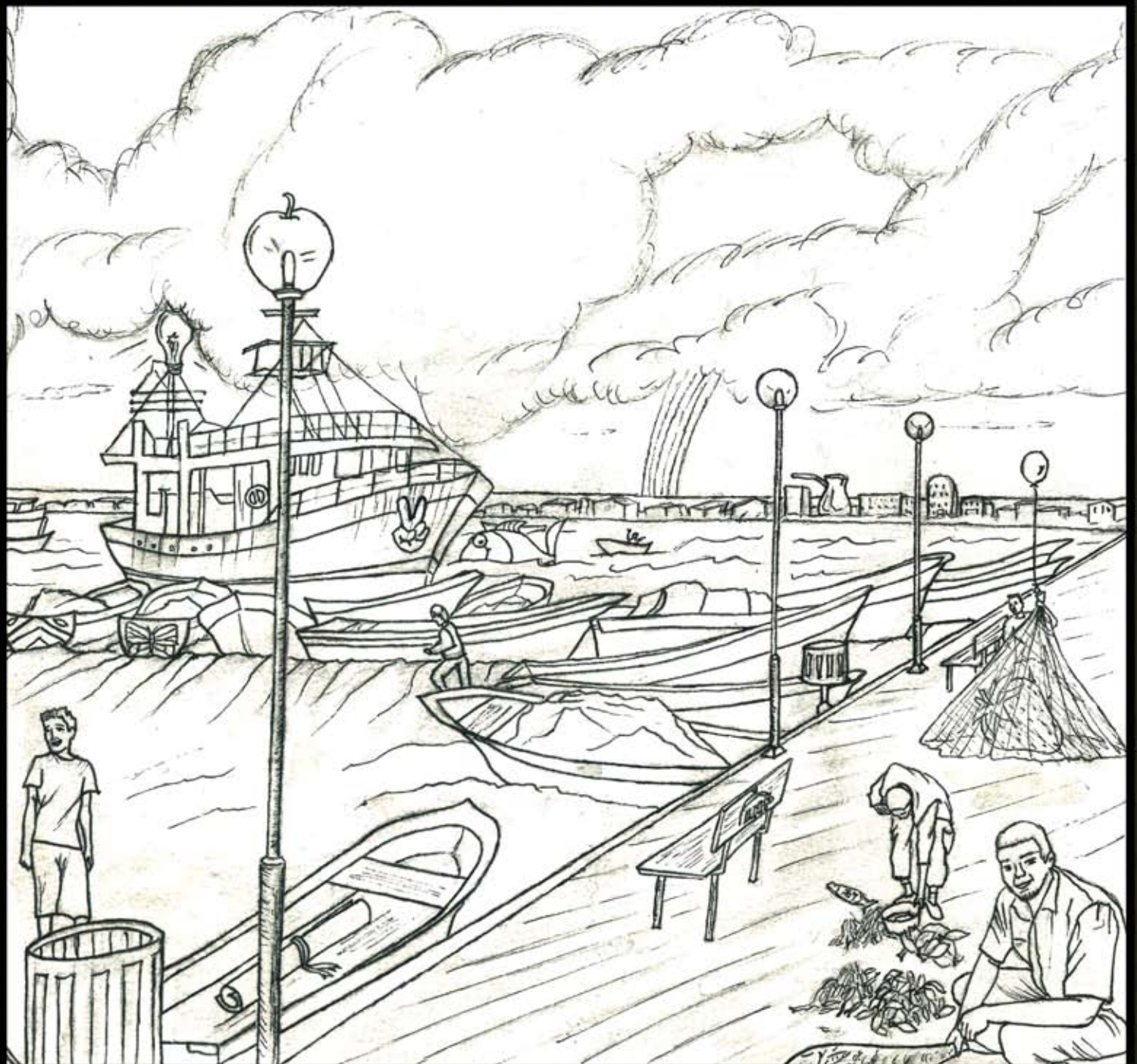
**DID YOU KNOW THAT
SALAM MEANS PEACE
AND AMAL MEANS HOPE?**

THROUGHOUT THEIR STORIES AND ADVENTURES IN I LOVE PALESTINE, SALAM AND AMAL WILL HIGHLIGHT THE ALLEGORY THAT THEIR NAMES REPRESENT. **LOOK FOR EXAMPLES IN THIS ISSUE AND IN FUTURE ISSUES.**

HIDDEN PICTURES

"ON THE COAST"

IN THIS BIG PICTURE FIND THE APPLE, FISH, BUTTERFLY, BALLOON, AMP LOGO, ROLLED UP DEGREE, LIGHTBULB, PEACE SIGN, STRAWBERRY, AND COFFEE POT/DALLAH.



YOUR HOME FROM PALESTINE

READER ENTRIES



APPLE

FISH



BUTTERFLY



BALLOON



AMP
AMP
LOGO



ROLLED UP
DEGREE



LIGHT
BULB



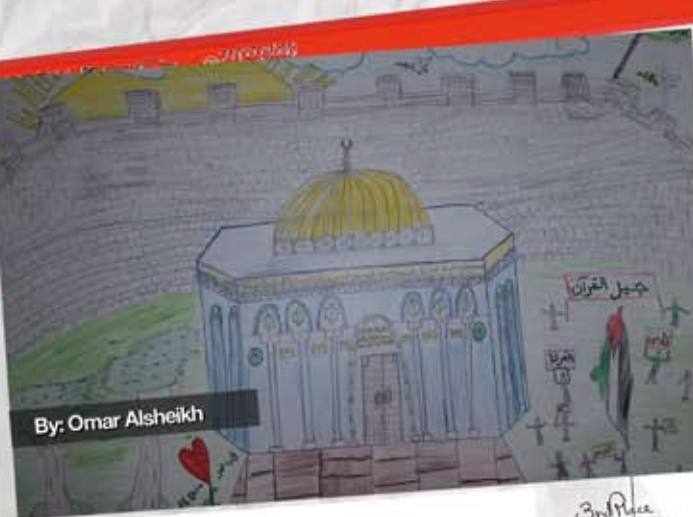
PEACE
SIGN



STRAWBERRY



COFFEE POT • DALLAH



By: Omar Alsheikh



By: Rayanne Gaghamin

By: Mohammad Hamdard

Mohammed is a grade 1
In Palestine many people
had peaceful lives.
They had peaceful people,
but when the Israelis came
to the people they forced
some people to go on ships
to other countries.
Some people went to churches,
schools, and mosques to
stay safe.
The Israelis destroyed the
only power plant in Gaza.
Since 1948 people in Palestine
had no more peace.
I wish there was peace
in Palestine.

3rd Place

By: Mariam Hawana



By: Ayah Abdallah

By: Uswah Ghani



GETTING TO KNOW OUR HERO'S

OUR THREE WINNERS

MANY OF YOU PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT THE TRAGIC MURDER
OF THREE AMAZING YOUNG MUSLIM AMERICANS:

Deah Barakat, Yusor and Razan Abu-Salha.



Deah (Left), Yusor (Middle), Razan (Right)

Deah and Yusor were newlyweds and Razan was Yusor's sister. They were gunned down in their home near the University of North Carolina's campus in Chapel Hill on February 10, 2015..

While this was a great tragedy for our community, there are many lessons we can learn from the beautiful examples set by these three individuals, who have been remembered with the hashtag **#OurThreeWinners**.

We know our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught us to worship our Creator by serving His creation. When the Prophet (peace be upon him) entered Madinah to found his new community, these were the first words he uttered:

"O PEOPLE! SPREAD THE GREETING OF PEACE, FEED (THE POOR AND NEEDY), BEHAVE KINDLY TO YOUR RELATIVES, OFFER PRAYER WHEN OTHERS ARE ASLEEP, AND (THUS) ENTER PARADISE IN PEACE"

(NARRATED BY IMAM AL-TIRMIDHI).

These are the first elements that the Prophet (pbuh) wanted the people to learn about Islam and living as a Muslim. And these are some of the most important lessons we can learn from the blessed lives that Deah, Yusor and Razan led.

Deah was a dental student at the University of North Carolina. He started a campaign last year to send dental supplies to victims of violence in Syria. The YouCaring effort he started has raised more than \$477,000 to date. Deah also spent time feeding people, as he volunteered distributing food and dental supplies to the homeless in North Carolina.



Deah, Yusor and Razan also worked to spread awareness regarding issues important to Muslims in America and abroad. They were proud of their Muslim identities, with Yusor participating in a StoryCorps recording, stating how blessed she felt growing up in America. She also tweeted about hijab, calling it a “constant reminder that we aren’t living for this world.”

Razan, who was studying architecture and environmental design, was known for her creativity. She was a graphic designer for the Triangle chapter of United Muslim Relief and she was in the process of brainstorming new ways to help eradicate poverty, which her friends said was her passion.

Deah and Yusor also volunteered with United Muslim Relief, performing all types of service projects. In December 2012, Deah also went to Palestine with a team of dental volunteers to help treat kids through the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund.

To honor their legacy, North Carolina State University created an endowment, called the Our Three Winners Fund, that will award scholarships in the three students’ names. This is one form of sadaqa jariyyah that will continue to bring hasanat to these beautiful souls, even after their deaths.



Recently, the American Muslim community has embarked on a new project to honor these three role models. The project, called **Feed their Legacy**, seeks to collect and distribute food to the hungry in their memory. Food drives are now taking place all over the United States.

We know that Allah (SWT) is the best of planners, and we can’t always see the wisdom of His plans immediately. However, it is becoming clear that this unbelievable loss, a hateful tragedy, has been turned into a wealth of blessings, not only for our three winners, but for every hungry person their legacy benefits.

**JUST LIKE MUSLIMS STAND AGAINST THE INJUSTICE INFLECTED ON PALESTINE,
WE MUST STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE EVERYWHERE!**

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WORD SEARCH

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R S E T Y K A J N N M C L S G
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Look For

Curfew-

A rule requiring people to remain indoors between specified hours

Darna-

The Arabic word for "our home"

Debris-

Scattered fragments, typically of something wrecked or destroyed.

Freedom-

The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without restraint.

Gazan-

A person from Gaza

Glory-

Something that brings praise and honor to someone

Justice-

The process or result of using laws to fairly judge people

Peace-

Freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility.

Protest-

Express disapproval to what someone has said or done.

Race-

The term race refers to groups of people who have differences and similarities in biological traits deemed by society to be socially significant.

Zaatar-

the Arabic word for the Middle Eastern spice mix of thyme, sesame seeds, and sumac

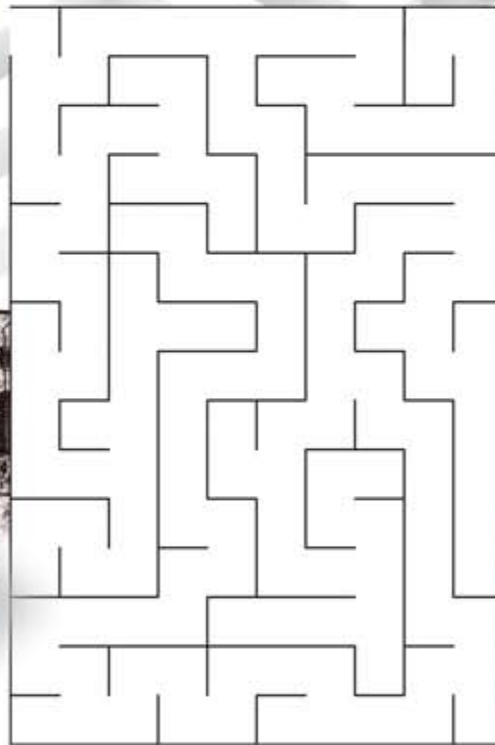
Zait-

is the Arabic word for oil. Olive oil is usually dipped with Zaatar and pita bread.

A-MAZE



START



FINISH

Help Salam and Amal go
from **Masjid Al-Aqsa**
to the **Ibrahimi Mosque**
in **Al-Khalil**



DOUBLE PUZZLE

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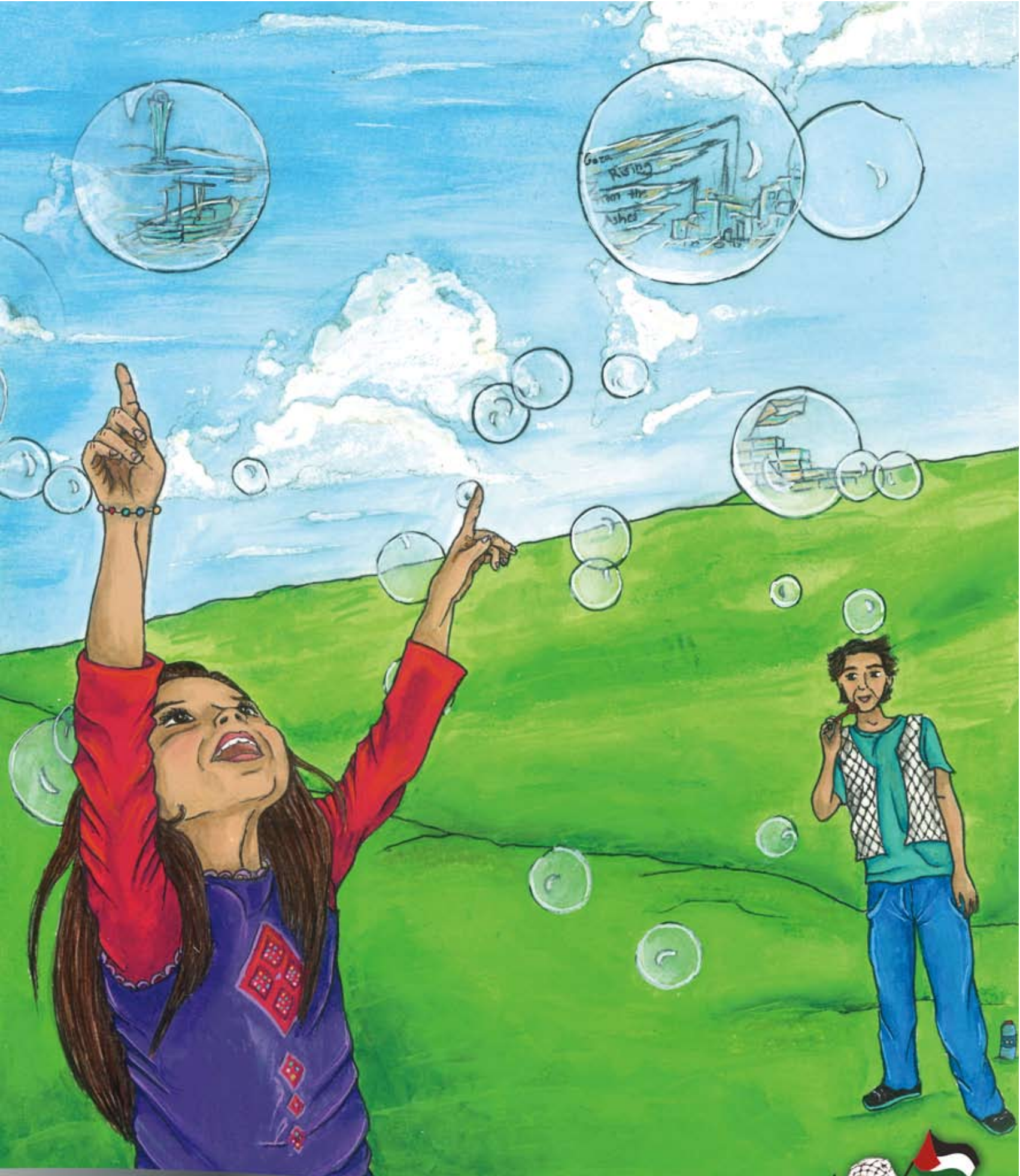
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