



EID EID IS HERE!

Nusrat and Amjad were very excited. The sun was going down; soon the new moon would be shining in the sky. They had been waiting for this night during all the weeks of Ramadan. Nusrat was very hungry; she hadn't eaten anything since breakfast, before the sun came up. All she'd had all day was a drink of water at school. Mum had explained that it was important to know how it felt to be hungry, and to remember that some poor people never have enough to eat. Amjad was only six, so he was too young to go all day without food, but Nusrat was nine years old, and for the first time her mum and dad had let her fast for Ramadan, like the grown-ups.

Nusrat was helping her mum to prepare the evening meal, and Amjad was playing with Omar, their little brother. Dad was at the Mosque; as soon as the new moon appeared in the sky, he would come home. Just then, Amjad shouted, 'I can see the moon! Look!'. Nusrat and her mum looked out of the window. The thin silvery moon was shining through a tree. 'Eid Mubarak! Happy Eid!' said Nusrat, and gave her mum a big hug. They heard Dad at the door, and Amjad ran to meet him. He wanted to be the first to say 'Eid

Mubarak'. Soon they were all sitting down with a sweet milky drink and some honey cakes. Later they had a proper dinner, with samosas and kebabs. Everything seemed especially tasty!

Next morning was the festival day. Everyone was wearing new clothes. Mum and Nusrat had beautiful mehndi patterns on their hands. They were going to visit their auntie and uncle with sweets and presents. Nusrat and Amjad had made Eid cards at school.



'How lovely!' said Auntie Maryam. Uncle Ali told them they were very clever. When they got home, Mum and Dad and Nusrat got busy making an evening meal for some new friends.

Dad had met Ahmed at the Mosque. Ahmed and his family had moved all the way from Africa. Mum and Dad wanted to share their Eid meal with them to make them feel happy and at home.

At last everything was ready, and the guests arrived with sweets and presents. 'Eid Mubarak! Happy Eid!' everyone said, and they all sat down to share a delicious meal together.

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