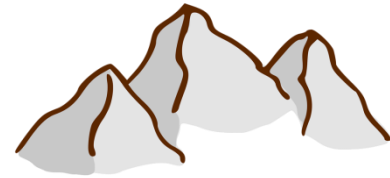


Zam Zam!

When **Prophet Isma'il (AS)** was a baby, **Prophet Ibrahim (AS)** was commanded by Allah (SWT) to take Prophet Isma'il (AS) and his mother, **Bibi Hajra**, to Makkah. At that time, it was an isolated area. It was a desert with **no water** around. Prophet Ibrahim (AS) left with them some water and dates. When they ran out of water, Bibi Hajra went to **search** for some more water. She went back and forth between the **mountains of Safa and Marwah** to search for some water **seven** times.



[all images from
Microsoft Clip Art]

Allah (SWT) sent Angel Jibrael to help. The Angel came to Prophet Isma'il (AS) and miraculously, a **spring** was formed. There was no water source nearby from where the water came – it was a miracle.



Bibi Hajra tried to contain the water, but there was so much water that it would not stop flowing. Bibi Hajra said, “**Zam! Zam!**” which means to **stop**. That’s where Zam Zam water gets its **name**.

Nowadays, when we travel to Makkah for Hajj and Umrah, **following the footsteps** of Bibi Hajrah is an important part. We go from **Mount Safa to Mount Marwah** and back, seven times, just like Bibi Hajrah did.

We also drink lots of **Zam Zam water** when we are in Makkah, and we can bring some home with us too!

