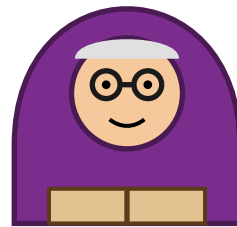


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# Stories & Values

*5 Beautiful Stories • Big Lessons for Big Hearts*



*Kahani returns with deeper stories for older listeners.*

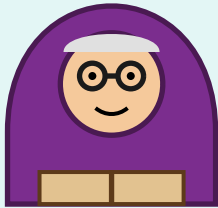
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# Welcome back, dear reader.

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I am Kahani — your storyteller.



These five stories are **LONGER** than before.  
They have **FOUR** paragraphs each — full little tales.  
And each one carries a deeper lesson.

Read together. Pause. Talk.  
Stories like these stay in our hearts forever.



# How to read these stories



1. Read SLOWLY. These stories deserve time.
2. Pause after each paragraph. Look at the picture.
3. Ask: 'Why did they do that? What would YOU do?'
4. Discuss the BIG LESSON before turning the page.
5. Link the lesson to a real moment in your child's life.
6. Re-read favourite stories. Repetition deepens meaning.
7. The questions matter as much as the words.

STORY 1 OF 5

# The Truthful Shepherd

*"Lies grow bigger and break trust."*

VALUE  
**Honesty**



## THE TRUTHFUL SHEPHERD

**H**amza was a young shepherd in a hillside village. Every day he took his sheep up the green slopes to graze.

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**O**ne sunny afternoon, he was bored. He stood on a rock and shouted, 'WOLF! WOLF!' The villagers came running with sticks. There was no wolf. Hamza laughed. The villagers walked back, tired and frowning.

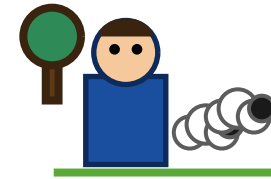
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**T**wo days later, Hamza did it again. 'WOLF! WOLF!' The villagers came — slower this time. Again, no wolf. Hamza laughed harder. The villagers shook their heads.

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**T**he next week, a REAL wolf came. Hamza screamed, 'WOLF! Please come!' But no one came. They thought he was joking again. That day, Hamza lost two sheep — and he learned that a person who lies, even in fun, loses something far more precious: trust.

## READ TOGETHER



# Talk Together

Q1. Why did the villagers stop coming?

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Q2. Have you ever told a small lie? What happened?

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Q3. Why is trust hard to win back?

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**BIG LESSON**

*"Lies grow bigger and break trust."*

STORY 2 OF 5

# Grandpa's Apple Tree



*"We plant for those who come after us."*

VALUE

Long thinking & generosity



## GRANDPA'S APPLE TREE

**O**n a soft spring morning, little Yusuf watched his grandfather digging a hole in the garden. 'What are you planting, Daada?' he asked.

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'An apple tree,' Grandpa smiled. 'It takes seven years before it gives fruit.' Yusuf's eyes grew wide. 'But Daada — you may not even taste those apples!'

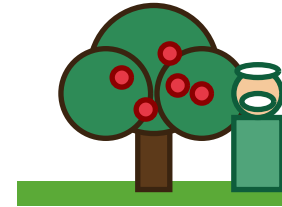
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**G**randpa wiped his brow and looked up at the sky. 'My own grandfather planted a tree before I was born,' he said softly. 'I tasted his apples for forty years.'

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**Y**usuf understood. He picked up the watering can and helped. Years later, when Grandpa was no more, Yusuf would sit under the apple tree with HIS own grandchildren — and tell them this same story.

## READ TOGETHER



# Talk Together

Q1. Why did Grandpa plant a tree he might not eat from?

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Q2. Who planted the trees we enjoy today?

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Q3. What can YOU plant for the future?

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**BIG LESSON**

*"We plant for those who come after us."*

STORY 3 OF 5

# The Greedy Camel

*"Wanting more and more makes us less and less."*

VALUE  
Contentment



## THE GREEDY CAMEL

**J**unaid was a merchant. He had ONE camel that carried his goods across the desert. The camel was strong and kind.

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**O**ne season, Junaid earned good money. 'I will buy MORE goods,' he thought, 'and load them all on my camel.' He bought silk, dates, spices and a heavy iron pot.

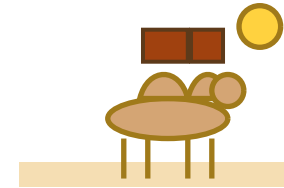
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**J**unaid stacked everything on the camel's back. The camel groaned. 'Just one more thing,' Junaid said, adding a sack of salt. The camel's knees shook.

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**T**he camel collapsed in the sand. The goods spilled everywhere. The camel lay still for two days. Junaid sat beside him, weeping. He learned: greed is heavy. We become happy not by carrying more, but by carrying only what we truly need.

## READ TOGETHER



# Talk Together

Q1. Why did the camel fall?

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Q2. When do we have ENOUGH?

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Q3. What is one thing you can give away today?

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**BIG LESSON**

*"Wanting more and more makes us less and less."*

STORY 4 OF 5

# Two Brothers and the Bag of Coins

*"Real fairness comes from love, not from counting."*

VALUE  
Brotherhood & honesty



## TWO BROTHERS AND THE BAG OF COINS

## READ TOGETHER

**L**ong ago, two brothers — Adil and Bilal — farmed land together. They shared the harvest equally and lived in two houses on the same field.

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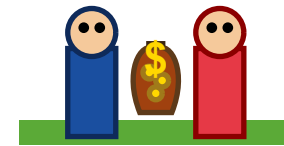
**O**ne night, Adil thought: 'My brother has a wife and three children. He needs more than I do.' So he carried a sack of grain quietly to Bilal's barn.

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**T**he same night, Bilal thought: 'My brother lives alone. When he is old, who will look after him? He needs to save more.' So Bilal carried a sack of grain quietly to Adil's barn.

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**I**n the middle of the road, the two brothers met — each carrying his sack. They stood frozen, then dropped the sacks and hugged. Their tears mixed with laughter. That spot became sacred — for it showed real fairness is not 'equal,' but loving.



# Talk Together

**Q1.** What were the brothers' secret thoughts?

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**Q2.** Why was their meeting so beautiful?

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**Q3.** Who in YOUR family loves you that secretly?

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**BIG LESSON**

*"Real fairness comes from love, not from counting."*



STORY 5 OF 5

# The Lost Lamb



*"Look after the small ones. They are everyone's responsibility."*

VALUE

**Responsibility & compassion**



## THE LOST LAMB

**A**isha had ninety-nine sheep. Every evening she counted them. Every evening, the number was 99. One night, she counted and the number was 98.

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**I**'One is missing!' she gasped. The sky was getting dark. The other sheep were safe in the pen. 'It's only one,' her tired mother said. 'Don't go out — wait until morning.'

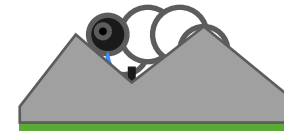
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**B**ut Aisha picked up her lantern. 'I won't sleep knowing one of my babies is alone in the dark.' She walked into the cold hills, calling softly. After two hours she found the little lamb — frightened, wedged between two rocks.

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**S**he carried the lamb home in her arms. The lamb pressed its small head against her chest. Aisha learned that night: when even ONE life is your responsibility, you do not sleep until it is safe.

## READ TOGETHER



# Talk Together

Q1. Why didn't Aisha sleep?

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Q2. Who is small and depends on YOU?

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Q3. What does it mean to be RESPONSIBLE?

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**BIG LESSON**

***"Look after the small ones. They are everyone's responsibility."***

# Five Values to Carry With You

Honesty

Long  
thinking  
&  
generosity

Contentment

Brotherhood  
&  
honesty

Responsibility  
&  
compassion

*May these stories live in your heart — and shape your hands.*

# Certificate of Achievement

*I read 5 beautiful stories and reflected on 5 big values!*

This certificate is proudly presented to:

*(write the child's name here)*



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Founder & CEO, Modern Day Syllabus

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# A short note for parents and teachers



What this book builds:

- 5 LONGER stories (4 paragraphs each) — paragraph-level reading stamina
- deeper values: honesty, long-term thinking, contentment, brotherhood, responsibility
- 3 reflection questions per story with WRITING space for the answers
- comprehension at the moral level — connecting story → real life

How to teach values well:

- read the WHOLE story before stopping. Don't interrupt with questions mid-read.
- let your child ANSWER first. Resist the urge to correct.
- link the moral to a real moment THAT WEEK: 'You were like Aisha today.'
- re-read favourite stories MANY times. Values sink in through repetition.
- use the writing lines — even a one-word answer is precious.

Coming next — the FINAL book of the Foundations Series:

- Quranic Foundations — Bismillah, short surahs, names of Allah, pillars, prophets

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