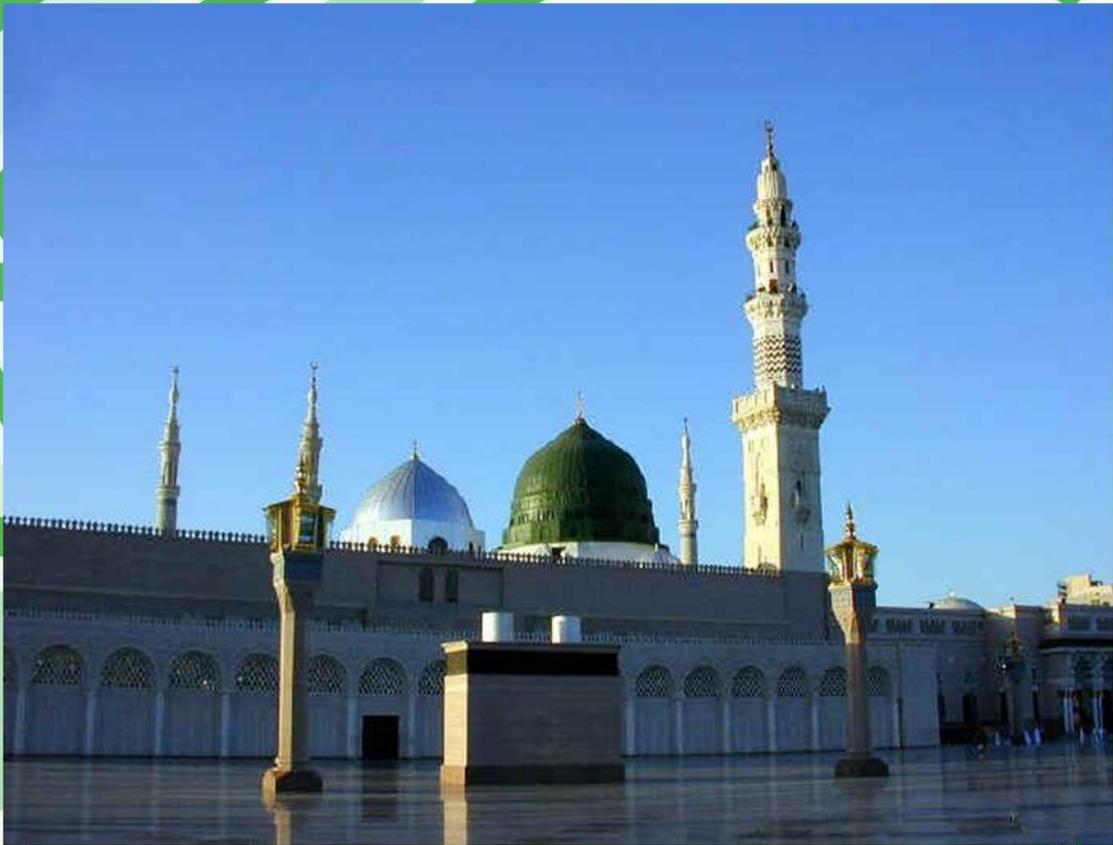


Volume 1 Issue 4



# Zainabi Kids Magazine

*One who reveals your faults to you like  
A mirror is your true friend , and one  
who flatters you and covers up your  
faults is your enemy.- Imam Hussain (a.s.)*

# Asalaamualaikum Children

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of Zainabi Kids Magazine! Are flowers blooming around your neighborhood? I bet it's too cold! But on the next few pages, see some floral fun crafts. You don't need flowers to do most of them!

How's your school going? I bet you're having a great time at school. Have you met any new friends? Maybe after you get to know about someone, you'll have a different better view about someone. That's just what happened to Jamal and Imran! Read their story in a few pages.

After that, take a flower and plant quiz to see what kind of plant would be best suited for you.

***All this and much more when you turn the page!***



# A little bit of sunshine



*A little bit of sunshine  
Lighting my house  
A little bit of sunshine  
To even soothe a mouse*

*A little bit of sunshine  
Everywhere you go  
A little bit of sunshine  
Drowning all the cruel foe*

*A little bit of sunshine  
I carry everywhere ever while  
A little bit of sunshine  
It's called a smile*

*~By Zehra Jafri*

# Which Plant Is Suited For You?

Whether big or small, all plants are interesting and unique. Just like you!

What if you were a plant? What plant would you be? Take this quiz and find out! Just answer the questions and keep track which letter you choose.



Check it out in the next page!

**What's your favorite thing to eat or drink?**

- A) The most extravagant meal fit for a queen or king!
- B) Whatever my friends like! Don't forget me!
- C) A nice plain glass of water and bread would do for me.

**It's time to go out to play! How many friends do you decide to play with?**

- A) I have many, many friends that I play with all the time.
- B) Friends? I can be friends with anyone only if they don't forget me!
- C) I have a few friends but we're really great friends.

**What do you want for your birthday?**

- A) I want EVERYTHING!
- B) Whatever everyone else is playing with!
- C) Whatever is in my future.  
Allah is the best planner.



**What is your hobby?**

- A) Shopping for clothes, going to famous places in a private jet etc.
- B) Talking on the phone, sending emails to friends, going to a friend's house, playing outside with friends, etc.
- C) I love painting, reading, and writing etc.

**What is your favorite color?**

- A) Red and purple and gold and yellow as in royalty!
- B) I change my mind from time to time. I like whatever my friends do!
- C) I like all the colors.

**Turn the page to see answers.**

Did you answer A? You're a Rose! You're a king or a queen!  
You expect the very best!! If you lavish luxury, This plant is  
for you!



Did you answer B? You're a forget-me-not! If you really want  
to fit in with the crowd, and make friends easily, think that  
there's nothing more important than friends... this has to be  
you! Forget me not!



Did you answer C? You're a daisy! Daisies are plants that  
everyone knows! They can look really plain but it's that  
magic inside that makes them grow everywhere! If you are a  
quiet person but have a creative mind inside, this plant is for  
you!





Zainabi Studios presents...

# I'm Special Too

By Zehra Jafri

## Chapter 1 Bad Hair Day

"I look so ugly!" said 5 year old Kiran.

"No you don't, you just need to brush your hair a bit," said her mother.

Kiran was a person who thought that she wasn't unique. She always thought that others were much better.

"Mother! Why can't I have straight hair just like the other kids in school?! Why can't my hair be longer" Kiran stomped her foot hard.

Kiran, your short curly hair is really pretty too! Stop complaining!

So 5 year old Kiran had to go to school just like that. In a bad mood, as always.

## Chapter 2 At School

“Class, we’ll have a new student in school. Her name is Sobia. Please welcome Sobia,” said the teacher.

Everyone welcomed Sobia.

Sobia smiled a little. She had really long straight black-brown hair. Just like what Kiran wanted!

At lunch, Sobia had to sit next to Kiran.

“Where are you from?” she asked.

“Me? I was born here, in America. My mother and father are both from Pakistan though. Where are you from?”

“I was born Pakistan but my mother is from Iran and my father is from Iraq. You see, my mother and father travel all around the world to do research. I have to go with them, so I switch schools a lot. I’m only in your school for a while,” she said while munching on an apple.

“You are so lucky! I’ve never been on a vacation ever!”

“No, you’re so lucky! We have to travel all the time! Sometimes it get’s so tiring!”

Kiran tucked her hair back behind her ear.

Sobia looked at Kiran’s hair.

“You have such beautiful hair!”

“Well, you do too! I like your hair more.”

“Everyone says that to me. I want curly short hair. It takes so long to brush this hair! But when I grow up to wear a hijab, my mother will have to cut it. But for now... this is just so troublesome!

Kiran looked at her shocked. Everyone wanted straight long hair!





Sobia looked at her surprised. Everyone wanted short curly hair!  
They were both the opposite!

Sobia had to come over to Kiran's house for lunch. Her house was HUGE! There were floors and floors and even an elevator too! There was a tennis court and an arcade too! This was really beautiful!

Sobia told her that she was really lucky to live in such a big house!

Kiran was a little disappointed.

"It is so hard to sleep here. I get scared at night. And in the morning, I get lost! There are so many secret passages in this house and it gets really hard! A small house is a bit more cozier for me."

Sobia was shocked.

They were both the opposite!

Later during the year, the two learned to put away their differences, and become friends. They both learned they were really special, from everyone else's point of view, but even better, from Allah's point of view.

It's not what you look on the outside or how rich you are that counts.

It's what you take to heaven that counts.

**Moral: If you think you look really ugly and horrid, you don't! Allah made everyone unique and special and you should be thankful for how you look.**

# Crafts to make you smile!



Whether in the snow or sun, these crafts will be great for everyone! And they are plant related, just like this issue. So try them!



# Leaf Rubbing

## Leaf Rubbing



Pictures by <http://www.camping-field-guide.com/images/leaf-rubbing-craft.jpg> and <http://earth911.org/files/2007/10/leafrub.JPG>

All you need for this fun project are some leaves, white paper, and crayons! This is really fun to do in the fall especially because there are so many leaves around. Try finding leaves of different shapes and sizes.

First, put your leaf gently under your white paper.

Next, take your crayon and draw vigorously. Just move your crayon back and forth. You will slowly see the shape of your leaf form on the paper. Just like the ones on the right. Frame your piece of art or put it on the cover of a greeting card.



# Nature Drawing!

Do you love to draw and decorate paper? Do you love nature too? Then this is for you!

All you need is some grass, leaves, twigs, seeds, flower petals anything from nature! Be sure to ask your parents first if you need to get something from the garden.

Then, use the things to draw a picture of anything you want!

Here's a picture I drew on Microsoft Paint so you could get an idea.



I made a smiley face! Here are the things I used:

The eyes are made from leaves and the eyebrows are made from bits of grass. The nose is made from a maple leaf and the mouth is made by gluing some flower petals.

There are so many pictures you can make! How about making a snowman with some twigs and Dandelion fluff? Or how about a bird with some petals? You decide!

# Grass Pal

Do you love plants and are you looking for a best friend too?  
Make a grass pal!

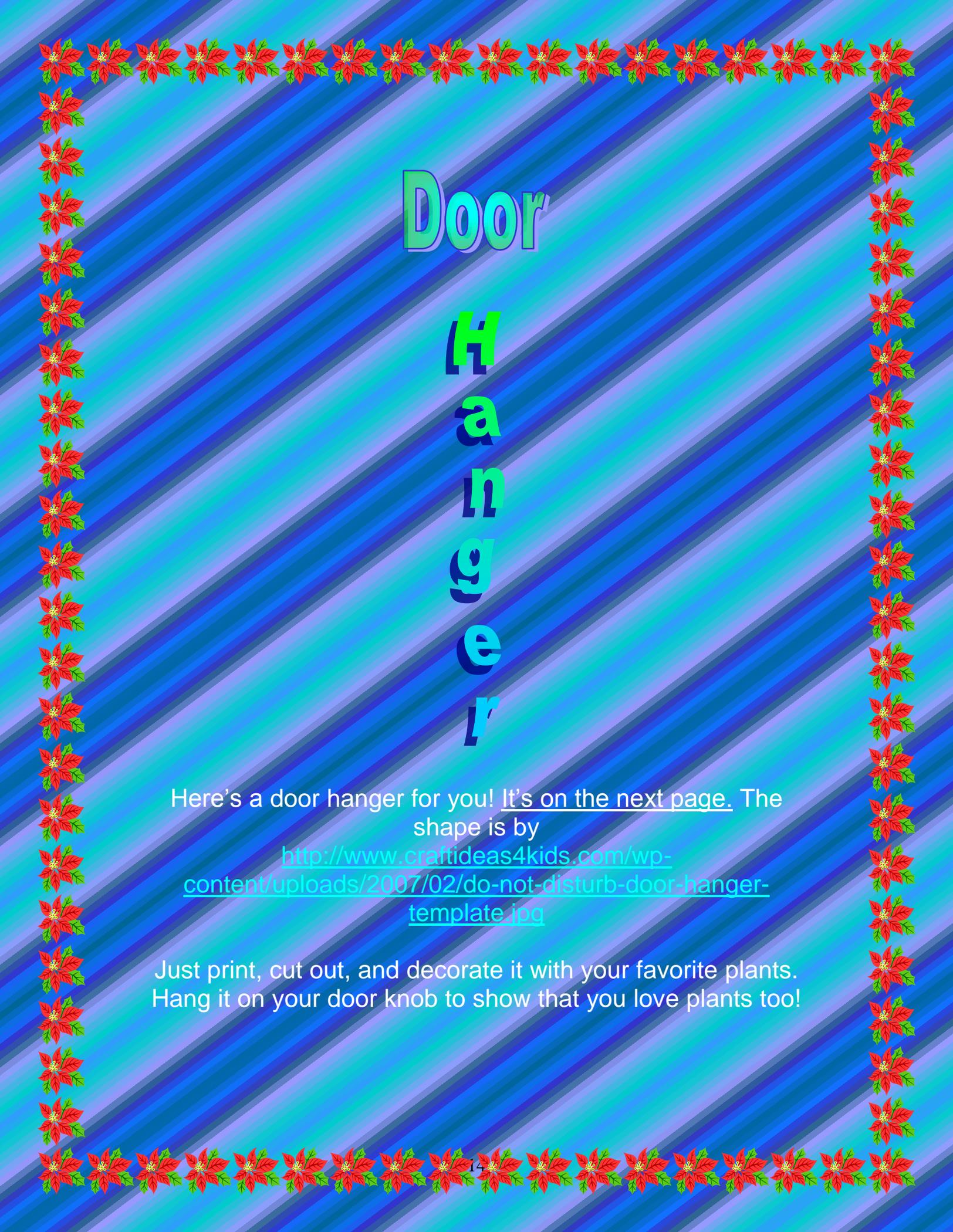


All you need are some grass seeds, a very small brown pot, markers, and some potting soil.

First you need to put the potting soil inside your little pot. Then, put in the seeds. Remember to cover them up with soil. Right after that, water the seeds.

Last, make a smiley face on your little pal.

Put it near the sun where it will get enough sunlight to grow. In a few weeks, look at its hair start to grow! If its hair gets too big, you can snip its grassy hair with your scissors to give it a haircut.



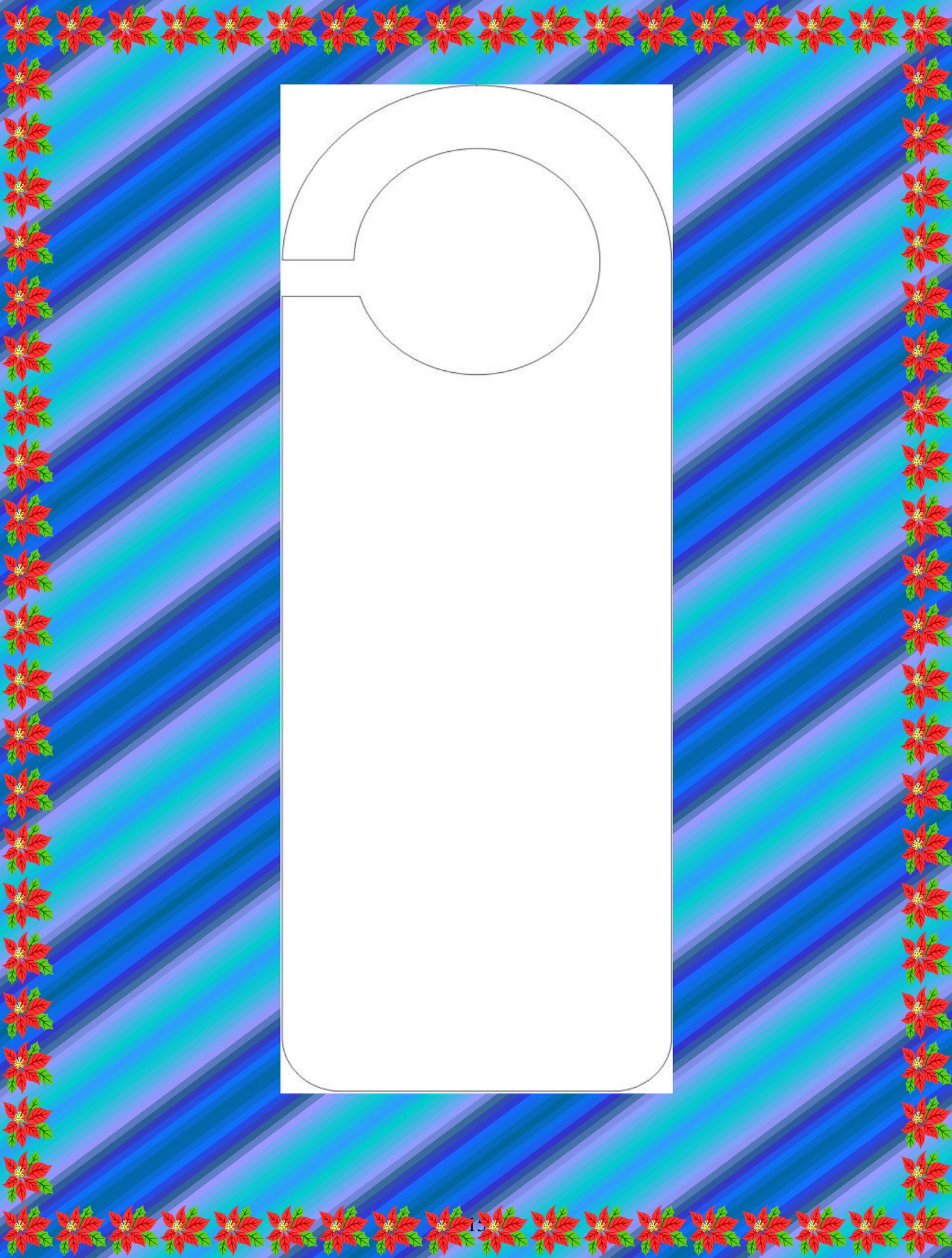
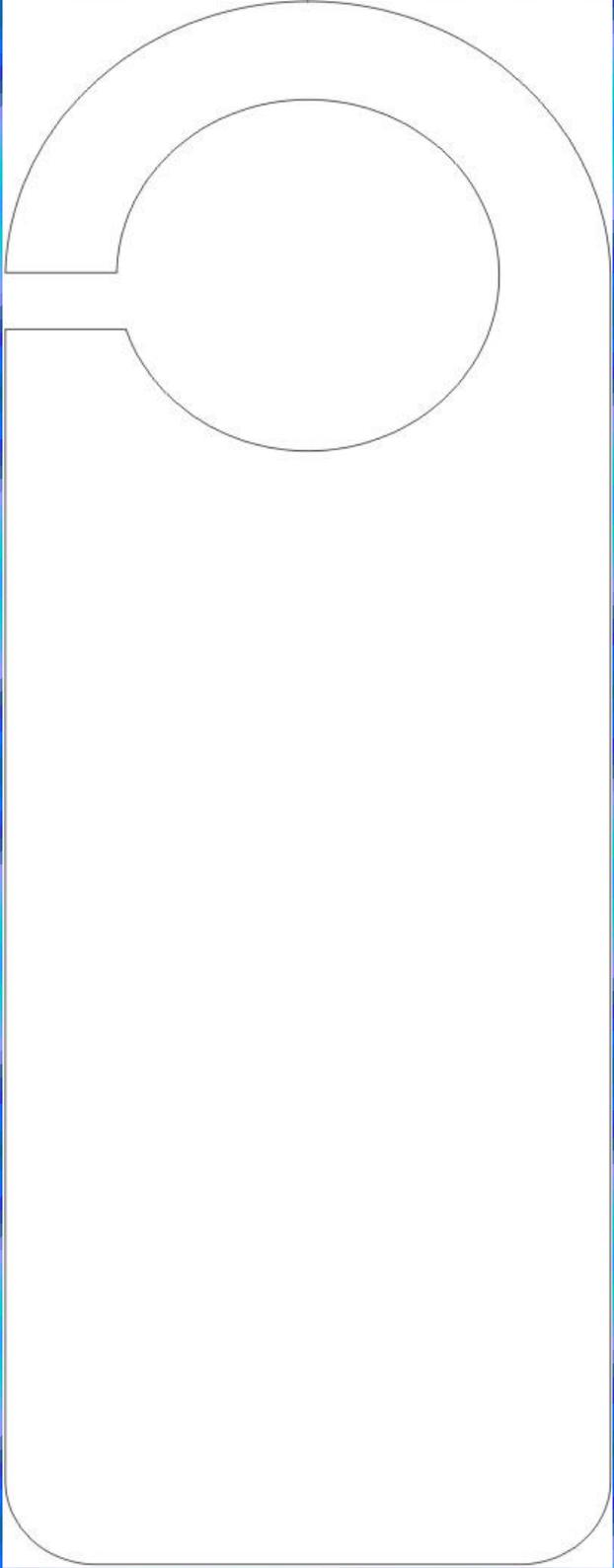
# Door

# H a n g e r

Here's a door hanger for you! It's on the next page. The shape is by

<http://www.craftideas4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/02/do-not-disturb-door-hanger-template.jpg>

Just print, cut out, and decorate it with your favorite plants. Hang it on your door knob to show that you love plants too!





Zainabi Studios Presents...

# We can be Friends

Jamal and Imran weren't ever good friends. You could see them fighting all the time. Fighting over the last cookie in Preschool. Fighting over accidentally tripping each other in Kindergarten. Fighting over a math problem in First Grade. Fighting over whose pencil it was in second grade. Now they were in third grade and they were having fights all the time!

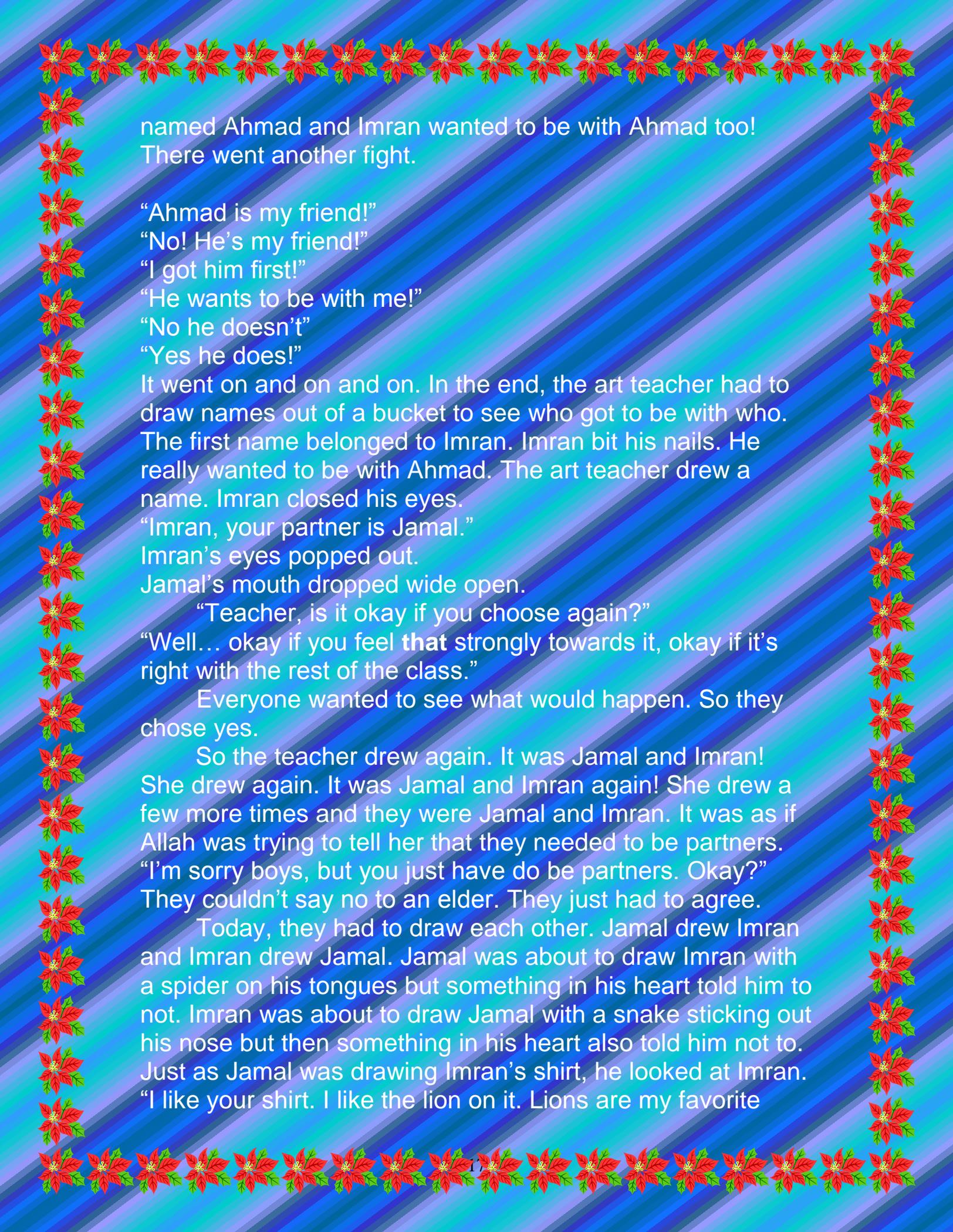


If Jamal and Imran had a schedule it would definitely look like this:

Day 1: fight  
Day 2: fight  
Day 3: fight  
Day 4: fight  
Day 5: fight

You know what I mean. The two boys didn't seem to get a long well.

Today, in school, it was art class. Today, everyone had to get with a partner. Jamal wanted to be with another boy



named Ahmad and Imran wanted to be with Ahmad too!  
There went another fight.

“Ahmad is my friend!”

“No! He’s my friend!”

“I got him first!”

“He wants to be with me!”

“No he doesn’t”

“Yes he does!”

It went on and on and on. In the end, the art teacher had to draw names out of a bucket to see who got to be with who. The first name belonged to Imran. Imran bit his nails. He really wanted to be with Ahmad. The art teacher drew a name. Imran closed his eyes.

“Imran, your partner is Jamal.”

Imran’s eyes popped out.

Jamal’s mouth dropped wide open.

“Teacher, is it okay if you choose again?”

“Well... okay if you feel **that** strongly towards it, okay if it’s right with the rest of the class.”

Everyone wanted to see what would happen. So they chose yes.

So the teacher drew again. It was Jamal and Imran! She drew again. It was Jamal and Imran again! She drew a few more times and they were Jamal and Imran. It was as if Allah was trying to tell her that they needed to be partners.

“I’m sorry boys, but you just have to be partners. Okay?”

They couldn’t say no to an elder. They just had to agree.

Today, they had to draw each other. Jamal drew Imran and Imran drew Jamal. Jamal was about to draw Imran with a spider on his tongues but something in his heart told him to not. Imran was about to draw Jamal with a snake sticking out his nose but then something in his heart also told him not to.

Just as Jamal was drawing Imran’s shirt, he looked at Imran.

“I like your shirt. I like the lion on it. Lions are my favorite



animals.”

“Mine too! I like your shirt too. It’s the color blue and I love the color blue!”

“Wow! Me too! I got it for my birthday. My Grandmother made it for me.”

“Cool! When was your birthday?”

“My birthday was April 23<sup>rd</sup> . When was yours?”

“WOW! Mine was on April 23<sup>rd</sup> too!”

“We could be twins!”

“That would be fun!”

The two boys learned they had much, much in common. They ended their quarrel and became the best of friends forever and ever. It was almost as if they were friends in the beginning!

**Moral: Don’t judge anyone if you don’t know much about them. When you learn about someone, it’s much better. The person could be better than you thought! Maybe, just maybe, you could be friends forever.**

# Choose the Cover

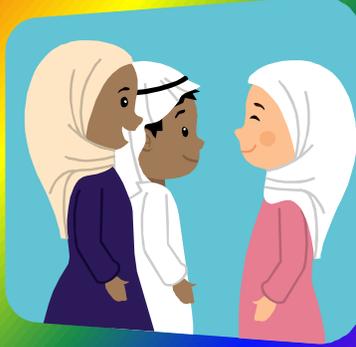
This is just like last month where you get to choose your own cover!

Here are your choices for the cover pics. One is a beautiful picture of Madina and the other one is really amazing: clouds in the shape of the Arabic word Allah!

Just email your choice to me. You can find my email address at the end of this magazine.



# Next Month



Asalaamualaikum Kids! Our names are Zainab, Zaynab and Zain! We are kids just like you! We like to be nice, creative, and explore the world around us! Join us starting the next issue for fun stories and more!



Read a story with Zainab, Zaynab, and Zain about a Rainbow and how the colors make the world a special place.

Learn how to make a rainstick that really sounds like the rain!



And Many More things! Join us **next** month!

# Thank You!

شكرا

Thank you everyone for reading this magazine! I would really like to thank...

**For the Editing**

H.I. Abbas Ayeleya

**For posting on the web**

The Zainab Web Team

**For Some of The Pictures:**

<http://www.craftideas4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/02/do-not-disturb-door-hanger-template.jpg>

<http://www.camping-field-guide.com/images/leaf-rubbing-craft.jpg> <http://earth911.org/files/2007/10/leafrub.JPG>

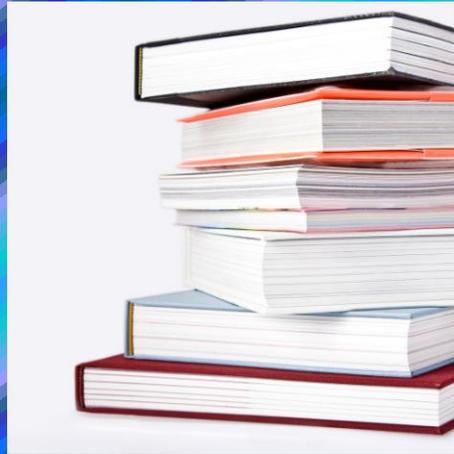
Microsoft Clip Art

**For the Saying on cover:**

[www.zainab.org](http://www.zainab.org)

Thank you to anyone else I haven't mentioned as well!

# About This Magazine



Zainabi Kids Magazine is a magazine just for kids. It's packed with fun, games, and lessons too! I've been working on this magazine for at least a half a year or more until I released the first issue. This fun magazine is written in mind for kids about the ages of 6-11 but is fun for everyone! This magazine has articles, stories, and other pieces of art approved by H.I. Abbas Ayeleya. This magazine is written by me, an 11 year old, so it's written for children, by children. But the best thing is that you can actually send your own creations to this magazine, so keep on sending your literature and art!

I hope you like it! Keep on Reading!

**Zehra Jafri**  
**Age 11**

# Help us out



A good idea is how everything starts. For example, a small story you wrote for no reason can become a best selling story! A piece of art you drew in art class can be in a museum!

We need your ideas! Send us your stories, crafts, recipes, poems, art, comments, questions or other creations to our email address at

[zainabmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:zainabmagazine@gmail.com)

Ask your parents to email us your work of art!



# Zainabi Kids Corner

Done reading already! Have you zipped through all the crafts and suggestions and given me some too? Want some more? Check out the Zainabi Kids Corner at [Zainab.org](http://Zainab.org) where you can check out some cool games and learn how to do wudhu too! Do you attend Zainab Islamic School? You can check out some of *your* presentations from school! It's so neat! Have some fun while you wait for my next magazine to come out. You can also find a link to my magazine too!

[Click here for a link to Zainab Kids corner](#)

[Click on this for a link to my magazine](#)

Be sure to add these pages to your favorites for easy viewing!

See You Next Month!

