

“But the Lord of ‘Umar Sees Us”

Do you have rules at home or at school that sometimes you don't want to follow? What makes you follow them, even if your teachers or parents are not around? We're going to hear a story about a young girl who will remind us why we should do what is right, even if no one is around to see.



Her name was Umm ‘Ammarah. She and her mother would sell milk to earn money. One night, her mother told her to mix water with the milk. If they mixed water, the milk would look like it was more than it really was, and they could make some extra money.

Umm ‘Ammarah knew that the leader of the Muslims at the time, ‘Umar, had ordered the people not to mix water with the milk and sell it, because that was unfair. She reminded her mother about this.

Her mother insisted that she should mix water into the milk. She told her daughter that no one would know. “Where is ‘Umar now?” she said. “He doesn't see us!”

The daughter replied, “If ‘Umar does not see us, the Lord of ‘Umar does.”

What Umm ‘Ammarah did not know was that the leader of the Muslims was indeed listening! He and his servant had been patrolling the streets, as they often did at night, to make sure everyone was safe. They had stopped to rest at outside the house of Umm ‘Ammarah and had accidentally overheard the whole conversation!

‘Umar was a smart man and recognized from this simple conversation a woman with very good character. He wanted to find out

who this incredible woman was. When he did, he married her to his son, making her part of his family.

Not only was Umm ‘Ammaarah a great woman who knew Allah was watching when no one else was, she would grow to be a mother who would raise one of the greatest and most just leaders in Islam: ‘Umar ibn ‘Abdul-Aziz. May Allah be pleased with all of them.

