

Legs Like Uhud

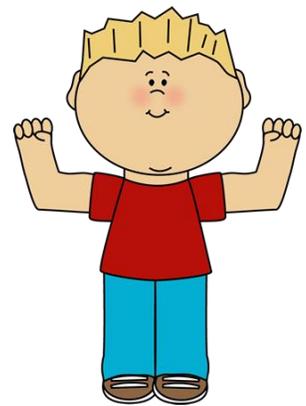
There was once a young boy who was a shepherd. He worked for a man who owned some sheep. One day, as he was tending to those sheep, two men came to him, asking if they could have some milk. The boy told them, I'm sorry, but these are not my sheep. The men asked if it would be alright if they tried to milk a sheep that was not a mother?

Everyone knows that a sheep who is not a mother will not have any milk. This seemed fair to the young boy, and so he agreed. He watched in awe as one of the men sat beside the sheep, read some words, and milked the sheep! He was amazed as he saw the milk flow and asked the nice man if he would teach him those blessed words he was reciting.

This honest young boy's name was 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him). And the two men who kindly asked him for milk were the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his best friend, Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him).

'Abdullah, who would grow up to be a great scholar of Islam, was not a particularly strong man. In fact, one day, as he was climbing a tree, the other men laughed at how scrawny his legs were. The Prophet told the men: "What are you laughing at? At the legs of 'Abdullah that will be heavier on the scale on the Day of Judgment than the weight of the Mountain of Uhud?"

He wanted them to know that 'Abdullah may not look like a big man to them, but in the eyes of Allah, he certainly was.



Why did 'Abdullah not give the Prophet and Abu Bakr any milk from the sheep?

- a. The sheep were sick.
- b. There was no milk.
- c. The sheep did not belong to him.

The Messenger of Allah said that 'Abdullah's legs would be "as heavy as the mountain of Uhud" on the day of Judgment. What do you think that means?

- a. His soul is so good that it weighs as much as a mountain in front of Allah.
- b. His legs will be heavy and he won't be able to walk.
- c. He is a very big man.

From this story, we know that:

- a. 'Abdullah was an honest child.
- b. Allah can cause milk to come even from a sheep without children, if He wants to.
- c. Allah looks at our hearts, not our bodies.
- d. All of the above!