



Nur ul Quran

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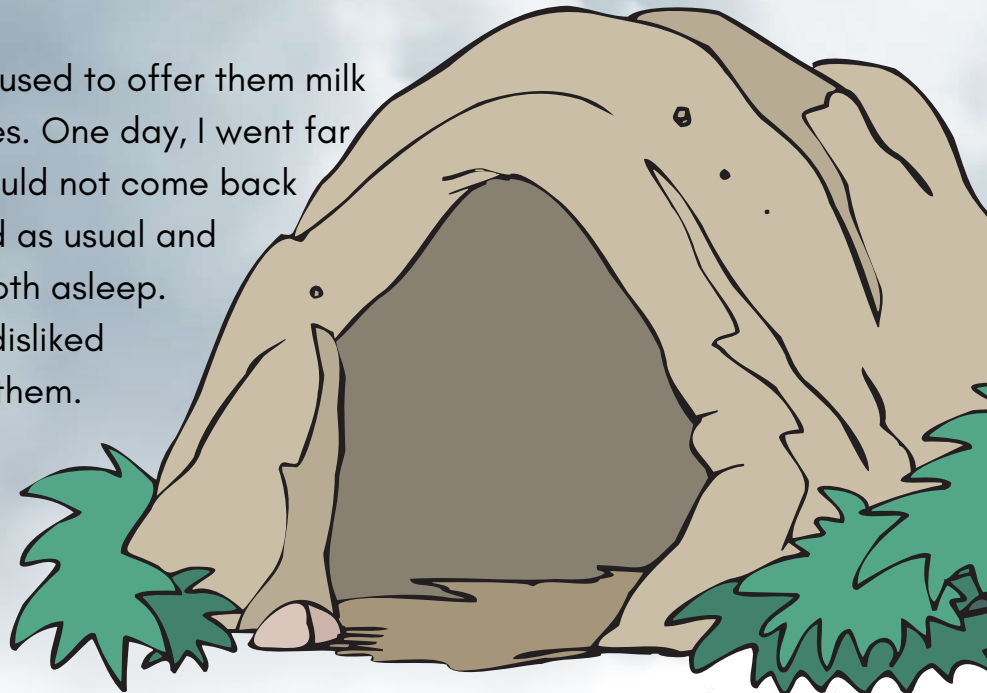
Once upon a time, there were three men traveling together. On their way, they entered a cave to rest and spend their night. However, while they were inside, a huge rock slid down the mountain and clogged the opening of the cave!

One of the three men said:

“The only thing that will let us out is to perform dua and request help from Allah with our good deeds” They started praying to Allah (SWT) with their good deeds one by one.

The first man said:

“O Allah! I had old parents, and I used to offer them milk before any of my children or slaves. One day, I went far away in search of grazing and could not come back until they had slept. When I milked as usual and brought the drink, I found them both asleep. I hated to disturb them and also disliked giving milk to my children before them.





My children were crying out of hunger at my feet but I waited with the bowl in my hand for them to wake up. When they awoke at dawn, they drank milk. O Allah! If I did so to seek Your Pleasure, then save us from the distress caused by the rock" The rock then moved away slightly from the entrance of the cave!

The second man said:

"O Allah! I had a cousin whom I loved more than anyone else. I wanted to have an illegal relationship with her but she refused. Until one day she approached me to help her with money. I gave her the money on the condition that she would let me have a relationship with her. She agreed and when we went together (for sexual intercourse), she said: Have piety and fear Allah! and do not do it unlawfully. I immediately left her in spite of the fact that I loved her most passionately, and I let her keep the money I had given to her. O Allah! If I did that to seek Your Pleasure, then, remove the distress in which we are." (For kids we can say: The man was decent and modest and waited till Allah (SWT) granted him a good wife for the sake of Allah) The rock then further moved away!

The third man said:

"O Allah! I hired some laborers and paid them their wages except one of them departed without taking his due. I invested his money in business and the business prospered greatly.





After a long time, he came to me and said: O slave of Allah! Pay me my dues. I said: All that you see is yours – camels, cattle, goats and slaves. He said: O slave of Allah! Do not mock me. I assured him that I was not joking. So he took all the things and went away. He spared nothing. O Allah! If I did so seeking Your Pleasure, then relieve us of our distress.” The rock totally set aside and they moved away freely!

The Learned Lessons:

Always seek Allah’s pleasure with your good deeds. Pray to Allah (SWT) at difficulties.

Source: Sunnah (Riyad as-Salihin 12)

