



**Think about it...**

**A deeper look at our environment**

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**Have you ever  
made a neatly  
folded paper boat  
and watched  
it sail?**



**Or a strong  
sand castle  
at the beach?**





Have you ever  
helped your friend  
make a delicious  
cake?



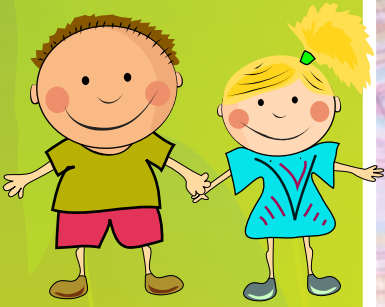
Or built your very  
own toy house?



Imagine how you would feel if someone ripped your neat paper boat, or stepped on your strong sand castle, or dropped your delicious cake, or broke your toy house?



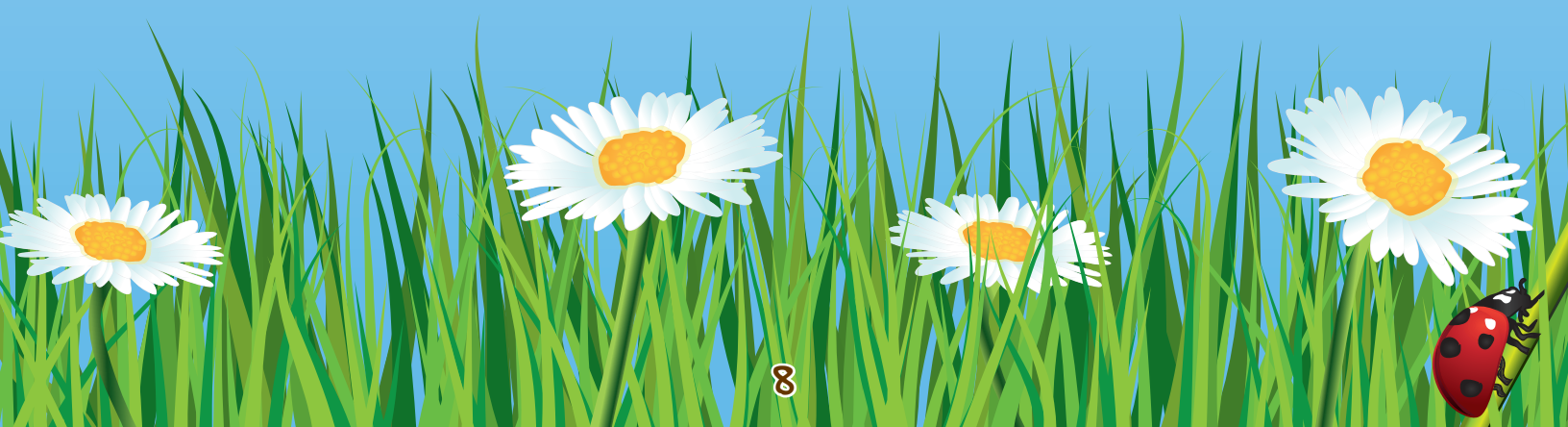
Do you know who made you, your family  
and all the different people in the world?



**Do you know who made huge mountains  
and covered them with trees?  
Or who made the blue sky and the white  
clouds?**



**Do you know who made this clear water  
or this beautiful family,  
and taught them how to swim?**





**Or who made this insect and gave it  
the ability to hide amongst the leaves?**



**Do you know  
who made this 8  
armed octopus  
and gave him  
his bright  
orange color?**



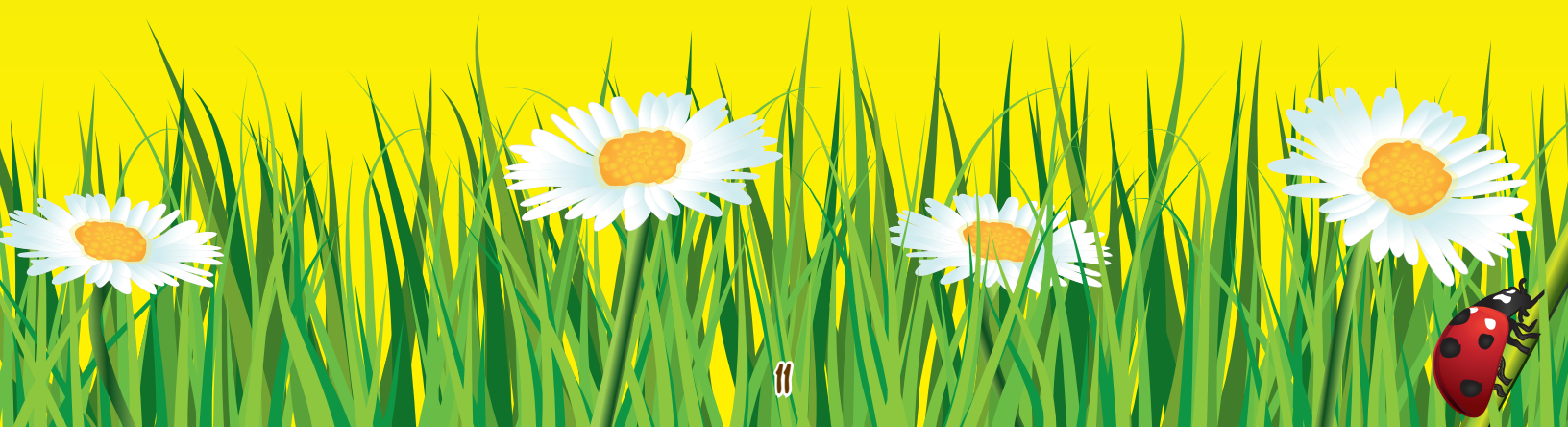
**You are right!**

**Allah made everything in the  
environment!**

**He too does not like anyone to harm or  
misuse what He has made.**

اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ

*Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is the Guardian  
and Disposer of all affairs (39:62).*



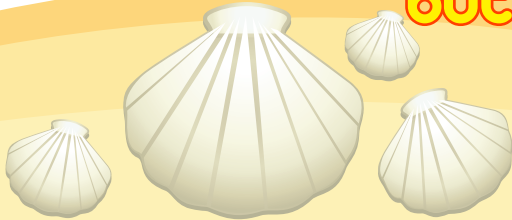
# Do you know how often Muslims pray to Allah?



**Did you know that everything in the**

**environment prays too,**

**but in ways we cannot understand?**



**Only Allah can hear the praying  
of the pebbles, leaves  
and drops of water.**

Only Allah can hear the praying of  
the patient frog,

the tiny lady bug,

and the fast cheetah.



**We should always be on our best behavior  
around anyone who is praying to Allah.**

**We must not harm or disturb them  
without need.**

تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ  
شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا

*The seven heavens and the earth, and all beings therein, declare  
His glory: there is not a thing but celebrates His praise; And yet you  
understand not how they declare His glory! Verily He is Oft-Forbear,  
Most Forgiving (17:44)!*

Do you know  
who gave us all  
these gifts?



yummy sweets  
to eat



cool water  
to drink







Friends to  
play with



my mother  
to love



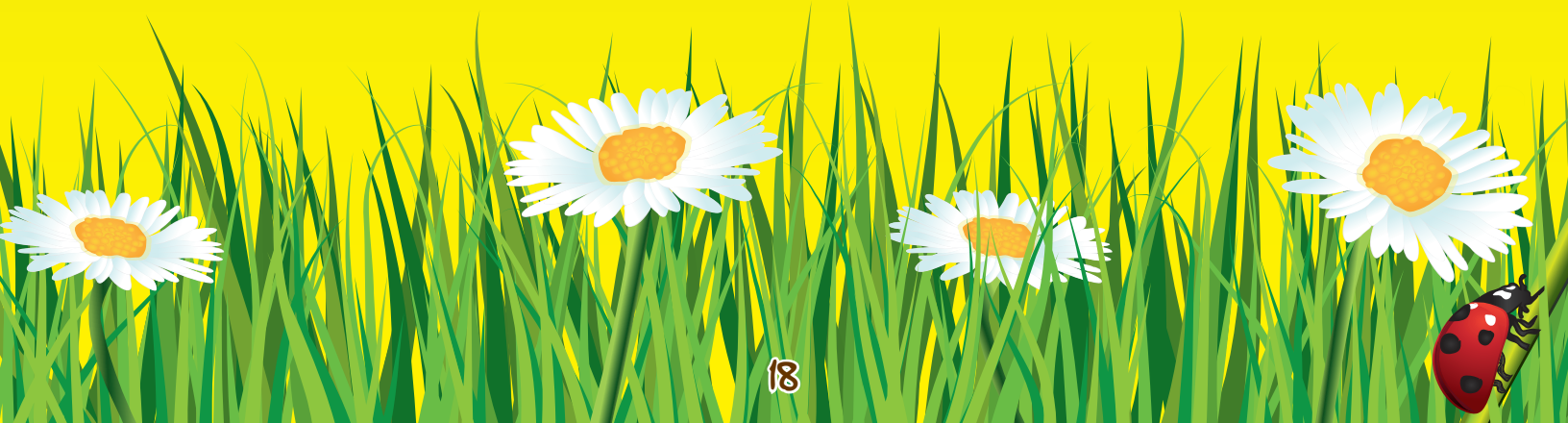
You are right again!  
It is Allah who gave me all these gifts.

Everything in the  
environment  
is a gift.

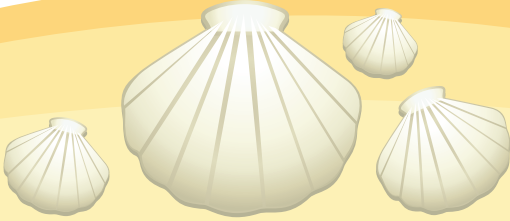
When someone gives you a gift, you  
must take care of it to the best  
of your ability.

إِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

*And if you were to count Allah's favors, you  
would not be able to number them; most  
surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful (16:18).*



# So what do All these have in common?



**Yes! You got it!**

**They are all part of our Environment!**

**Our Environment is made by Allah.**

**Our Environment is always praying to Allah.**

**Allah created the Environment so we can learn about how Great He is and thank Him for giving us all these wonderful gifts.**



**So I should not waste  
Allah's water,**

**or throw trash on  
Allah's earth, where  
it doesn't belong,**



**or hurt Allah's plants  
and animals,**

**or keep the body Allah  
gave me unclean**



**and I should never ever pollute His  
Environment...**

And God willing, Allah will then reward me  
with a beautiful life in this world and  
an even more beautiful life  
in Jannah...



**Just Think about it...**

## **Guidance to Adult Readers**

This book is meant to be read to young children in the company of an adult. The aim of this book is to connect the child with the deeper meanings of the Environment. The Environment is Created by Allah and for that reason alone it is very valuable. Think of when you made something of your own (a cake, a sand-castle, planted a tree, or raised a pet), how valuable it was to you and how you didn't want anyone to disrupt it. Allah's environment is very special because Allah made it and mistreating is incompatible with one's proper relationship with Allah.

Secondly, the environment is like a classroom, telling me about Allah. When I see a watch, I recognize, first of all, that the engineer who put it together, exists. There is no way I would say that all these components of the watch came together by mere chance. I also know that the engineer must be intelligent for putting such a piece together. Moreover, depending on the design, I may be able to recognize other things about the engineer. The environment tells me about its Maker. It tells me first of all that Allah exists. If I ponder a bit more I can see that He is infinitely Merciful, Beautiful, Wise and Powerful amongst other attributes. So when I know that the environment is a message to me from Allah how can I pollute or harm anything in it.

Thirdly, whether it is a drop of water, a tree, a rock, or an animal, everything in the environment prays to Allah but in ways we cannot perceive. But Allah can see them praying to Him. How can I unjustly harm, waste, or abuse someone or something in prayer. Only when I use the environment in a just way that is acceptable to its Master and Creator do I not disrupt its worship.

Fourthly, the environment is an enormous blessing and gift from Allah to me, that He has entrusted me with using for this short life. How should one treat a gift given to them from the one they love except with respect and in a way that is acceptable to the Giver?

Once the child understands, at a deeper level, what the environment, really is, it will be difficult to waste, pollute, damage or misuse any aspect of the environment. Therefore, gaining Allah's pleasure in this world and the next, Insha'Allah.

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