

Children's

The New Bike

Muhammad was very excited. His uncle and aunt had returned from their trip overseas and had bought him his most wanted gift. Quickly finishing his breakfast, Muhammad ran down the street to his uncle's house.

'Assalamu 'alaykum!,' shouted Muhammad as he entered the house. The little boy started melting in excitement as his eyes fell upon a beautiful new bicycle. 'Muhammad' called out his Aunt as he mounted his bicycle. 'Remember, this is a gift from Allah. Therefore thank him for giving you such a beautiful gift. Also, be kind and give others the chance to ride it.' 'Jazakallah auntie, and I'll try to remember,' he said as he sped off to where his friend Amir lived.

Over the next few weeks Muhammad was hardly seen without his bicycle. In the mornings before going to school, in the afternoon before going to Madrasah, in the evenings after madrasah he would ride up and down his street. As for the weekends and school holidays, he would go to where his friends would play and show off with his new bike.

After a short while, Muhammad's friends became tired of him. He had forgotten his Aunt's advice and was always boasting and showing off. Muhammad was always talking about how fast he could ride and how many stunts he could perform. He did not let anyone ride, not even his best friend, Amir, who would advise him that Allah ﷻ does not like this kind of behaviour.

One day whilst returning from the park Muhammad and Amir went in to a shop to buy drinks. When they came out, there was no sign of Muhammad's bike. It suddenly hit Muhammad that he had forgotten to lock it. The little boy burst into tears. Some evil person had stolen his beautiful bike.

Amir looked at his friend and said in a soft voice, 'This is the result of being selfish and boastful.'

Moral

Whatever we have are all gifts from Allah. Therefore we should thank him for what he has given us. Similarly, we should never boast about those things we have, but instead we should be kind and share with others.