

LESSONS FROM KARBALA



Book 10

Minority

Vs

Majority

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Please recite Surah-e-Fatiha for Syed Nadeem-ul-Hasan & Mrs. Mehar Jabeen. Dada and Nani Ami, we miss you!!!



EVERY DAY IS ASHURA
EVERY LAND IS KARBALA
HAL MIN NASIRIN YANSURNA
THE CALL IS STILL IN THE AIR
OUR HEARTS SAY
LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!
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Majority vs Minority?

- Majority vs. minority refers to the situation where two groups have a disagreement or a conflict and one side has significantly greater number of people than the other.
- The question arises that should we decide the right and wrong on the basis of number of supporters?
- Baseerat is required to identify which side is on the right path. This is extremely important to discover.



Right



Wrong

How to choose between Majority and Minority?

- Choosing between majority and minority can be one of the hardest decision to make.
- There are three possible stances one can take:
 - Join the minority.
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 - Remain indifferent.
- Remaining indifferent in any conflict is almost always incorrect because on one hand it makes the right side weaker, and on the other hand, it is an indirect encouragement to the wrong side; making them feel that they can get away with whatever they want to do.
- Making the right choice may be an arduous ordeal because if one chooses the minority, he may face a lot of social pressure and even social bullying.
- Several traits are required to be able to choose between the two and make the right choice.

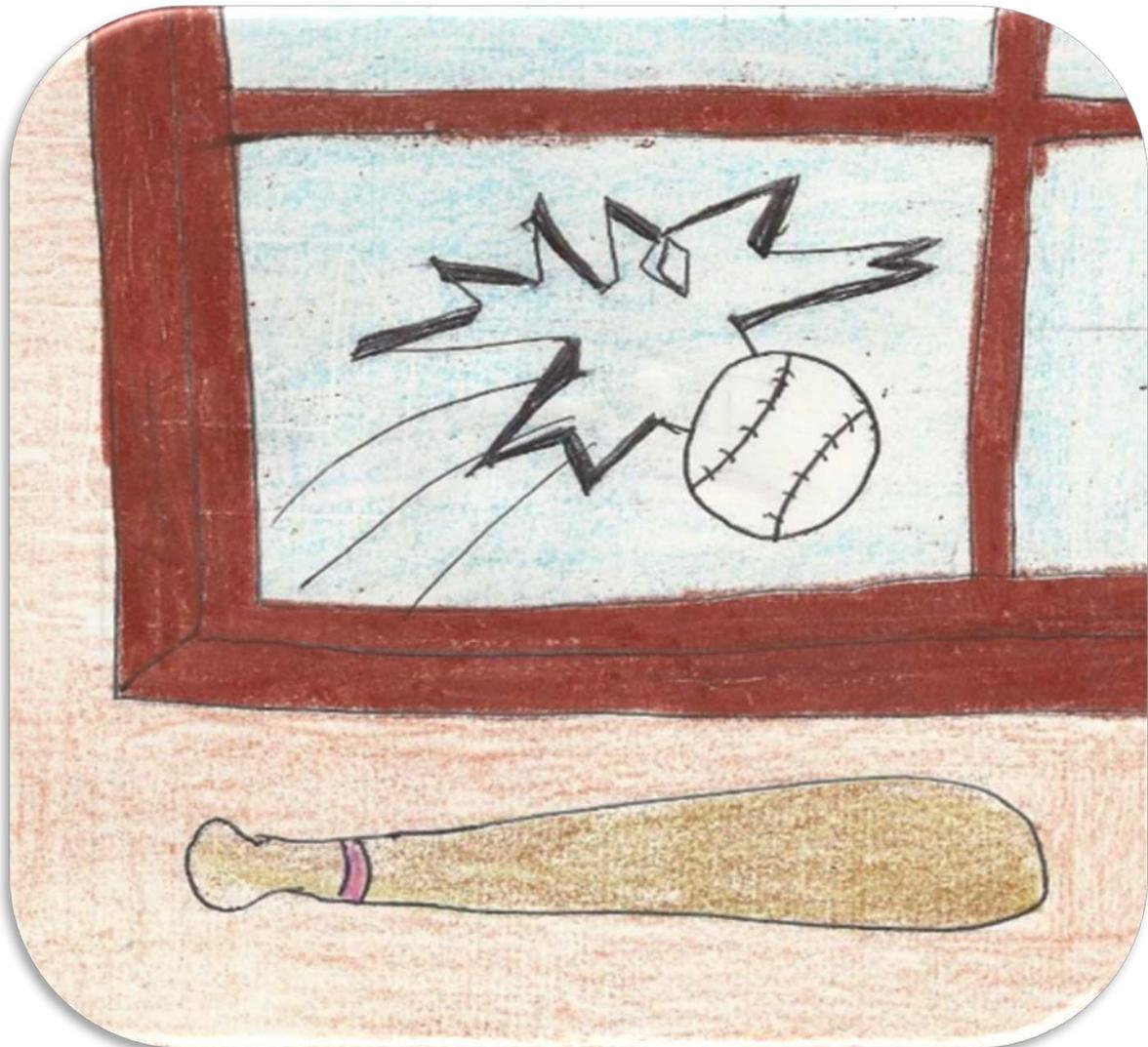
- Courage, strength and bravery are required to stand up for whatever is right.
- Knowledge and vision (Baseerat) is required for recognition of truth.
- Reliance on Allah swt is also essential. You should be assured that if you are doing the right thing then Allah swt will always be there with you and will assist you all the way.



Majority vs minority...

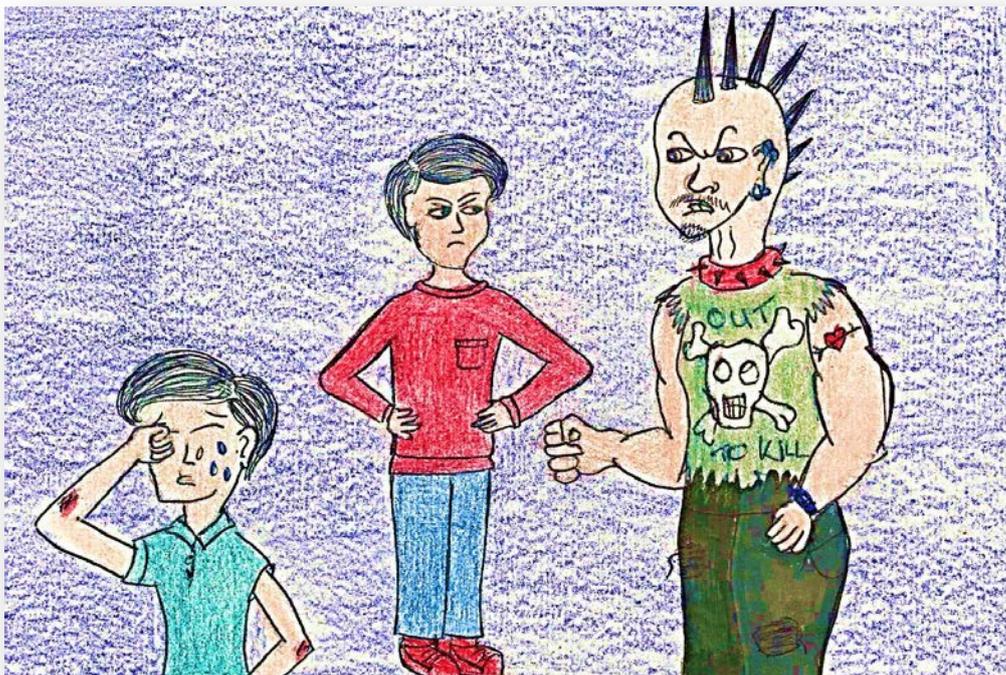
At Home:

- By being honest if you or another sibling has done something wrong and not lie or hide it even if your brothers and sisters are trying to do so.



At School:

- By always standing up for whoever is innocent or has been wronged.
- Never lie or do wrong things even if everybody else is doing them just to make yourself more popular.
- People often do wrong things to make friends but never forget that the best and the most reliable friend is the one who helps, supports and guides you to the right path and thus helps you get closer to Allah swt.



At Public Places:

- Avoid events where haram activities take place just because everybody else is going or because you will feel left out.
- Events like these include parties with inappropriate mixed gatherings, or where alcohol is served, or where they have music and dancing etc.



Majority vs minority in Karbala...

- Karbala is one of the biggest examples of standing up against the majority.
- Siding Imam Hussain (as), were only seventy two people but on Yazeed's side there were about thirty thousand.
- The numbers did not intimidate those who were siding the haqq.
- We should follow their example by always standing by the truth no matter how small the number is.
- It's not the numbers that count; it's the sincerity, dedication and commitment to the cause which is the deciding factor.
- That's why Imam Hussain a.s was victorious that day.

Minority vs Majority

Just cause everyone is doing something,
doesn't make it right.

In fact it could be very wrong,
and drag you in a plight .

Everyone follows blindly
everybody else.

No one thinks what's right
no one really cares.

All we're busy doing
is trying to fit in.

But in this desperation
We're indulging in sins.

It doesn't matter who has more
the cause is what counts.

Wrong can never be right
even in great amounts.



The right side...



On the day of Ashura
Who's army was greater in number?



Yazid's of course; but even then,
Not one of them is remembered.



**Imam Hussain's side,
Had numbers very few.**



**But everyone who joined Him
knew it was the right thing to do.**



Karbala defines the difference
Between the right and wrong



It really doesn't matter
How many come along.



**The martyrs of Ashura
Who gave away their lives.**



**Taught us on that day
That majority is not always right.**



If only I had seen...

“But Dad, everyone else is going!”

“Jojo, that doesn’t mean it’s right. This is for your own safety. Now don’t ask me again because my answer is still NO!”

“Ok Dad....”



Jojo sighed as he braced himself for another day full of insults and taunts. He knew that he was probably the only fish that wouldn’t be attending the ‘late night waves’ as the event had been named by his classmates. As he swam to the front gate, Jojo thought about the things that his dad said and realised that he was right. It was dangerous to go.

With such thoughts swirling around his head, Jojo felt comforted and at peace. But he still wished that he could stop his classmates from teasing him although he knew it was useless.

As usual Jojo was a little bit early – school hadn't started yet. He sighed. Everyone was on their aqua phones. Jojo felt even more upset. He was the only one in his class who didn't have an aqua phone.

After taking a little peek here and there, Jojo confirmed that they were all on the famous social network known as 'Bubbles'.

Jojo hadn't been at school for even ten minutes before the taunting begun.

"Hi Jojo, Daddy must have said, no!" taunted the other fish.

"Poor Jojo; no aqua phone and no party."



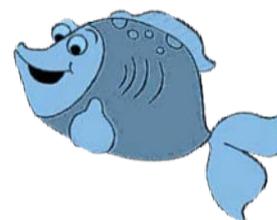
Ignoring them, Jojo swam to the class. To take his mind off the party, Jojo paid extra attention in his math class. A few hours later, the bell rang for the

break. All the kids rushed outside, excited to be reunited with their devices.

While everyone was enjoying their gadgets, Jojo sat by himself. All of a sudden everyone started yelling excitedly. Jojo couldn't really understand what it was all about. But from the fragments of speech that he caught from other people's conversation, he understood that someone had thrown a dare for anyone to go to the deep end of the sea.

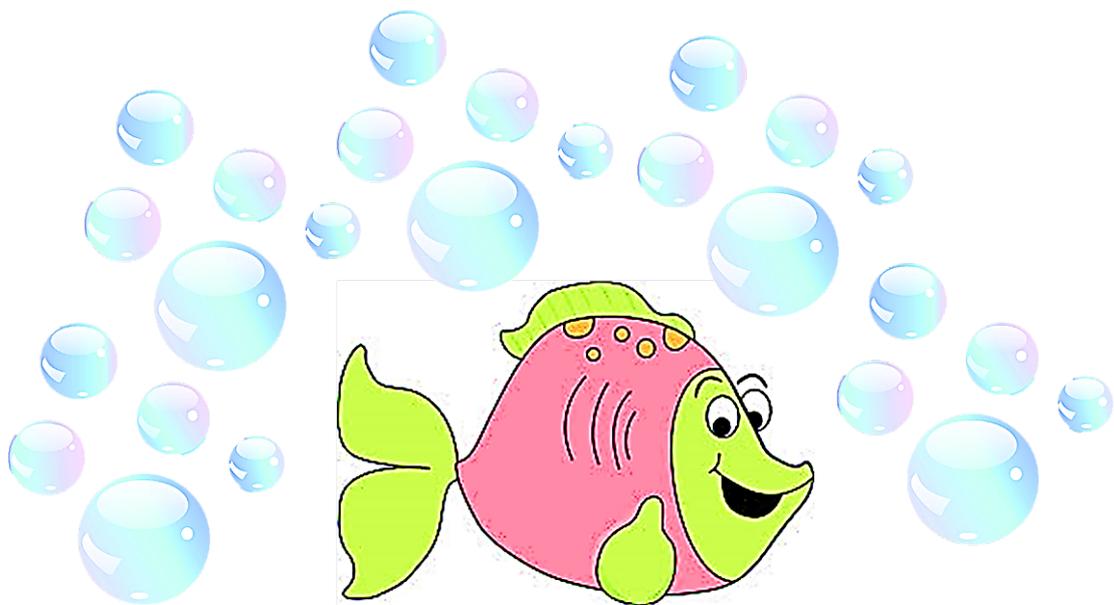
Jojo was flabbergasted. The deep end of the sea was the name given to the scariest, most dangerous part of the ocean. It was named that because every fish that went to explore it never returned. There was a lot of shout and cry but no one really volunteered for the hideous task. Jojo was relieved. The school day finished normally with the usual activities.

But after school, three guppies came up and announced that they were going to accept the

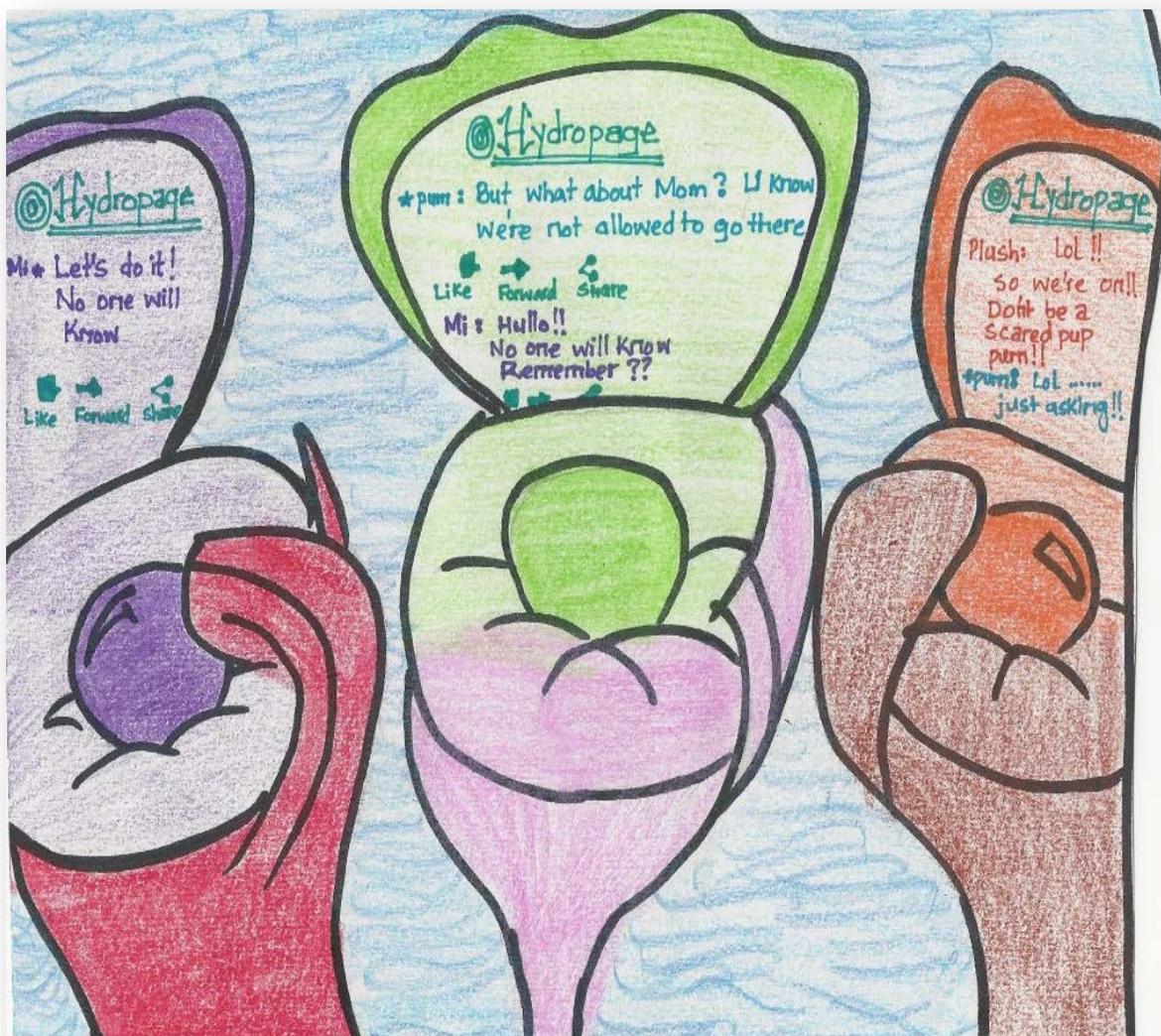


dare. Jojo was shocked. He wondered who in the world would do such a ridiculous thing.

When Jojo managed to fight through the crowd, he saw the three volunteers; Pum, Mi and Plush. Jojo tried to dissuade them but they waved away accusing him of being jealous. Everyone else was excited to view the action.



The date of three days later was set. The kids would drop the three at the edge of the path and then they would continue the journey on their own; taking a video along the way for proof. Everyone else would wait on the other side of the dangerous route to receive the travellers. It was the talk of the town and on the chosen date a large number of fish had gathered to see them



off. After bidding farewell, the kids started their adventurous trail with a lot of excitement.

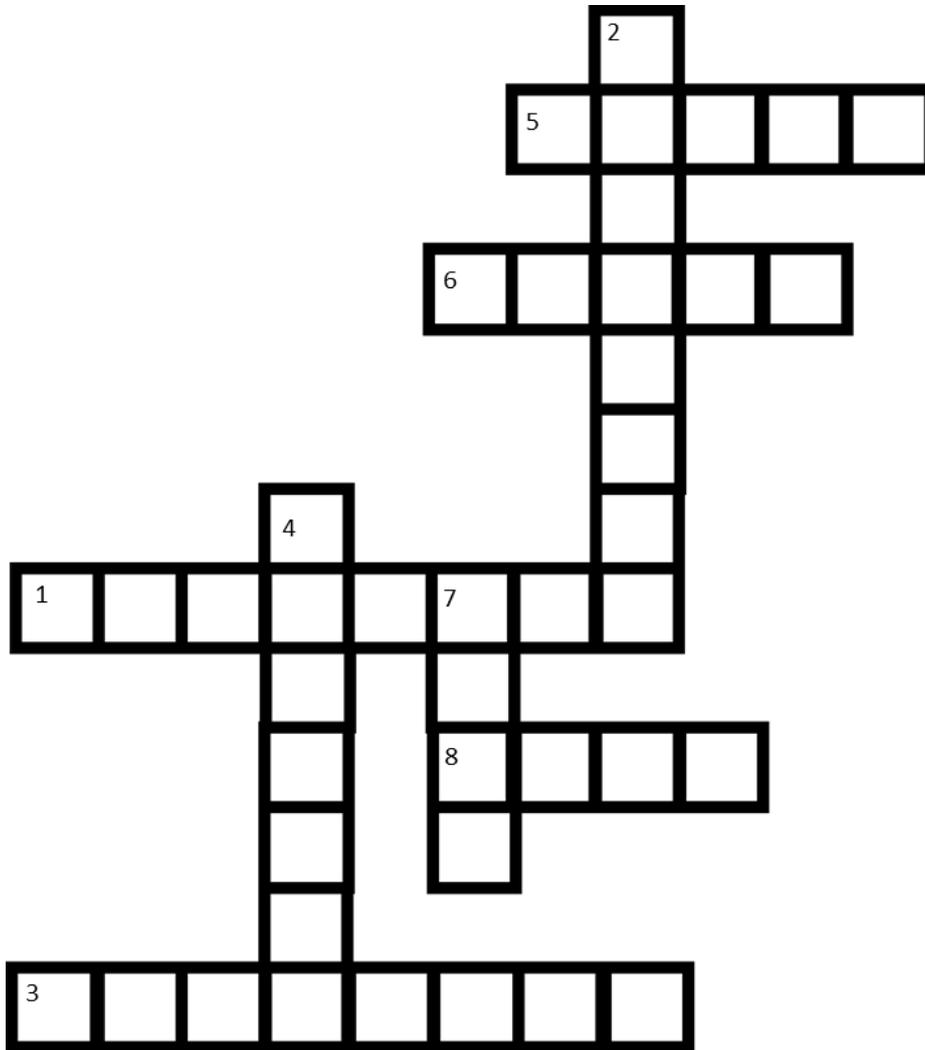
The journey was about three to four hours long. Eventually, everyone reached the spot. Time ticked on. A few hours passed by, but still none of the volunteers returned. Slowly, the crowd began to disperse. Another hour slipped by. Most of the fish left the premises leaving only the most enthusiastic ones behind.



Eventually, everyone returned home. The next day, several queries were raised about the whereabouts of the volunteers. The police were involved, but even after two weeks of vigorous searching the results were fruitless.

They were declared missing by the authorities. Jojo had been overlooking this the entire time. In his heart, he thanked Allah (swt) again and again that he had not followed others. If he had, he would have also gone missing along with the other guppies that were silly enough to accept the dare.

The winners are in minority!!!

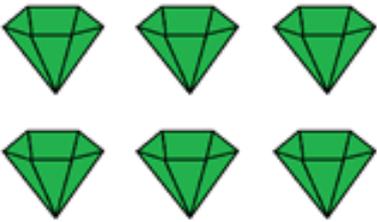


1. Larger side
2. Smaller side
3. Power
4. Bravery
5. Correct
6. Incorrect
7. Leader
8. Soldiers

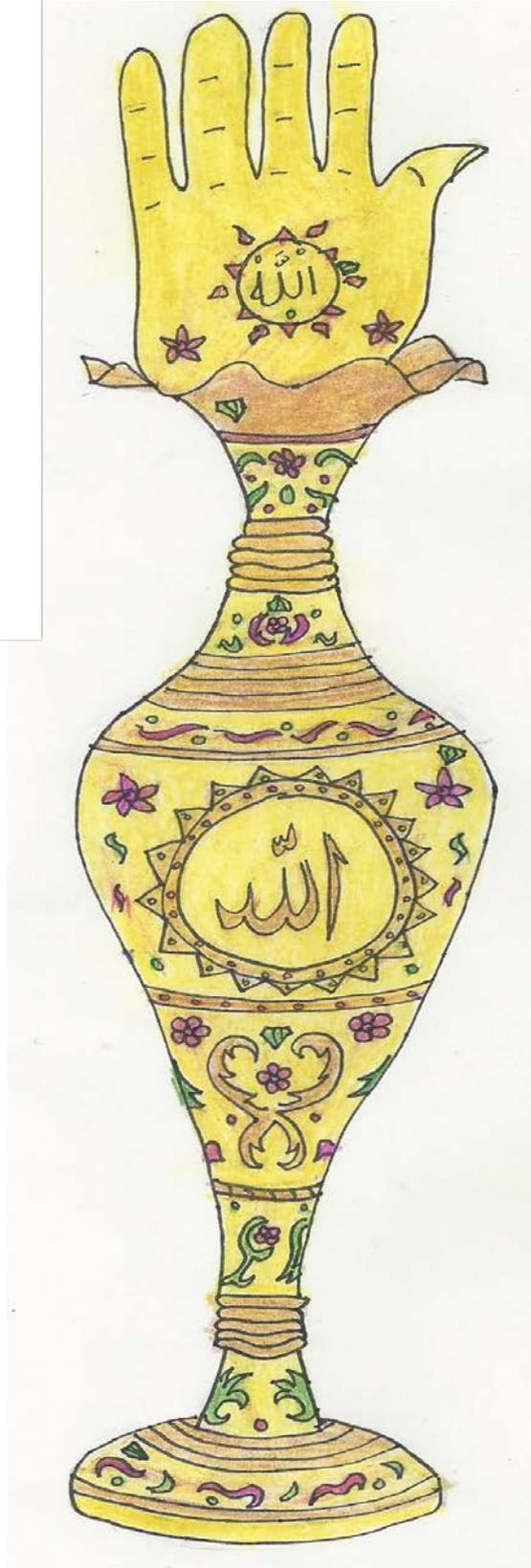
1. Majority
2. Minority
3. Strength
4. Courage
5. Right
6. Wrong
7. Imam
8. Army

Look out for the minority!!!

Find the six missing emeralds...



Most people can't get it, but that doesn't mean you can't either.



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Age doesn't matter

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