

Prophet Ismail (a)

After a while Ibrahim

did marry Hajar and

she had a son.

They called him Ismail.

They were all very

happy.

Ibrahim, Hajar and Ismail

moved to a valley in

Arabia. They settled in

a good place with hills

and mountains on all

sides to protect them.

After a while Ibrahim

said that he should go

back to see Sarah and

to get more food and water.

Before he left he prayed

to Allah to look after
his wife and son because
they did not have much
food and water left.



The food and water
soon began to run low.
Hajar was very worried. What
could they live on?
They prayed to Allah.
Hajar went to the top of
the mountain, Mount Safa,
to look for Ibrahim.
Now their water was all gone
and they were desperate.

She went to the other
side of the valley and
climbed to the top of Mount
Marwa. She looked towards
the North, East, West and
South for help but found
none.

Hajar kept running
backwards and forwards
between Mount Safa and
Mount Marwa.

She did this seven times.

Suddenly she saw
Ismail kick the ground
with his heel.

A spring of water gushed
out – beautiful, pure water,
they were saved.

Even today this water, called
Zamzam, still flows in the
Valley of Hijaz and when
people go to Makkah on Hajj
they go seven times between
the two mounts in memory

of this miracle that saved

the lives of Hajar and Ismail.

When Ibrahim returned he was

amazed to see the valley.

The water had made the place

very fertile. All the animals

and caravans visited and

made it a prosperous place.



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