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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.

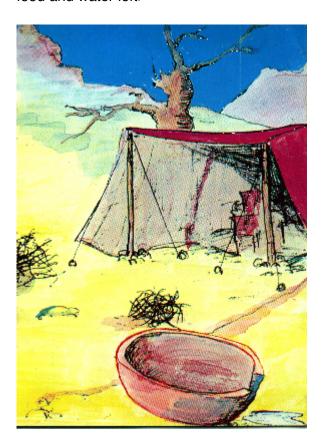
Before he left he prayed

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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