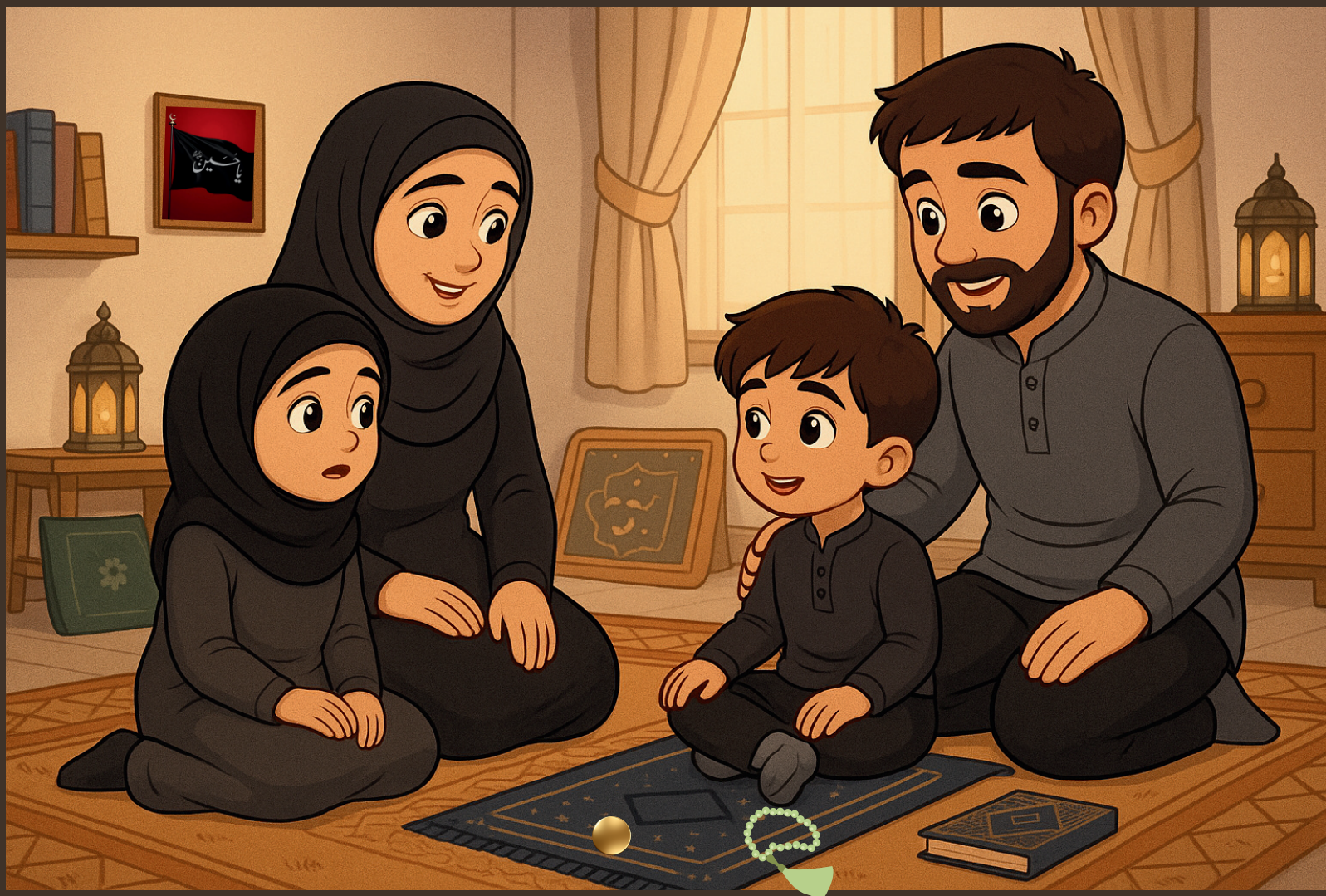


Why is everything free?

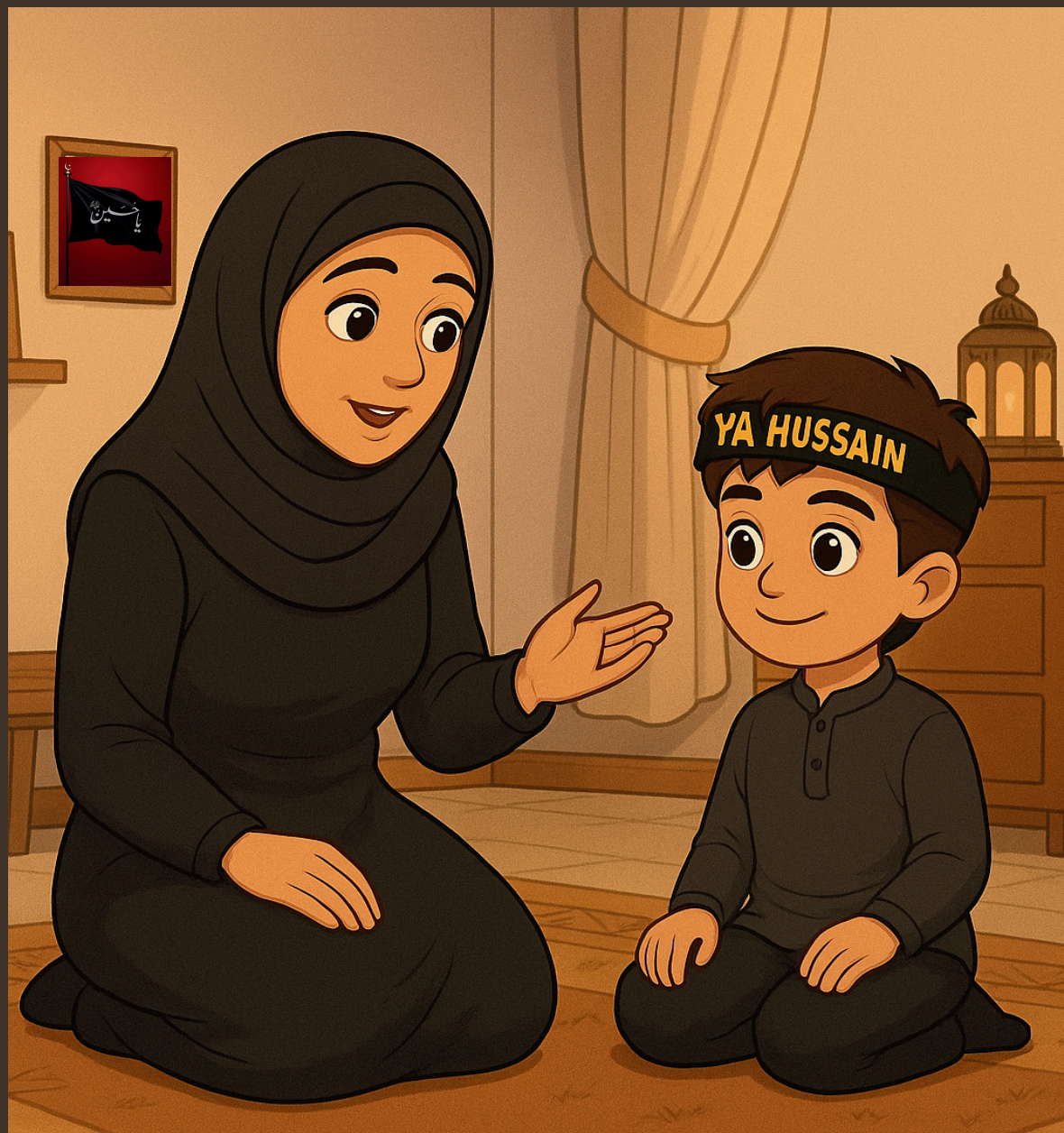


Syeda Khadijah and Syed Hadi Ali had just returned from the Arbaeen walk at Hyderi.

They kept thinking about something special.

“Mama,” asked Khadijah, “how come there was so much food and sweets, and we didn’t pay for anything?”

“Usually when we go out, everything costs money!” added Hadi.

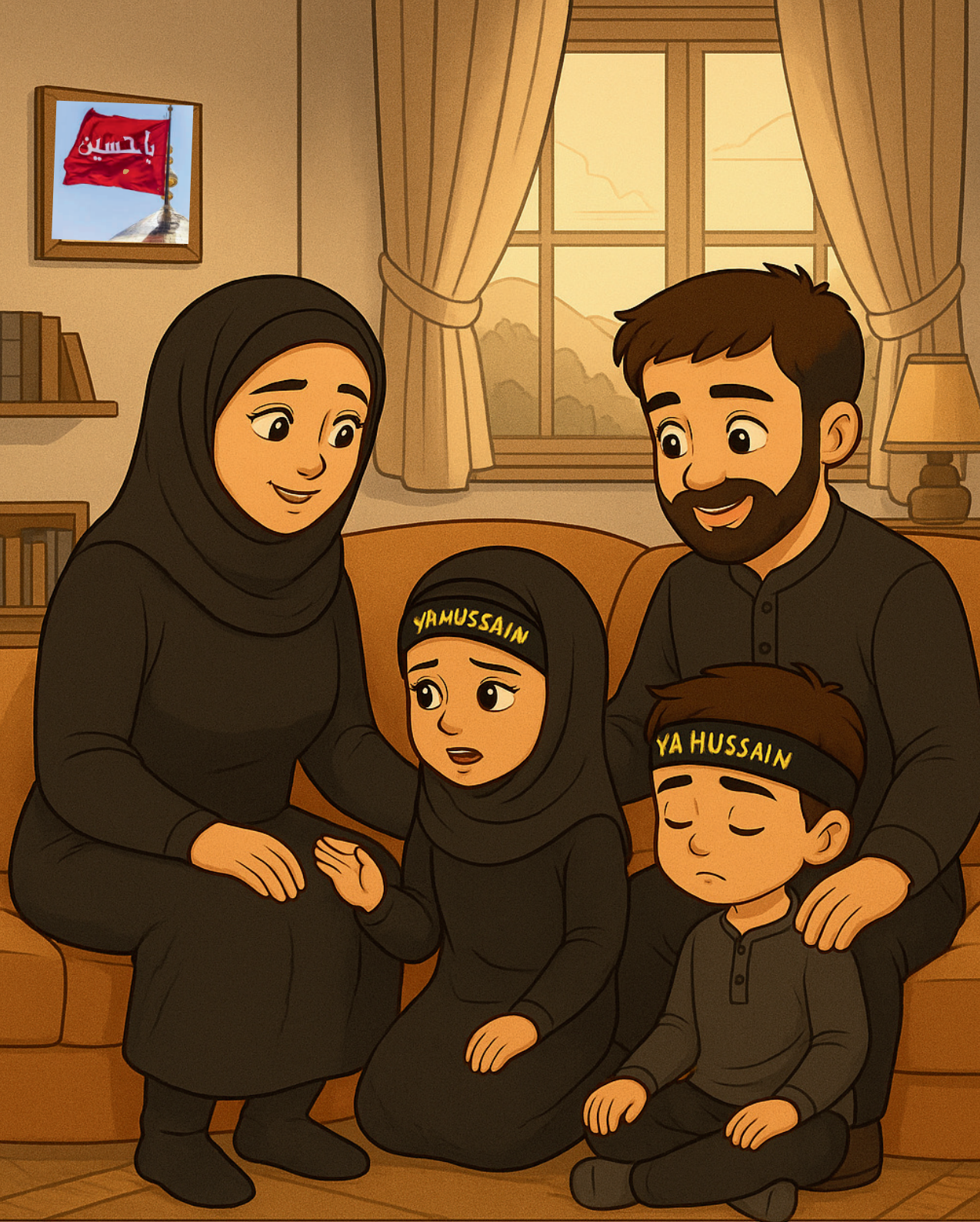


Mama replied, “That’s because all of it was given in the love of Imam Hussain (a.s). Just like today, we’re doing a majlis to remember him and we have called our loved ones to join in this worship ”

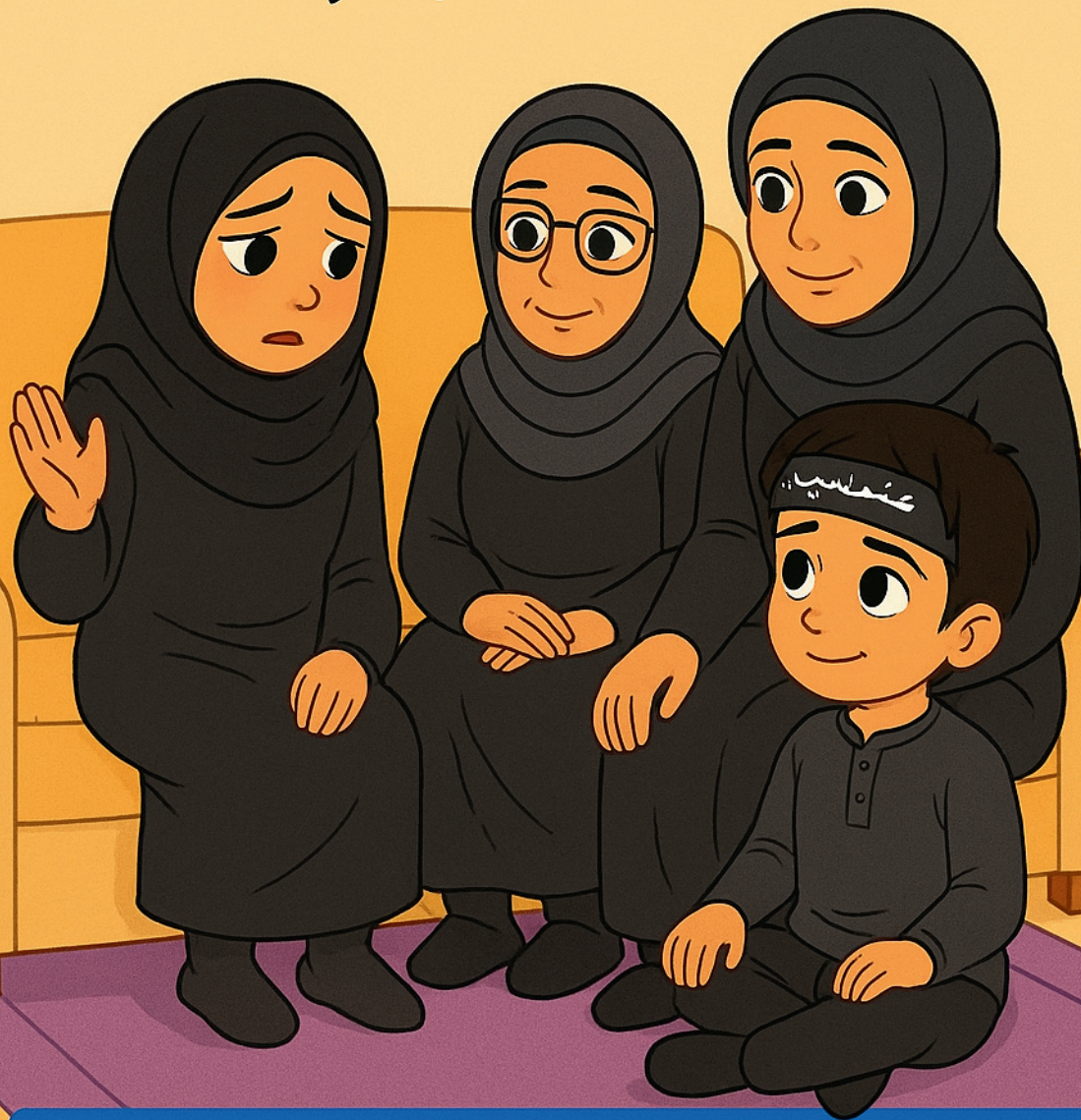
Baba said, “In Iraq, thousands of people walk from Najaf to Karbala during Arbaeen. And guess what?” “Everything is free there too —water, food, even a place to sleep.” “Children also help serve!”



Even in the the Arbaeen Walk I saw small, small children giving tabarruk



**Khadijah became quiet.
“Mama... when we walked
through one room, it got
really dark. I felt scared and
held your hand tightly.”**



ACTION:
Learn a dua for when you
are scared.

Nani nodded. “It’s okay to feel scared. When that happens, you can whisper: ‘*Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāhil ‘aliyyil ‘azīm.*’ It means: There is no power or strength except with Allah, the Most High, Most Great.”
“Allah will protect you.”



Hadi looked down.
“I felt sad too. I heard Bibi Sakina was just 3 years old and had to sit in a dark dungeon. People were mean to her.”
“It made me cry.”

They did prayer together. And the kids said, “We will be brave and do the right thing...”



‘It is indeed sad my sweet children. Sometimes peoples hearts become bad and hard because we do lots of sins. Then those people with hard hearts do horrible things.

Let’s do dua that Allah keeps our heart soft, let’s always ask Allah to forgive us by saying ‘Astaghfirullah rabbi wa Atubu ilay’ and pray that Allah blesses the Ahlulbayt and also pray that we can be brave and strong just as they were.

Bibi Sakina taught us a lesson that whether you are big or small, you can make a difference. Also don’t forget, dua is a very powerful weapon. Let’s do dua...

ACTION:
Do the right thing always.