



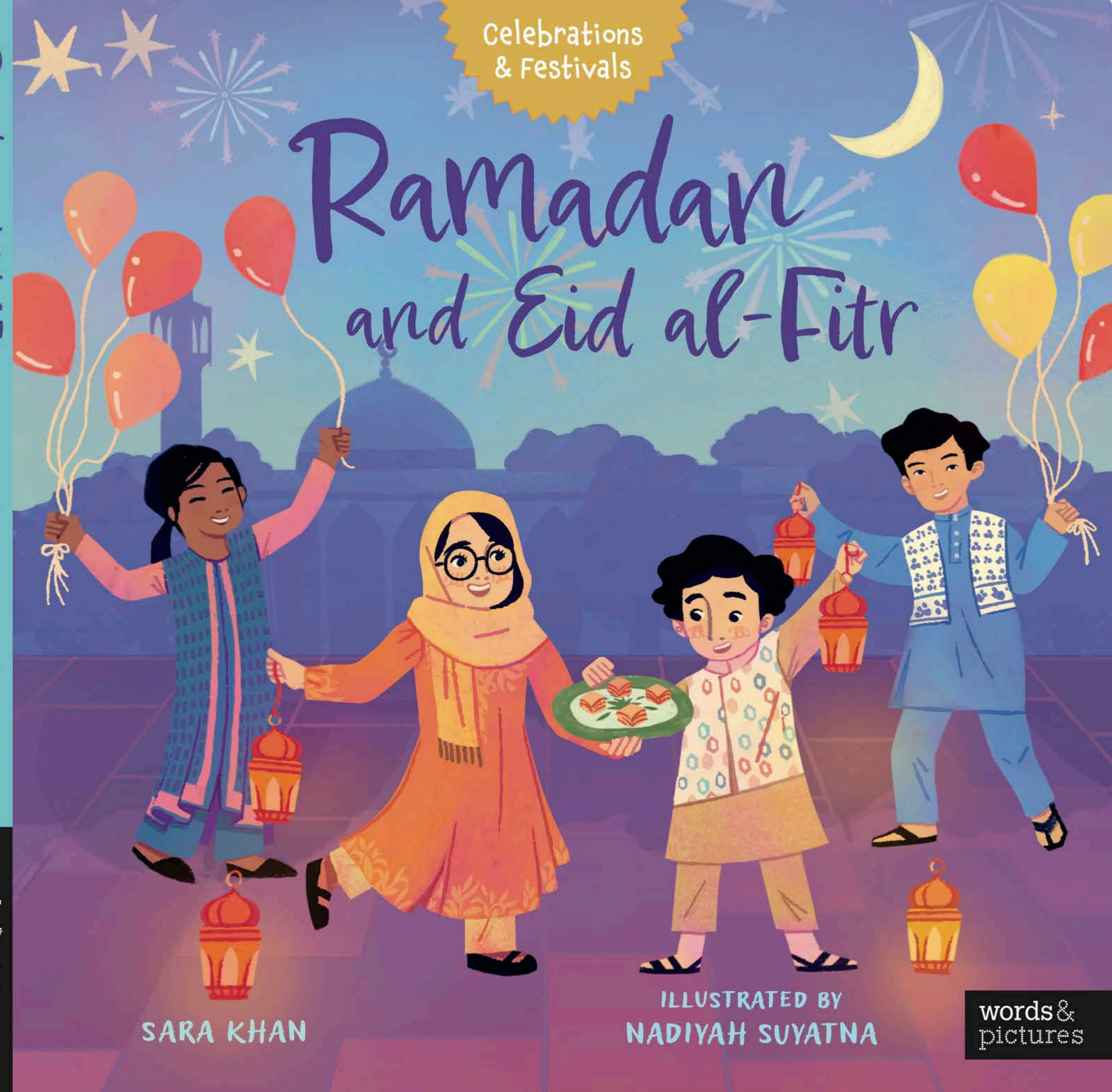
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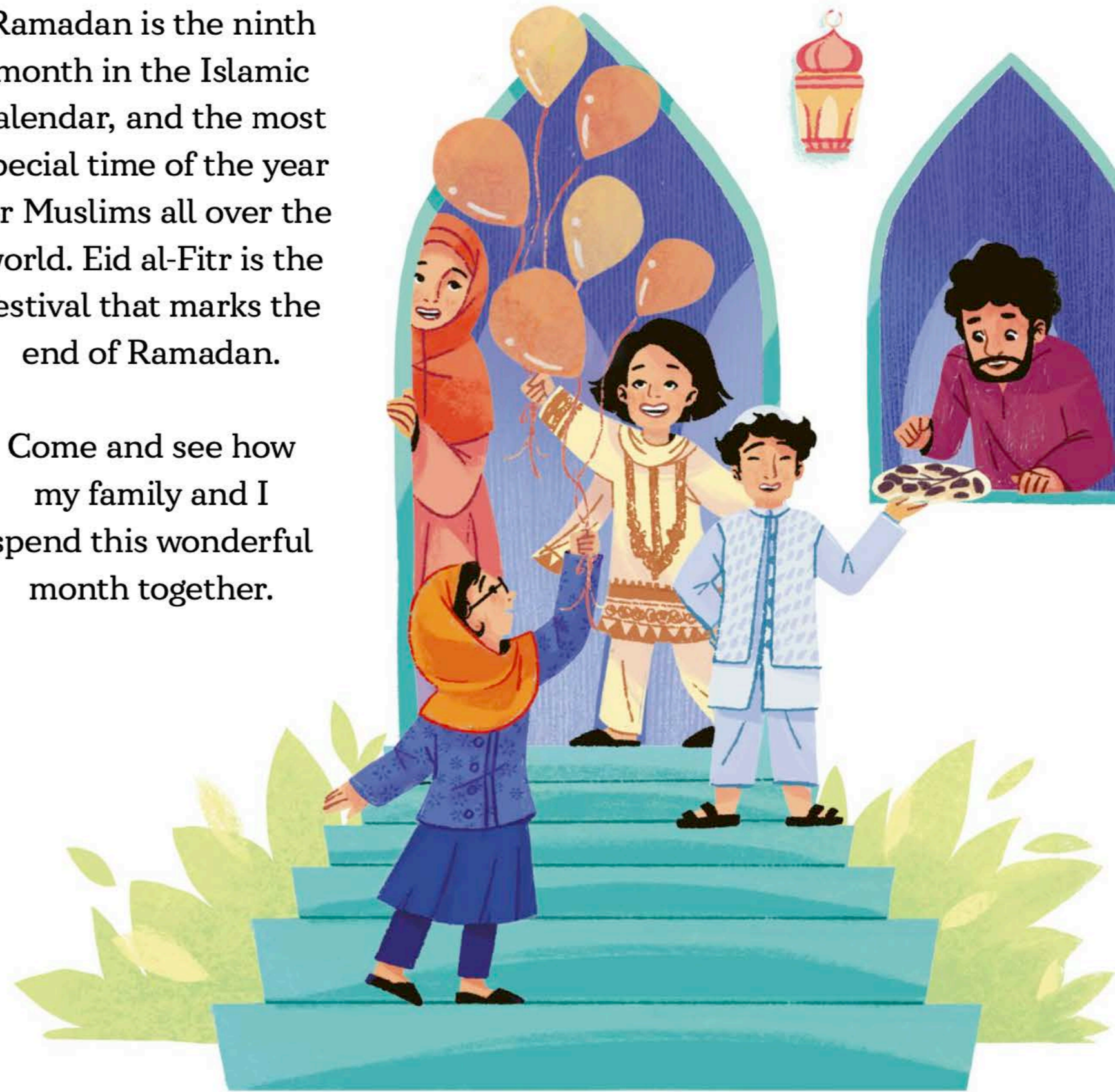


**Assalaamu alaykum!
Peace be upon you!**

My name is Raya and I am so excited to tell you all about my family's celebration of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, and the most special time of the year for Muslims all over the world. Eid al-Fitr is the festival that marks the end of Ramadan.

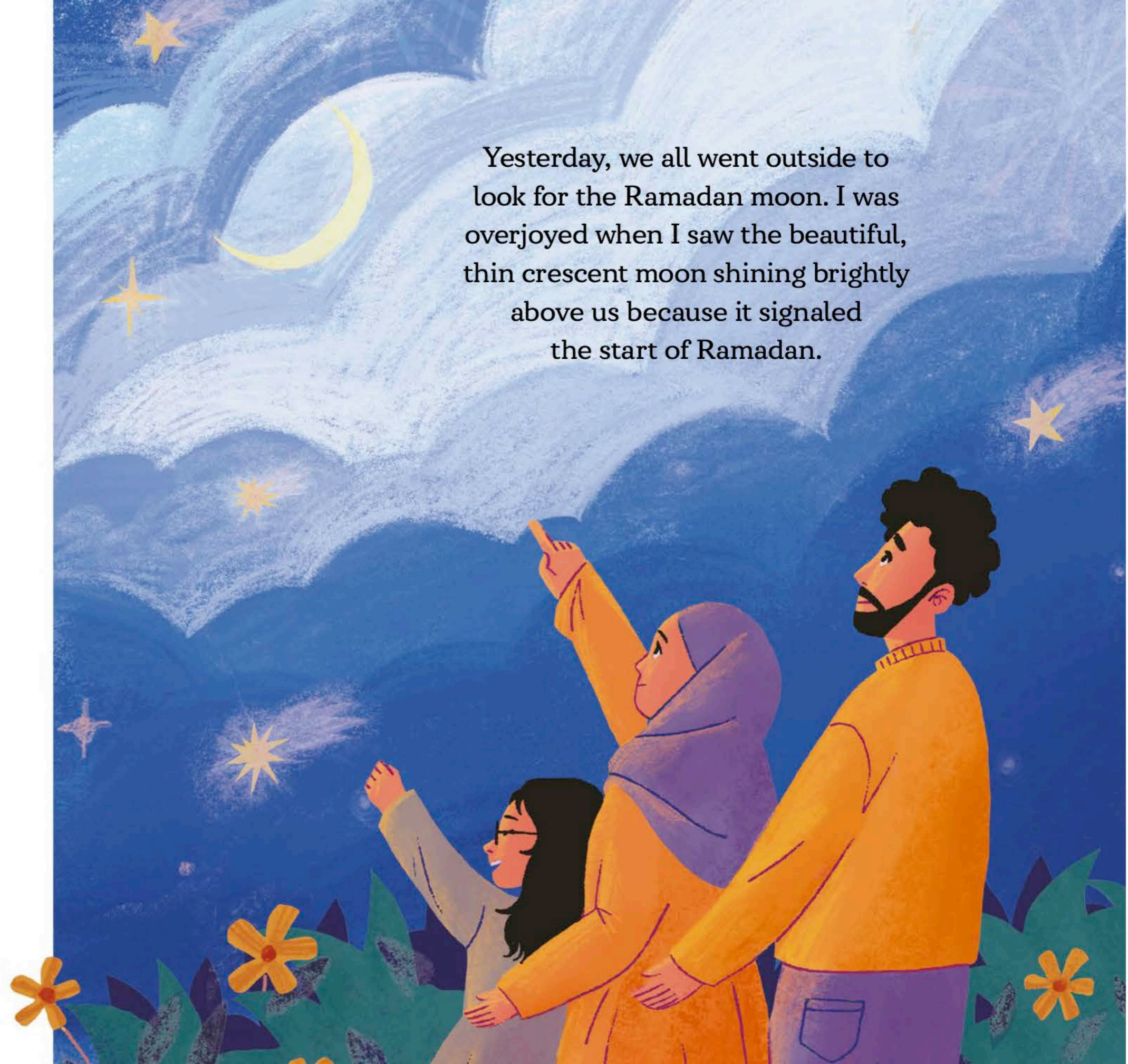
Come and see how my family and I spend this wonderful month together.



First, let me introduce you to my mom and dad, who I call Mama and Aba. I don't have a brother or a sister, but I have a cute little cat called Silver who loves following me around everywhere.



Yesterday, we all went outside to look for the Ramadan moon. I was overjoyed when I saw the beautiful, thin crescent moon shining brightly above us because it signaled the start of Ramadan.



This morning, Aba reminded me that the month of Ramadan is an opportunity to get closer to God, who we call Allah. Then, Mama gave me a 30-day Ramadan calendar which contains a good deed suggestion for each day of the month.



“Make Ramadan mubarak cards for your family and friends” was the first suggestion. I love making people happy with cards and gifts, so this was the perfect activity for me.



During the month of Ramadan, grown-up Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. This means they cannot eat or drink anything during daylight hours.

Mama and Aba wake up especially early so that they can have the suhoor—a meal before the fast begins.



I'm still too young to fast and don't always wake up for suhoor, but I try to eat less throughout the day so that I don't spoil my appetite for iftar—the meal which ends the daily fast.

Skipping snacks is very difficult for me, so I can only imagine what fasting for the whole day must feel like! I'm a little nervous about having to fast for real when I am older, but I know it will make me more disciplined and grateful for what I have.



Aba likes to remind me that fasting is not only about not eating or drinking. It also involves not doing or saying anything that Allah would not be pleased with, so we are all on our best behavior.