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We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. This term P1's RME topic is Stories of Muhammad.

Lesson 2: The man who had no shoes

Ask your adult to read this story to you.

There lived in Persia a poor man called Mahmud. Five times a day Mahmud would say his prayers for he was a good Muslim. On Friday at midday he would go to the mosque with others to join in the worship of Allah.

When they get to the door of the mosque it is custom to take off your shoes and leave them outside. By taking off their shoes Muslims show how much they care for the holy place they are entering. Each week Mahmud would do the same and leave his shoes with the others outside the mosque.

But one Friday things were different. Mahmud had no shoes to wear. His only pair of shoes had fallen to pieces and he had no money to buy new ones. When he asked his friends they told him they needed their shoes to walk to the mosque. Mahmud heard the muezzin call the faithful to prayer. It was time to go to the mosque and he had no shoes! So he walked through the streets barefoot.

Outside the mosque he saw the rich men take off their beautifully embroidered sandals, their fine leather shoes and he became angry and jealous. 'Why has Allah given those people shoes and not me? Why am I so poor when they are so rich? It's not fair.'

Mahmud went into the mosque muttering and grumbling to himself. As he knelt down to pray he kept thinking of the shoes that the others had, and of his having to walk to the mosque with bare feet. He felt so sorry for himself he had no time to think of his prayers to Allah. Mahmud looked at the man kneeling in front of him. 'I bet

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that man has got some good shoes to wear' he thought. He could not see the man's feet. They must be hidden under his garment. Mahmud looked again and then realized the awful truth – the man had no feet!

Mahmud stared in horror as he saw the man crawl out of the mosque on his hands and knees when the prayers were over. A change came over Mahmud. No longer did he feel sorry for himself. He realised that though he was poor there were always others much worse off than he was. Mahmud's friends were amazed to see the change that came over him, but as Mahmud explained 'I used to grumble when I had no shoes – until I met a man who had no feet!'

With your adult, talk about times when you may have felt luckier than others/sad-sorry for others.

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