

Ismail the Giving

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One sunny day in Puerto Rico a Muslim boy named Ismail was getting driven to school by his father. He had 1 brother named Isa and 1 twin sister named Maryam. When they were 5 minutes away from school, Ismail saw a poor man begging for food and money. But everyone would laugh at him and walk away. Ismail and his siblings told their father why don't we go and give him food. His father said the man will be fine. Ismail did not think it was fine. After school Ismail saw the man go to the store. Before the poor man came back Ismail put half of his lunch where the man was resting, and he ate the other half. When the poor man came back he was surprised to see a young child who was giving up half of his lunch to him. When Ismail came back his siblings asked him where he had gone. Ismail said he went to give half of his lunch to the poor man over there. After seeing the poor man both of Ismail's siblings went and gave half of their lunch to him. When their dad picked them up the children were quiet.

When they got home Ismail went straight with his siblings upstairs to play a game. When their mother opened all their lunch boxes she was shocked to see that all their lunch was finished. Usually the kids would only have half of their lunch finished. Their mother showed their father. The mother and father went to the kids and asked how their lunch all finished without a single thing left in it. The kids were quiet, then the father knew what happened. He told the kids he knew that they gave half of their lunch to that poor man and he was proud of them.

The next day Ismail and his father went to check on the poor man. He was sitting in the exact same spot as he always did. Ismail invited the poor man to the masjid to come stay there. Everyone in the community brought food for him everyday. Everyday when the azan came for each prayer, the poor man would listen and watch everyone in the masjid pray. Soon the poor man converted to Islam and changed his name to Ismail after the little boy, because Ismail was so giving to that poor man and changed his life. After the poor man converted Ismail gave him a bag with a Quran inside so he could learn the Quran. After 3 years he became Hafiz just like the little boy Ismail.

This story is teaching you to help and care for others. If you see somebody down you get them up. Like our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said "If you want to enter paradise you need faith, but you have no faith until you love one another."