

Why was Muhammad sad when he heard a camel cry?

Muslims believe that Muhammad was a messenger from God— a prophet. He is greatly respected by Muslims, who believe we can learn a lot from the way he lived his life and the things he said. He lived a long time ago in a very hot area of the world called Arabia. The town Muhammad lived in was surrounded by sandy desert.

The sun was beating down. It was hot, very hot. It was too hot to do anything. Everywhere was dry and dusty. Muhammad walked in the shade of the trees, but he was still hot and thirsty.

Suddenly, he heard something strange. He followed the sound and saw a thin camel standing in the full heat of the sun with no food or water. The camel was crying. Muhammad looked around for someone who owned the camel. Then he saw the owner. He was laughing and drinking with his friends in a cool, shady spot nearby.

Muhammad went over to the camel and started to stroke its nose. This soothed the camel and it eventually stopped crying, but was still panting with thirst.

“Why is this camel tied in the full sun with nothing to eat or drink? Muhammad shouted to the owner of the camel. “Look how thin and unhappy it is. This is one of Allah’s creatures. Allah has given the camel to help us with our work, but in return we must look after it and give it food to eat and water to drink.”

The owner looked at the camel and could not help but notice how thin and unhappy the camel was and felt ashamed he had not noticed before.

“I have done wrong,” He said, “Muhammad has reminded me that the camel is one of Allah’s creatures. I am so sorry for what I have done.”

With this he ran over to the camel and led it to shade. He gave it cool water to drink and food to eat.

From that day he showed great kindness to all his animals and showed them great kindness, remembering that they were Allah’s creation. He remembered that Allah has given us the animal to help us and trusted us to look after them.