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Have you ever been camping? Have you ever sat around a camp fire?

Hundreds of years ago, a man called Muhammad was travelling across the Arabian desert. Muhammad was a good man and he had many followers. Some people said that he was God's messenger in the world.

At the end of a long hot day, Muhammad and his followers stopped to pitch their tents. Muhammad walked around the camp making sure that everything was ready for the night.

One of the men lit a fire to keep himself warm. Muhammad walked over to the fire and noticed that there was an ant hill nearby. Some of the ants came out of the ant hill and started walking towards the fire. The ants were attracted by the light and the warmth of the fire.

Muhammad became worried. If the ants came any closer to the fire, there was a danger that they would be burned. They were only tiny little ants, but they were still God's creatures.

Muhammad spoke to the man who had made the fire, "Quick! Put out the fire!"

The man used a blanket to beat out the flames. But he was puzzled. Why had Muhammad told him to put out the fire? He looked round, and for the first time he noticed the ants. Now he knew why Muhammad had wanted him to put out the fire! Muhammad showed kindness to all living creatures, and he did not want the ants to be harmed.

From that night on, whenever the man lit a fire, he always made sure that it would not hurt any creature, however small.