

Thanking *Allah*

In the morning the teacher asked the children always to start everything with the name of Allah and after it was over to thank Allah. After the class some students started discussing it.

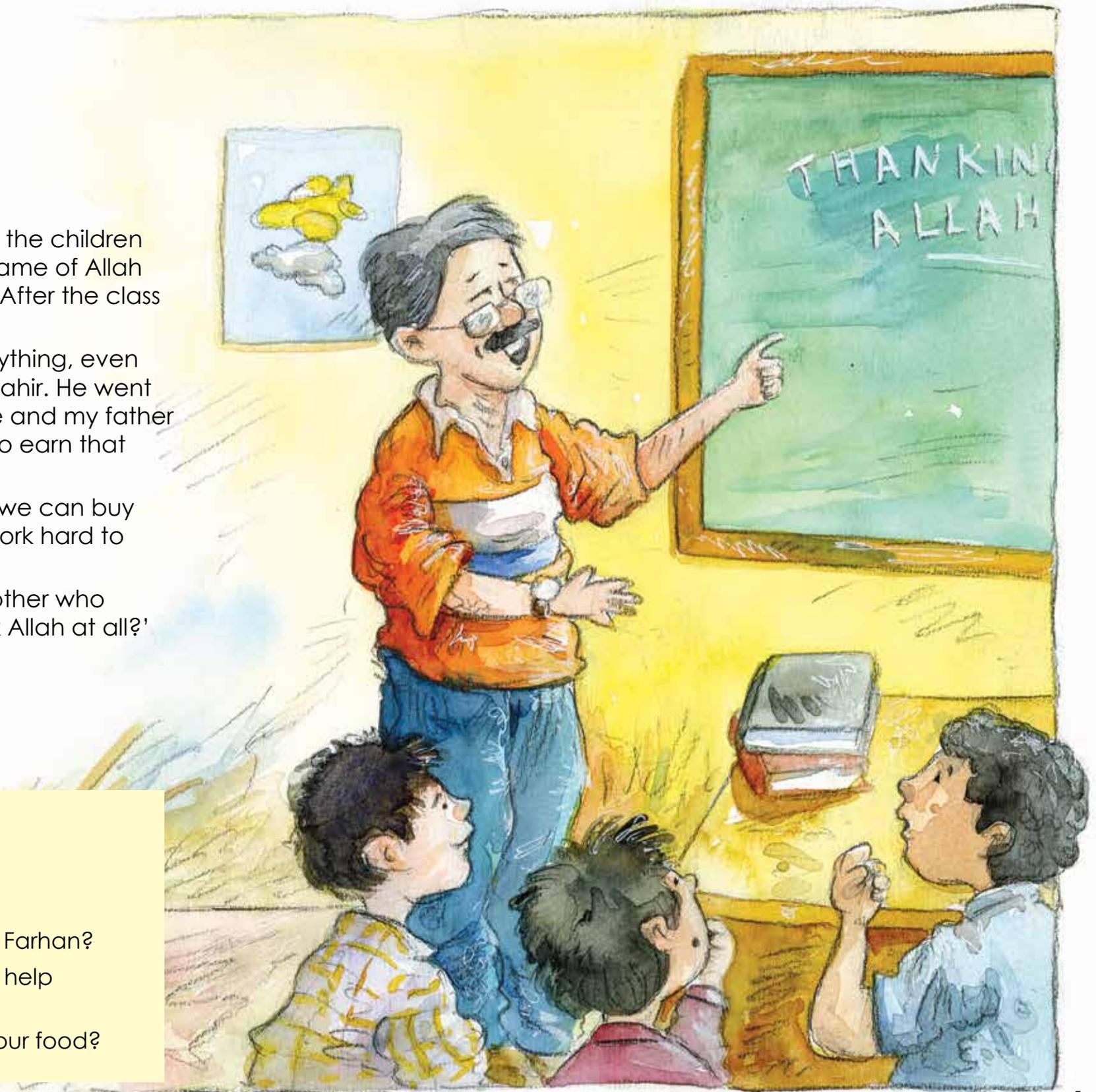
'Why should I thank Allah for everything, even for a simple thing like food?' asked Zahir. He went on, 'We buy it from the grocery store and my father spends money for it. He works hard to earn that money.'

Farhan agreed and said, 'Before we can buy food, it is the farmers who have to work hard to grow crops, vegetables and fruits.'

Zahir then said, 'In the end it is mother who makes it for us, so why should I thank Allah at all?'

A Little Talk about *Being Thankful*

1. What would you say to Zahir and Farhan?
2. Do you thank all the people who help you?
3. Why should you thank Allah for your food?



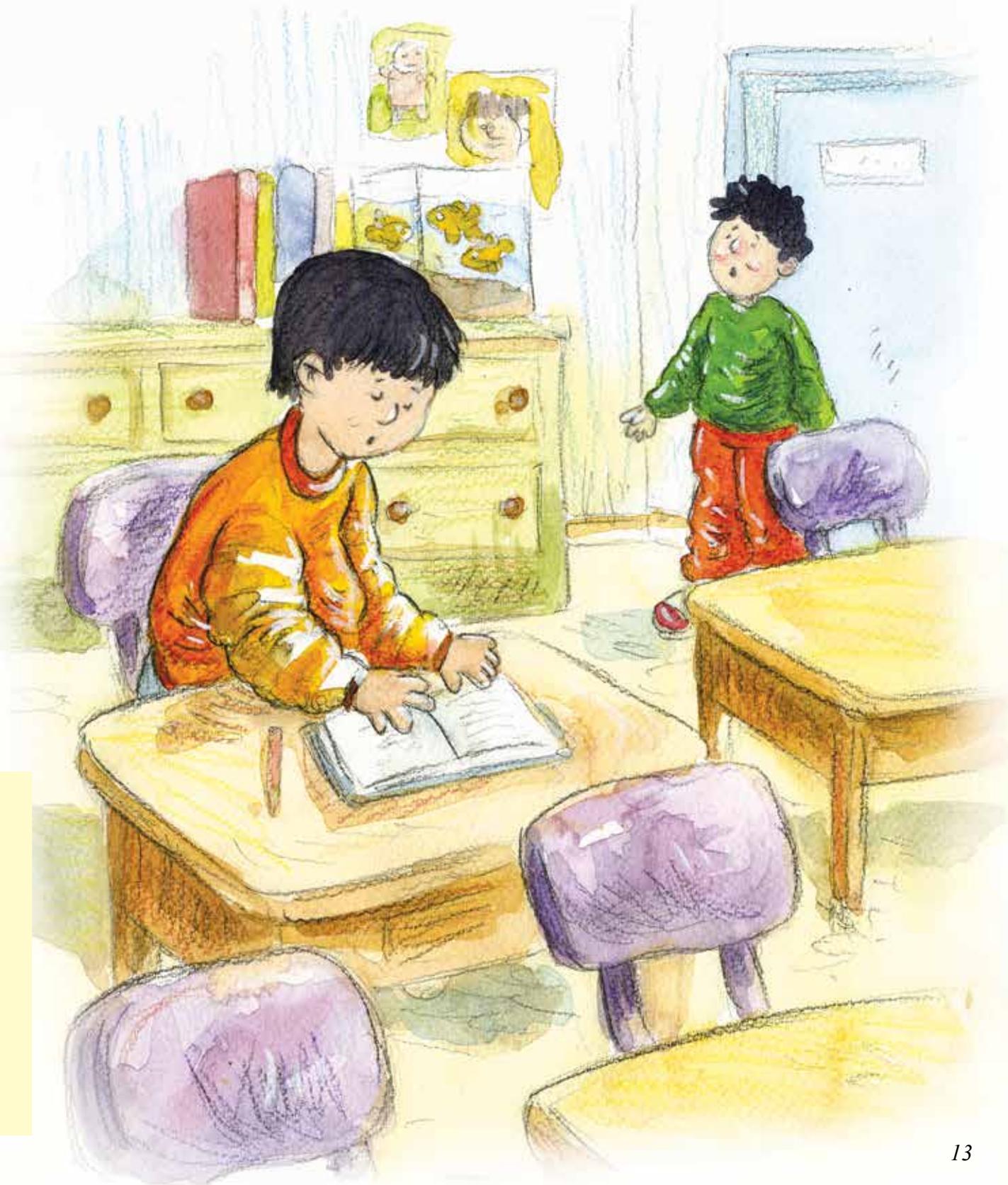
Eating *Together*

Manaal and Rehan studied in the same class. One day Rehan forgot his lunch, so he had nothing to eat. So during the lunch hour, he stayed back in the classroom to do his homework. He was feeling hungry but he did not know what to do. He did not want to ask anyone for food.

When Manaal came to get his oranges, which he had forgotten in his bag, he was surprised to see Rehan studying instead of eating his lunch. Manaal found out that his friend had forgotten his lunch. Manaal immediately went out.

A Little Talk about *Giving and Sharing*

1. Why did Rehan stay back during the lunch hour in the class room?
2. Why was Manaal surprised? Why did he go out?
3. If you were Manaal, what would you do about Rehan, who had no lunch? Have you ever given your food or your toys and books to your friends?



'When Mr. Michael gets home, I will visit him daily. I will also spend some time with him,' said Manaal. His father said that this was a very good idea, and went on to tell him how the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to visit the sick—even those who did not like him.

Manaal said excitedly that he would even do Mr. Michael's work if need be, whether at home or outside, because he lived alone and there was no one to take care of him. His father said, 'That is very good. This way he won't really be alone. Most important, Allah will be very pleased with you.'

A Little Talk about *Allah and You*

1. What was Manaal's idea?
2. What did his father tell him about the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?
3. Why do you think Allah will be pleased with Manaal?

Quran Reading: Worship Allah: and do not associate partners with Him. Be good to your parents, the relatives, to orphans, to the needy and the neighbour who is a kinsman, and the neighbour who is not related to you and your companions and the wayfarers and those whom you rightfully possess. (4:36)

Hadith Truth: Thuban reported that the Prophet said: 'When a Muslim visits someone who is sick, he certainly gathers the fruits of Paradise until he returns (from visiting).'



Backbiting

One day the teacher said that she wanted to talk to the students about something which many of us do without even thinking that how much Allah dislikes it. She asked them to think, but no one could give the correct answer. She even said that she had seen many of the students doing it all the time, whether studying or playing. Still the students could not guess what she meant. Then the teacher said that it was backbiting, which means talking ill of others when they are not there.

A Little Talk about Backbiting

1. What did the teacher ask the students one day?
2. Could the students guess what the teacher wanted to talk about?
3. Do you backbite? Have you seen others doing it? Have you asked others to stop doing it?

