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Storytime Series | Book 3

Ming-Ming the Panda

Dear little reader,

In this story, you will meet Ming-Ming the baby panda who learns why it is so important to stay neat and clean. As Rasulullahﷺ taught us in this hadith*...

“...Cleanliness is half of faith.”

*(Sahih Al-Bukhari)***

**Rasulullahﷺ: This is a respectful title meaning ‘The Messenger of Allah (God), may peace be upon him’ that is used to refer to Muhammed, the last prophet of Islaam. A hadith is a saying or story from Rasulullahﷺ that teaches an important lesson.*

*** Sahih Al-Bukhari is one of the most authentic and widely accepted written collections of hadith in Islaam.*



Ming-Ming¹ was an adorable baby panda who lived at the zoo with her mother, Mei-Ying². They were both taken care of by a friendly zookeeper named Nuhaa.

Ming-Ming was very well-behaved. She always ate her healthy snacks, drank her milk, and sat still for bath time. She never got upset or was any trouble at all, Masha-Allah³.

¹ Ming-Ming means 'little bright one' in Chinese (明明).

² Mei-Ying means 'beautiful and brave' in Chinese (美英).

³ Arabic phrase meaning, "It is as Allah (God) wills," said to express thanks for a blessing and protect it from envy.



The visitors at the zoo loved to watch her climb on the trees and rocks in her enclosure. Best of all, she would always come right up to them at the window and wave. She loved it when the visitors, especially the children, would wave back.



Then one day, Nuhaa brought Ming-Ming a very special present. The zoo visitors had donated a whole box of new toys for her to play with!

There were balls and buckets, small blocks to build with, a toy train, and rope toys to pull on.

Ming-Ming played all day. She kicked the balls, pushed the toy train, and hid toys under the wood chips and mulch around her enclosure.



By the end of the day, she was very dirty and much in need of a bath. There was just one little problem; she refused to let Nuhaa bathe her like normal!

Every time Nuhaa called the little panda to come, Ming-Ming would quickly run away and hide in the bamboo thicket where Nuhaa could not find her.

Ming-Ming giggled and thought to herself, as she lay on her back pawing at her tiny furry feet,

*“I have new toys and want to play,
Tomorrow I will get dirty again anyway.
No time for baths and getting clean,
I am the best hider Nuhaa has ever seen!”*



This went on for several days, and Nuhaa began to get worried. She decided to hide the toys at bath time so hopefully Ming-Ming wouldn't be so distracted. The little panda would surely get sick if she did not get clean soon.

But it didn't work.

As soon as Ming-Ming saw Nuhaa getting out the hose and basin to bathe her, she ran away and hid in the bamboo thicket where Nuhaa could not find her. Ming-Ming cuddled up in a ball and thought to herself,

*"I miss my toys and want to play,
Tomorrow I will get dirty again anyway.
No time for baths and getting clean,
Nuhaa will never find me; she is so mean!"*

