



Mustapha's Secret

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A five-part flashcard story based on the ministries of Avant Ministries (formerly Gospel Missionary Union) to Muslims in Morocco, North Africa. Each story provides the salvation invitation, an opportunity for Christian growth and a challenge for reaching the more than one billion Muslims in the world today. The events and characters in this story are composites of true-to-life events taking place in the Muslim world.

Note to the Teacher

Before reading any of this book, we suggest you read the "Background Information" on pages 12-13. Be prepared to counsel children who respond to the salvation invitation by studying "Counseling the Child Who Responds." To get an overall view of the series, read through all five lessons before using the first lesson in class. Practice reading the story out loud several times. Pronounce difficult words repeatedly until you feel comfortable with them. (Foreign words are defined the first time they appear.) The better you know the story, the less you will have to read. Remember to maintain eye contact with your students especially during times of invitation and challenge. Before telling the story in front of your class, practice in front of a mirror or a live audience. Hold the book in front of you but do not cover your mouth. Check periodically to make sure pictures are visible to your audience. Use one lesson per session. Briefly review the story for newcomers each day. This can be done by showing key pictures and quickly summarizing the story for the group. Encourage children at the end of each day to return for the next session so they can hear the rest of the story. (All Scripture quotations from the New King James Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers.)

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LESSON 1: Foreigners!



"Mustapha (ma-STAH-fa)! Mustapha! Over here!"

Mustapha stopped and looked around to see where the voice was coming from. His eyes searched up and down the busy street. He scanned the crowded market booths for a familiar face. And then he heard his name again.

"Mustapha!" the voice called: Turning, Mustapha saw his friend standing beside the huge gate of the wall surrounding the ancient imperial city in Morocco (ma-RAH-koe).

"Come here, quickly!" Rashid (rah-SHEED) called. "It's almost time. If we don't hurry, it will all be over and we will have missed it."

Rashid and Mustapha dodged carts, donkeys, bicycles and

people as they ran up the street to a tiny, dark alley. Turning in, they scurried over the cobblestone pavement to the 12-foot tall arched entrance that led into the foreigner's house. The big wooden door was closed.

Bang, bang, bang. The heavy black wrought iron door knocker echoed through the empty alley. Mustapha backed

Leilia (LAY-lah) Missionary's name, changed to protect identity.

Morocco (ma-RAH-koe) Country in northwest Africa bordering on the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

Muslim (MOOS-lem or MUZ-lem) A follower of Islam (sometimes spelled Moslem).

Mustapha (ma-STAH-fa) Common Arabic name.

Rashid (rah-SHEED) Common Arabic name.