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On a beautiful morning, ten-year-old Ahmed was getting ready
to go on a trip to the park with his friends.
Everyone was excited, chatting about all the activities
they would enjoy during the trip.

The bus arrived at the park, and the children stepped out, cheerful
and ready for a fun-filled day. Just as Ahmed stepped off the bus,
a strong gust of wind swept his hat away towards the road.



"My hat!" he shouted.

And without checking the road for cars,

he ran after it.

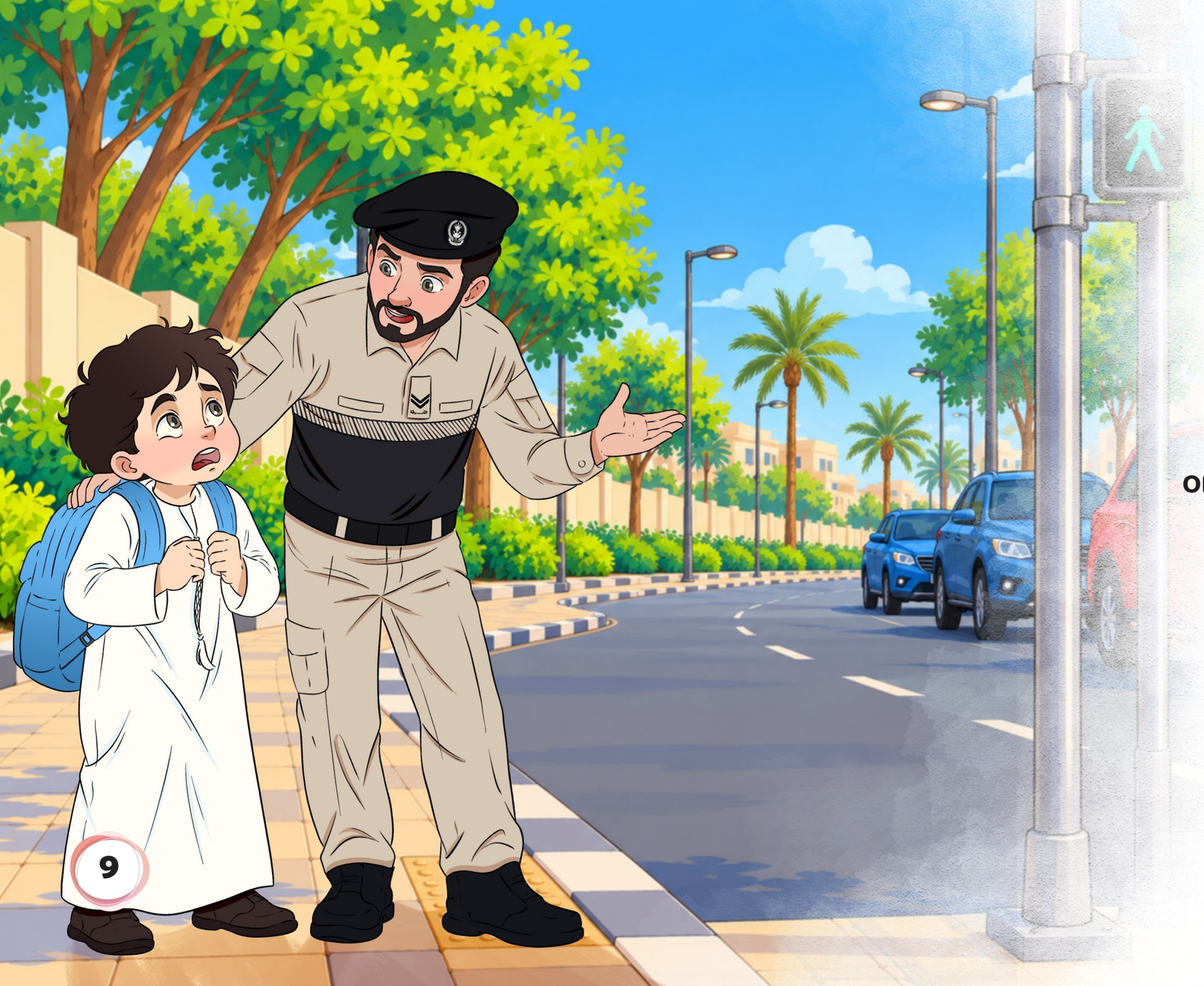
Officer Rashid was standing near

the pedestrian crossing,

directing traffic and helping visitors cross safely.

When he saw what was happening,

he signaled for the cars to stop



and hurried towards Ahmed, saying:

“Stop right there!”

Ahmed stopped immediately and felt fear

when he saw how close the cars were.

He realized that he had put himself in danger.

Officer Rashid got closer and gently patted his shoulder:

“You could have been in an accident

if I hadn’t seen you and stopped the cars.

You must be careful, my son!”



Ahmed whispered: “I’m Sorry.

I was afraid of losing my hat...

It was a gift from my grandmother.”

Officer Rashid smiled and said,

“The hat can be replaced, but your safety is priceless.”

Then he added,

“Remember to use the pedestrian crossing,

and to look both ways before you cross the road.

And never run near the cars.”



Officer Rashid then brought the hat and handed
it back to Ahmed, who smiled and said,
“Thank you! You saved both me and my hat.”
The officer replied:
“It is my duty to keep you safe, my son.
We help people and protect them as well.”
Ahmed returned to the park and played with
his friends. They ran, laughed, and had a wonderful time.
As Ahmed was playing football with them,
the ball suddenly rolled away and crossed the road.



Salem, Ahmed's friend, ran towards it,

hoping to catch it.

At that moment, Ahmed remembered what had

happened to him and quickly shouted out,

"Salem! Wait! Don't run after the ball;

your safety is more important."

Salem stopped, looked at Ahmed, and asked:

"But how will we get the ball back?"

Ahmed answered:

"We'll use the pedestrian crossing.

That way,we'll be safe."

Ahmed and Salem walked to the pedestrian crossing.

They looked left and right.

and waited until the road was safe.

Then, they carefully crossed the street and brought the ball.




Salem smiled and said,

“Thank you, Ahmed. If you hadn’t called out to me,

I would have run after the ball without watching

where I was going.”

Ahmed laughed. “That’s exactly what

I did when my hat blew away!

But now I’ve learned how to keep myself safe.”

Meanwhile, Officer Rashid was watching them

from a distance. When he saw Ahmed putting what

he had learned into practice, he smiled, raised his hand,

and gave him an approving wave.

Ahmed and his friends continued playing,

and their laughter filled the park.

Ahmed felt happy. He realized that what

he learned from the Officer had not only

helped him stay safe but had also

helped him protect his friend Salem.

It was time to go back,

so Ahmed and his friends walked to the bus.

Ahmed looked towards the Officer and waved.

The officer smiled and waved goodbye to the children.







During a fun day with his friends, Ahmed learns an important lesson about crossing the road safety. What happened? And will Ahmed remember what he learned when his friend Salem needs to cross the road?

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