

Ismail (Ishmael) - The Kaba is Built - by Ibn Abbas

Ibn Abbas continued: "Once more Abraham thought of visiting his family he had left (at Mecca), so he told his wife (Sarah) of his decision. He went and found Ishmael behind the Zam-zam well, mending his arrows. He said: 'O Ishmael, your Lord has ordered me to build a house for Him.' Ishmael said: 'Obey (the order of) your Lord.' Abraham said: 'Allah has also ordered me that you should help me therein.' Ishmael said: 'Then I will do so.' So both of them rose and Abraham started building (the Ka'ba) while Ishmael went on handing him the stones, and both of them were saying: "O our Lord ! Accept (this service) of us, verily, You are the AllHearer, the All-Knower."". When the building became high and the old man (i.e. Abraham) could no longer lift the stones (to such a high position), he stood over the stone of AlMaqam and Ishmael carried on handing him the stones, and both of them were saying: "O our Lord ! Accept (this service) of us, verily, You are the All-Hearer, the All Knower." Surah 2: 127

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