

When Ismail was born to Hajrah, Allah commanded Ibrahim عليه السلام to take Hajrah and his son to valley of Makkah. After leaving Hajrah and his son there he used to visit them regularly. On one of his visits, Ibrahim عليه السلام came to Ismail and said "Allah has commanded me to build a house here" – pointing to a small rise in the land that was higher than the land around it.

Then they laid the foundations of the House and Ismail started to bring the stones and Ibrahim started to build. When the structure got higher, Ismail brought the stone which is 'the station of Ibrahim' عليه السلام today and put it down. Ibrahim عليه السلام stood on it and carried on the building work with Ismail handing the stones to him. They were both saying while going around the house:

"Our Lord! Accept this service from us. Verily, You are the All-Hearer the All-Knower."
[Qur'an: Al Baqarah:127]

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