

BAHÁ'Í CHILDREN'S CLASS LESSONS

29. HONOUR

Welcome the children to the class. When all are seated quietly have one or two say prayers.

Ask the children why we are quiet during prayers. Why do we sit still? Why do we listen while the words are being said? Try to get from the children the idea of our great respect for God. We honour God because He is so wonderful. We show our respect.

Yes, God is the greatest. The prayer says, "**Greater is God than every great one!**" There is no power in the universe greater than God who made everything. Help the children to learn the underlined words.

When someone is important we show them respect. We are polite. We honour them. We listen to them. Just imagine if Nelson Mandela was visiting our school. We would be so happy to see him. We would listen to every word he said. We wouldn't shout or jump around. We would be quiet. We would be polite.

How can we learn to show respect and honour people? Yes, we learn bit by bit as we grow older and understand more. We listen to our parents. We are not like some children who show no respect, who do not listen. They answer back. They just want their own way, and more awful to see, some little children even smack their parents! This kind of behaviour is disrespectful. It must make God very disappointed to see children behaving like that.

God has given us parents to look after us and care for us. They teach us how God wants us to behave. We need to show them respect as they are responsible for us.

And because God is so great we need to show Him even more honour. God is with us always and knows everything we do. But when we read the Holy Writings, or say our prayers we need to be respectful. We need to sit very still and think about the words – think about God. We need to listen to the words, and always try to do what we know God wants us to do. In this way we show that we love and respect God.

People need respect too. Bahá'u'lláh said, "**How great is the blessedness that awaiteth him that hath attained the honour of serving the Almighty.**" Gleanings p. (334). We get honour by serving God and doing all the things He wants us to.

If people say unkind things about us. If they say we are worthless, or no good, it makes us very unhappy. If they listen to what we say, if they love us it makes us happy. So God wants us to be kind and polite to each other, to honour and respect each other so that we can all live happily together.

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ACTIVITIES

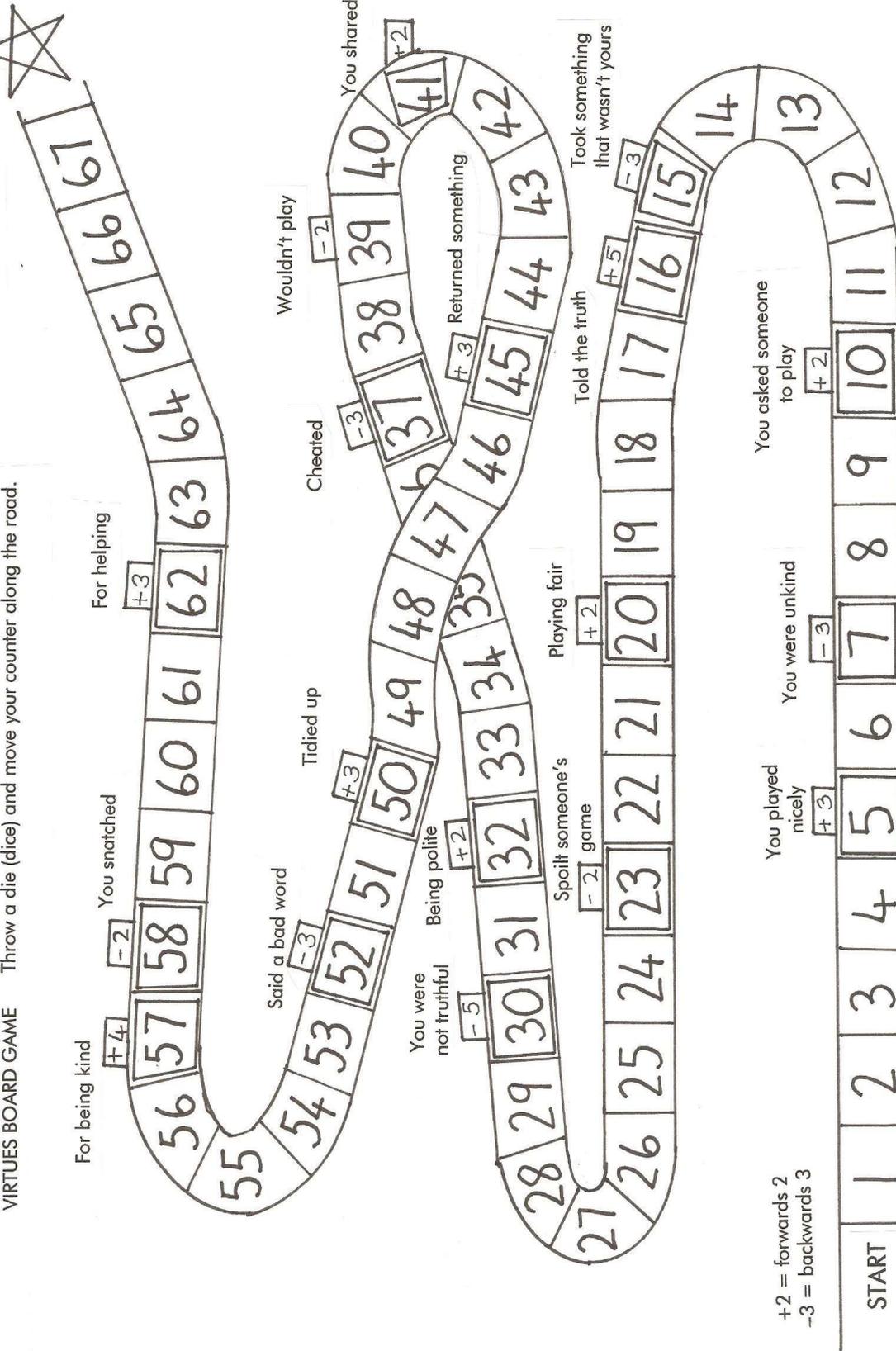
Show the children the Virtues Board Game. The youngest ones can simply colour in the blocks. The older children will play having no more than four children to each game. We play by each player putting their special counter on Start. Then each takes it in turn to throw the dice. The youngest child can start. You have to throw a 6 to start. When you throw 6 you can have another throw. Then move your counter along the path and following the directions given. You have to throw the correct number to win.

FINISHING

Make sure that all the counters have been collected. Tidy the room. Have one or two children say prayers.

VIRTUES BOARD GAME Throw a die (dice) and move your counter along the road.

YOU ARE A STAR! 



Legend:
 +2 = forwards 2
 -3 = backwards 3

Game Path Details:

- START:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- 55:** For being kind (+4)
- 56:** For being kind (+4)
- 57:** You snatched (-2)
- 58:** You snatched (-2)
- 59:** For helping (+3)
- 60:** For helping (+3)
- 61:** For helping (+3)
- 62:** For helping (+3)
- 63:** For helping (+3)
- 64:** For helping (+3)
- 65:** For helping (+3)
- 66:** For helping (+3)
- 67:** For helping (+3)
- 54:** Said a bad word (-3)
- 53:** Said a bad word (-3)
- 52:** Said a bad word (-3)
- 51:** Said a bad word (-3)
- 50:** Tidied up (+3)
- 49:** Tidied up (+3)
- 48:** Tidied up (+3)
- 47:** Tidied up (+3)
- 46:** Tidied up (+3)
- 45:** Tidied up (+3)
- 44:** Tidied up (+3)
- 43:** Tidied up (+3)
- 42:** Tidied up (+3)
- 41:** You shared (+2)
- 40:** You shared (+2)
- 39:** You shared (+2)
- 38:** You shared (+2)
- 37:** You shared (+2)
- 36:** You shared (+2)
- 35:** Returned something (+3)
- 34:** Returned something (+3)
- 33:** Returned something (+3)
- 32:** Returned something (+3)
- 31:** Returned something (+3)
- 30:** Being polite (+2)
- 29:** Being polite (+2)
- 28:** Being polite (+2)
- 27:** You were not truthful (-5)
- 26:** You were not truthful (-5)
- 25:** You were not truthful (-5)
- 24:** You were not truthful (-5)
- 23:** You were not truthful (-5)
- 22:** Spoilt someone's game (-2)
- 21:** Spoilt someone's game (-2)
- 20:** Spoilt someone's game (-2)
- 19:** Playing fair (+2)
- 18:** Playing fair (+2)
- 17:** Told the truth (+5)
- 16:** Told the truth (+5)
- 15:** Told the truth (+5)
- 14:** Took something that wasn't yours (-3)
- 13:** Took something that wasn't yours (-3)
- 12:** Took something that wasn't yours (-3)
- 11:** Took something that wasn't yours (-3)
- 10:** You asked someone to play (+2)
- 9:** You asked someone to play (+2)
- 8:** You asked someone to play (+2)
- 7:** You were unkind (-3)
- 6:** You were unkind (-3)
- 5:** You played nicely (+3)
- 4:** You played nicely (+3)
- 3:** You played nicely (+3)
- 2:** You played nicely (+3)
- 1:** You played nicely (+3)