

## BAHÁ'Í CHILDREN'S CLASS LESSONS

### 32. BEAUTY

(adapted from Wellspring)

See that the children are seated comfortably. We will all be quiet while one person reads or says a prayer.

Our topic for today is one of the attributes of God – BEAUTY. That is one of things we can think about God. Beauty means beautiful. What can you think of that is beautiful? Get answers from several children. Accept all answers. Why do you think these things are beautiful? Do we all find the same things beautiful?

Bahá'u'lláh taught us that every person can see (appreciate) the Beauty of God. Here are His words.

**“Every man hath been, and will continue to be, able of himself to appreciate the Beauty of God, the Glorified.”** Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p143

Let us say these words several times in order to remember them. At the end of our activities we will see who can remember the words. Then we can say them to our parents or family members.

'Abdu'l-Bahá used the word 'diversity'. What does this mean? Yes, it means being different. Now listen to a story that 'Abdu'-Bahá told:-

**“Let us look rather at beauty in diversity, the beauty of harmony, and learn lessons from the vegetable creation. If you behold a garden in which all the plants were the same as to form, colour and perfume, it would not seem beautiful to you at all, but rather monotonous and dull. The garden which is pleasing to the eye and which makes the heart glad, is the garden in which are growing side by side flowers of every hue, form and perfume, and the joyous contrast of colour is what makes for charm and beauty..... Each flower, each tree, each fruit, besides being beautiful in itself, brings out by contrast the qualities of the others, and shows to advantage the special loveliness of each and all.**

**Thus should it be among the children of men! (who do you think 'Abdu'l-Bahá meant when he said 'the children of men'?) If you meet those of a different race and colour from yourself, do not mistrust them and withdraw yourself into your shell.....but rather be glad and show them kindness. Think of them as different coloured roses growing in the beautiful garden of humanity, and rejoice to be among them.”**

Abdu'l-Bahá, Paris Talks pp.52-53.

Can you tell me some beautiful things? Do we only see beauty? What about beautiful sounds? Would a song be beautiful if it was all sung on one note?

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### ACTIVITIES

#### GROUP A

Look at the picture of a flowers garden. Make lots more beautiful flowers and colour them.

#### GROUP B

Write down five things that you think are beautiful in beautiful handwriting. Now try to draw them beautifully. God does not expect us to be perfect, but He expects us to try to do our best.

#### GROUP C

Write down six things that you think are beautiful, and explain why each thing seems beautiful to you. Use your most beautiful handwriting.

### ENDING THE CLASS.

Encourage all the children to tidy up and put away the things they have been using. If there is any rubbish it should be put in a rubbish container, for disposal. Thank the children for working so well. You are proud of them. Can they remember the words they learnt at the beginning of the class? Let's say them together. The children can then say the words to the adults and show their work.

BEAUTY. Group A. Oh dear! I forgot to draw some flowers and leaves. Can you see where they are missing and draw them?

Then colour your picture.

