

BAHÁ'Í CHILDREN'S CLASS LESSONS

34. LIGHT

(adapted from Wellspring)

Welcome the children to the class. Have them sitting quietly before they begin by having one or two children say a prayer.

“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illumine the whole earth.” Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 267.

Say these words several times to memorise them.

The Báb tells us that every light is generated by God and that through this light our hearts are illumined and our steps made firm. When a light shines we are able to see and we can see where we are going. When our hearts are illumined we can understand and follow God's teachings. So there are two ways of thinking about light. One way is to think about physical light like the light of the sun, or the light of the street lamps. The other kind of light is an idea. It means many things but it describes good things like knowledge, unity, and love. The opposite idea would be the idea of the darkness of ignorance, separation and hate.

Here are some sentences about light. Can you find the right words to finish them?

The earth is illumined (lit up) by the light of the ____.

We are filled with hope when we say we can see the light at the end of the _____.

Ignorance is replaced by the light of _____.

The night is illumined by the light of the ____.

The _____ that twinkle in the night sky are very distant suns.

If we light a _____, cold and darkness will be driven off.

Hatred, prejudice and war will be driven off by the light of _____.

The light of a person's soul shines in their _____.

Lies will be driven away by the light of _____.

(sun, tunnel, knowledge, moon, stars, fire, unity, eyes, truth.)

We sometimes say that God is the Light of the world. His Messengers are like perfect mirrors and reflect that light to the people of the world. We need to be like mirrors too, and reflect the light of the love of God. This means that God loves us and so we must love other people, who are all the children of God.

GROUP A

Draw lots of lights in the sky. What lights can we draw? – sun, moon and lots and lots of stars.

GROUP B and GROUP C

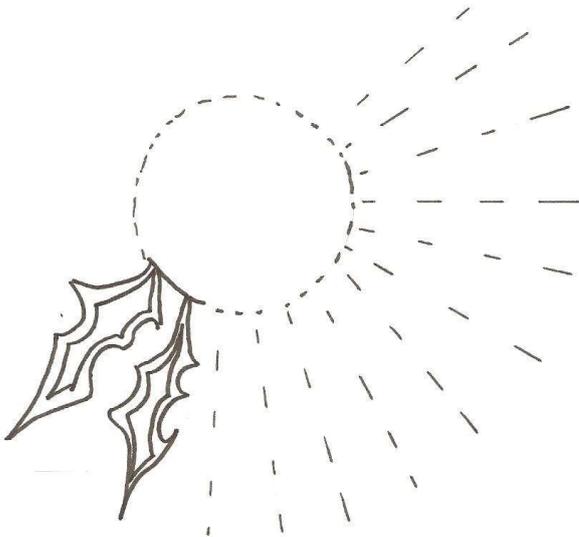
Give each child a photo copy of the secret code. Have the children sort out the secret code. Then write out the Hidden Word in your best writing. Decorate the word LIGHT to make it special.

TO FINISH

Revise the words learnt at the beginning of the class. Can we all say them together?

Tidy up and leave the room in good order. This week let us try to reflect the Light of God. Then we will be mirrors of the Light!

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LIGHT. Group A. Draw one sun, one moon and lots of stars.



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LIGHT. (Adapted from Wellspring) Groups B and C.

**Did you ever wonder if you are a worthwhile person
or if God loves you?
That's one thing you should *never* question!**

Use the secret code to find out what Bahá'u'lláh said about this:
(write the correct letters in the space above the symbols)

| KEY | |
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| B = | ⊙ |
| C = | ⊕ |
| D = | ✱ |
| E = | ☞ |
| F = | ◆ |
| G = | → |
| H = | ★ |
| I = | ☆ |
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| P = | ☆ |
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| R = | ✚ |
| S = | ⊗ |
| T = | ✓ |
| U = | ✂ |
| W = | × |

“O ⊗ □ ■ OF MAN!

With the hands of ☆ □ × ☞ ✚ I made thee and with

the fingers of ⊗ ✓ ✚ ☞ ■ → ✓ ★ I created thee; and

within thee have I placed the essence of my ● ☆ → ★ ✓.

Be thou ⊕ □ ■ ✓ ☞ ■ ✓ with it and seek naught else,

for My work is ☆ ☞ ✚ ◆ ☞ ⊕ ✓ and My command is

binding. ✱ ✂ ☞ ⊗ ✓ ☆ □ ■ it not, nor have a

✱ □ ✂ ⊕ ✓ thereof.”

Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words, Arabic #12

