

# RUHI INSTITUTE • BOOK 3 • TEACHING CHILDREN'S CLASSES GRADE 1

## Passages for Memorization

### UNIT 1 • SOME PRINCIPLES OF BAHÁ'Í EDUCATION

#### SECTION 1

*By studying the following quotations of Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá you will begin to appreciate your work as a teacher of children's class teacher. It will help you to memorize these words and have them always in mind when you teach.*

Blessed is that teacher who shall arise to instruct the children...

*Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í Education • p. 9*

Among the greatest of all services that can possibly be rendered by man to Almighty God is the education and training of children....

*'Abdu'l-Bahá • Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá • no. 106 • p. 133*

According to the explicit divine Text, teaching the children is indispensable and obligatory. It followeth that teachers are servants of the Lord God, since they have arisen to perform this task, which is the same as worship. You must therefore offer praise with each breath, for you are educating your spiritual children.

*'Abdu'l-Bahá • Bahá'í Education • p. 33*

#### SECTION 4

*Now, memorize the above words of Bahá'u'lláh...*

Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.

*Bahá'u'lláh • Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh • CXXIII • p. 260*

#### SECTION 8

*Read and memorize the following words of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Whoso ariseth among you to teach the Cause of his Lord, let him, before all else, teach his own self, that his speech may attract the hearts of them that hear him.

*Bahá'u'lláh • Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh • CXXVIII • p. 277*

## SECTION 10

*Memorize the following words of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Let God be your fear, O people, and be ye of them that tread the path of righteousness.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CXXVIII · p. 275*

## UNIT 2 · LESSONS FOR CHILDREN'S CLASSES GRADE 1

### LESSON 1

*...you may help them memorize the following prayer in the way that was explained in Sections 2 and 3:*

O God, guide me, protect me, make of me a shining lamp and a brilliant star. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

*'Abdu'l-Bahá · Bahá'í Prayers · p. 37*

*To help ourselves live in unity, let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

So powerful is the light of unity that it can illumine the whole earth.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CXXXII · p. 288*

### LESSON 2

*To help keep our hearts pure, let us memorize this quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

O Son of Spirit! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart...

*Bahá'u'lláh · The Hidden Words · Arabic no. 1*

### LESSON 3

*In order to help us be just, let us memorize this quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Tread ye the path of justice, for this, verily, is the straight path.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CXVIII · p. 250*

### LESSON 4

*The children can spend seven classes learning this prayer...*

O Thou kind Lord! I am a little child, exalt me by admitting me to the kingdom. I am earthly, make me heavenly; I am of the world below, let me belong to the realm above; gloomy, suffer me to become radiant; material, make me spiritual, and grant that I may manifest Thine infinite bounties. Thou art the Powerful, the All-Loving.

*'Abdu'l-Bahá · Bahá'í Prayers · pp. 36-37*

*In order to help us love all of humanity, let us memorize this quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

O Friend! In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love...

*Bahá'u'lláh · The Hidden Words · Persian no. 3*

## **LESSON 5**

*To help us become servants of humanity, let us memorize this quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CXVII · p. 250*

## **LESSON 6**

*Let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Truthfulness is the foundation of all human virtues.

*Bahá'u'lláh · cited in The Advent of Divine Justice · p. 26*

## **LESSON 7**

*In order to help remember this, let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Supremely lofty will be thy station, if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CXV · p. 246*

## **LESSON 8**

*To help us be humble before God, let us memorize the following quotation:*

O Son of Man! Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee.

*Bahá'u'lláh · The Hidden Words · Arabic no. 42*

## LESSON 9

*Let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas · p. 71*

## LESSON 10

*To help us remember this quality of honesty, let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Beautify your tongues, O people, with truthfulness, and adorn your souls with the ornament of honesty.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CXXXVI · p. 297*

## LESSON 11

*Beginning with this lesson and continuing through the next four lessons the children will be memorizing a new prayer.*

O my Lord! O my Lord! I am a child of tender years. Nourish me from the breast of Thy mercy, train me in the bosom of Thy love, educate me in the school of Thy guidance and develop me under the shadow of Thy bounty. Deliver me from darkness, make me a brilliant light; free me from unhappiness, make me a flower of the rose garden; suffer me to become a servant of Thy threshold and confer upon me the disposition and nature of the righteous; make me a cause of bounty to the human world and crown my head with the diadem of eternal life. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Seer, the Hearer.

*'Abdu'l-Bahá · Bahá'í Prayers · pp. 37-38*

*In order to remember to be generous, let us memorize this quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

To give and be generous are attributes of Mine; well it is with him that adorneth himself with My virtues.

*Bahá'u'lláh · The Hidden Words · Persian no. 49*

## LESSON 12

*To remember this, let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

Blessed is he who mingleth with all men in a spirit of utmost kindness and love.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh · CLVI · p. 334*

### **LESSON 13**

*To remember this, let us memorize the following words of Bahá'u'lláh:*

The sign of love is fortitude under My decree and patience under My trials.

*Bahá'u'lláh · The Hidden Words · Arabic no. 48*

### **LESSON 14**

*Let us memorize the following quotation of Bahá'u'lláh:*

O Son of Being! My love is My stronghold; he that entereth therein is safe and secure, and he that turneth away shall surely stray and perish.

*Bahá'u'lláh · Hidden Words · Arabic no. 9*

### **LESSON 15**

*To help us remember to turn to God, let us memorize the following quotation:*

Put your trust in God, and commit your affairs to His keeping.

*Bahá'u'lláh · cited in The Advent of Divine Justice · p. 82*