

## Lesson #16: Nature

### OPENING

**Teacher:** Remind children: 1) sit quietly, rest their arms in a position that they feel most comfortable 2) lower their faces to listen to the prayer. Explain when you pray, you have to show respect to God because you are talking to Him. Explain the Obligatory Prayer.

Recite opening prayer:

**“I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee. I testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might, to my poverty and to Thy wealth. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.”**  
—Bahá’u’lláh

- Ask the children if any of them know a prayer by heart that they could recite for the class.

### LESSON – NATURE

**O God! Educate these children. These children are the plants of Thine orchard, the flowers of Thy meadow, the roses of Thy garden. Let Thy rain fall upon them; let the Sun of Reality shine upon them with Thy love. Let Thy breeze refresh them in order that they may be trained, grow and develop, and appear in the utmost beauty. Thou art the Giver. Thou art the Compassionate.**

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

What does this quote mean?

- Children are the plants of Thine orchard
- The roses of Thy garden
- Let Thy rain fall upon them
- Let the Sun of Reality shine upon them with Thy love
- Thy breeze refresh them in order that they may be trained, grow and develop
- Appear in the utmost beauty

## **LESSON: Nature**

- What is nature? Physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, and other features and products of the earth, (no humans or human creations)
- Everyone give an example of nature.
- Who created nature?
- What is our environment?
- Should we take care of our environment and nature?
- What does recycle mean?
- What is the difference between the trash bin and the recycle bin?

### **Learning how to help Nature**

- Should you recycle a plastic cup? Recycle can of soda?
- Should you throw trash on the grass? No littering.
- What if a present is wrapped in paper and you throw it in the trash?
- Should you throw a plastic water bottle in the recycle bin?
- What do you do with an old magazine you don't want anymore?
- Which is better for the environment: walking or driving a car?
- What are other examples of helping nature

### **SINGING TIME**

Son of Spirit

Love, Love, Love

This Little Light of Mine

Busy Hands

If You're Happy and You Know It

**Activity** - Provide pot, soil and seed to grow a plant.

### **END CLASS:**

Someone says a closing prayer. **“He is God! O God my God! Bestow upon me a pure heart, like unto a pearl. - ‘Abdu’l-Bahá**