

## **Lesson 2 – Obedience**

### **OPENING**

**Teacher:** Instructs everyone to sit quietly, rest their arms in a position that they feel most comfortable and lower their faces to listen to the prayer. Reminding them that when they pray, you have to show respect to God.

Recite opening prayer:

**"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."**

- Ask the children whether any of them know a prayer by heart that they could recite for the class.
- Review of the following prayer
  - Give cards and ask them to work together to make quote

**"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**

**"O Son of Spirit! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting." – Bahá'u'lláh**

- Review song:

### **My First Counsel**

**O Son of Spirit!  
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**My first counsel is this  
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**Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart  
That thine may be a sovereignty  
Ancient, imperishable and everlasting  
Ancient, imperishable.**

## **TODAY'S LESSON**

**Teacher:** Today's Lesson is "Obedience."

- What is obedience?
- Why is it important? Safety reasons, don't drive your parents crazy
- Who are you obedient to? Parents, Teachers.
- Who are your parents obedient to?
- God wants you to be obedient, all of us

To help keep our hearts pure, let us memorize this quotation from Bahá'u'lláh. First read it to the class then follow up with dialogue to explain certain words noted below.

**"Observe My commandments, for the love of My beauty." - Baha'u'llah,**

### **ACTIVITY:**

#### 1. Tea Party

- Tea Party must be organized and everyone must listen and obey to enjoy the tea party. You must obey the rules of the party.
  - Sit quietly.
  - Wait to be served.
  - Offer food when it is your turn.
- Provide trays of food for each person to share (1 gummy bear for example, 1 strawberry).

#### 2. Have kids paint heart made from clay.

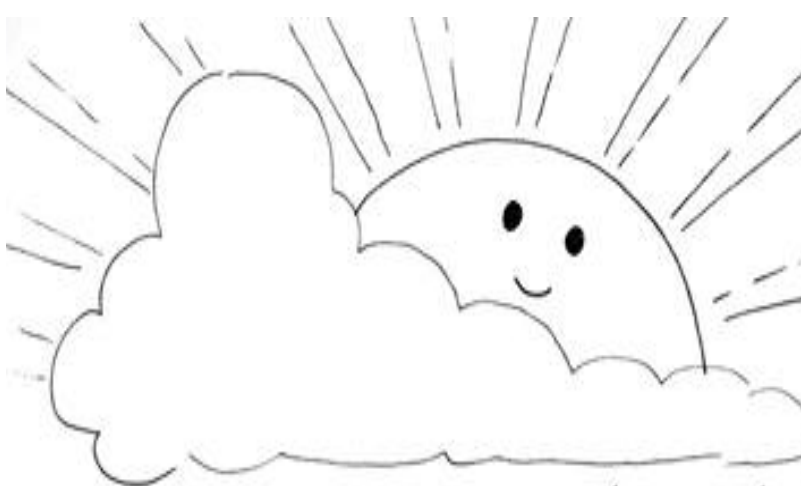
#### 3. Color picture #1 (if time)

### **END CLASS:**

Remind Children that the class was about being Obedient. Ask them for an example of being Obedient. Talk about the Tea Party, what went right and what went wrong and how Obedience plays a big part in running the Tea Party successfully.

Someone says a closing prayer. Ask Children to settle down and bow their heads. Remind them that the quote talks about a Pure Heart:

**"He is God! O God my God! Bestow upon me a pure heart, like unto a pearl. - 'Abdu'l-Bahá**



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-Abdu'l-Bahá-



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## Resource Material for Lesson 2 – Obedience

### **Activity 1:**

#### Index Cards

- Colorful index cards work better than plain white
- Magic marker to write on cards

### **Activity 2**

#### Clay Heart

- Washable paint for painting the heart once it dries
- Paint brushes
- Plastic paper to cover flooring
- Aprons for children if available

### **Activity 4:**

- Tea Set
- Fruit and snacks for children to share
- Napkins
- Fruit choice instead of tea

### **Activity 4:**

- Crayons, Markers or Color Pencils