

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Spiritual Education of Children Program is a spiritual and intellectual education program taught by trained volunteers designed for children ages 4-10 of all faiths and denominations (activities for youth and adults are also available, all at no cost). The mission of the program is to establish a strong spiritual foundation within each child.

The program is offered through weekly children's classes often held in your neighborhood. The classes usually last an hour to an hour-and-a-half, and include songs with positive messages, spiritually empowering prayers and quotations, virtue stories and concepts, cooperative games, and arts and crafts.



“These children are the plants of Thine orchard, the flowers of Thy meadow, the roses of Thy garden. Let Thy rain fall upon them...in order that they may... develop and appear in the utmost beauty...”

## CHILDREN'S CLASS LESSON THEMES

### Truthfulness

“Truthfulness is the foundation of all human virtues.”

### Obedience to Parents

“Be obedient and kind to thy father and mother...”

### Justice

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

### Prayer

“O God, Guide me, protect me, make of me a shining lamp and a brilliant star.”

### Unity

“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

### Love

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

### Selflessness

“Blessed is he who prefereth his brother before himself.”

## ACTIVITIES

Virtue Stories \* Songs with Positive Messages \* Drama \* Poetry \* Arts and Crafts \* Cooperative Games \* Spiritually Empowering Prayers and Quotations

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### SPIRITUAL EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PROGRAM

#### SIGN-UP FORM

Parent/Guardian First & Last Name

Address

City/State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

# of Children / Youth

Ages

I'm also interested in teaching or assisting with classes: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No.

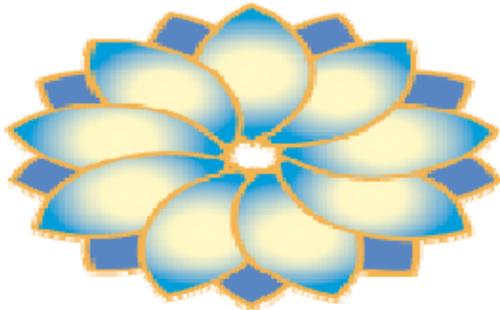
“...the heart and essential foundation of all education is spiritual and moral training.”

Detach and mail or call:

## WHY IS THE SPIRITUAL EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IMPORTANT?

“We are witnessing high and rising rates of depression, anxiety, attention deficit, conduct disorders, thoughts of suicide, and other serious mental, emotional, and behavioural problems among U.S children and adolescents.

In large measure, what’s causing this crisis of American childhood is a lack of connectedness. We mean two kinds of connectedness—close connections to other people, and deep connections to moral and spiritual meaning.” —Hardwired to Connect: A report by the Institute of American Values, the YMCA of the USA, and Dartmouth Medical School.



The Spiritual Education of Children Program focuses on the elimination of all forms of prejudice, friendship and fellowship, kindness, virtues, the “Golden Rule” and service to humanity.

## WHO ARE THE BAHÁ'ÍS?

The Spiritual Education of Children Program is a free program offered in your neighborhood, sponsored by the Bahá'í Community, taught by trained volunteers, and based on the Bahá'í Teachings of love, unity, and the Oneness of Humanity.

The Bahá'í Faith Community is a worldwide community whose purpose is to unite all the races and religions of the world. Bahá'ís believe that there is only one God, who created us all in order to know and love Him. Bahá'ís believe that the great religions of the world teach the same truth, primarily, the “Golden Rule,” and that the only difference between them are that they appeared at a different time in the history of humanity, to educate people according to the needs and conditions of that time.

“To be a Bahá'í simply means to love all the world; to love humanity and try to serve it...”



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“O God! Educate these children...”

