

Lesson Plan

KS1

Lesson 1, part 2

Lesson title: What Bahá'ís believe about God (Part 2)

Relevant syllabus area: Theology, Key Stage 1, "What do Bahá'ís believe about God?"

Learning objective:

In this lesson, the children will start learning about what Bahá'í's believe God is like.

At the start of the lesson, the class will watch a video. After the video, there will be a series of activities to help the children understand its content. At the end of the lesson, the children will watch the video again and have a class discussion about it. Watching the video a second time and discussing it will help the children review what they have learned during the lesson.

Resources needed:

- The PowerPoint file and the audio/visual equipment necessary to present it.
- Access to the internet to play the video that is linked to in the PowerPoint Slide Show. The video is called "Bahá'í Beliefs: What is God like?"

Estimated time for the lesson:

30 minutes.

Instructions:

- 1. The slide number is written on the top right of the screen.
- 2. Follow the corresponding narrative and directions for each slide. The narrative for the presenter is in quotes. Everything outside the quotes are directions for the presenter to follow.



The resources for this lesson plan are available at

www.BahaiLifeEnjoyLife.org/classroom-resources

Slide

Introduction: "In this lesson, we are going to learn more about the Bahá'í Faith. We are going to learn what Bahá'ís think God is like. We'll start by watching a video."

Press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

Video: Click the button to watch the video on YouTube. After watching the video, return to the PowerPoint. Then, press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

Seeing a real prism: Show the children a real glass prism. Then shine some light through it so the colours it creates shine on a wall. This will show the children how the prism changes the light that passes through it into different colours. Natural sunlight is great for this. If you don't have a prism use a class of water.

Then explain to the children that Bahá'ís believe the light of God is like this. That it can shine through everyone in many ways as we practice our positive qualities, like being kind, being honest, sharing and being joyful.

Press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

Activity 1 - drawing a picture: "Bahá'ís believe that they can look at nature and think about how wonderful God must be because He created it.". Then instruct the children to draw a picture of nature, for example, a river, a flower, a tree or sunrise, the ocean or a mountain. After they have finished their picture, invite the children to show what they have drawn to the class. Then, press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

Learning a new word: "There was a new word in the video. Is was "attribute". An attribute of something describes what it is like. Baha'is believe God has many attributes. For example, Baha'is believe that God is all-knowing, all-loving and all-powerful. Let's have a discussion and see if we can figure out what each one of these attributes means."

Press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

6

Activity 3, part 1: Ask the children what they think "all-knowing" means. If they can't figure it out, explain what it means.

Press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

7

Activity 3, part 2: Ask the children what they think "all-loving" means. If they can't figure it out, explain what it means.

Press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide

8

Activity 3, part 3: Ask the children what they think "all-powerful" means. If they can't figure it out, explain what it means.

Press the spacebar or click for the next slide.

Slide



Activity 4 - guess the missing word: "Bahá'ís are the followers of Bahá'u'lláh. He has written many books. Baha'is believe that these books are special and read from them every day. Here is something that Bahá'u'lláh wrote. Can you guess the missing word?"

This writing is in the video and the missing word is "light". When one of the children says the missing word, press the spacebar or click to reveal it. Then, proceed to the next slide.

Slide



Activity 5 - review: "Now, we are going to watch the video again. After watching it we are going have a class discussion about it. So pay attention."

Play the video again by clicking the button. After watching the video, return to the PowerPoint. Then, have a class discussion about the video. Ask the children what they liked about the video and what they have learned about the Bahá'í Faith.

