

Lesson Plan

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Lesson 3

Lesson title: The Golden Rule

Relevant syllabus area: Theology, Key Stage 1, "What is the Golden Rule for Bahá'ís?"

Learning objective:

In this lesson, the children will learn about the Golden Rule which is present in all world religions. They will also learn about how this rule is presented in the Bahá'í writings.

This lesson is done through PowerPoint slides and activities for the children.

Resources needed:

- The PowerPoint file and the audio/visual equipment necessary to present it.
- Lesson 3 Activity Worksheet 1.
- Lesson 3 Activity Worksheet 2.

Estimated time for the lesson:

20 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.



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Introduction: "In this lesson, we are going to learn about the Golden Rule that is in all religions. We will also learn about how this rule is explained in the Bahá'í writings."

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What is a rule? "So, what is a rule? Well, a rule is something that helps to keep everyone safe and happy. Rules also help things to work well." Proceed to the next slide.

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Class discussion, part 1: "For example, there are rules for recycling. Can you think of any of the rules for recycling?" After the children name a few of the rules for recycling, ask them what would happen if people didn't obey these rules. Then proceed to the next slide.

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Class discussion, part 2: "Can you think of some rules for crossing the road?" See if the children know what some of the rules for crossing the road are. If they can't remember any, explain some to them. Ask them what might happen if people didn't obey these rules. Proceed to the next slide.

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The Golden Rule, Part 1: "All religions tell us how important it is to be kind and to take care of each other. This is called the Golden Rule: treat others as you would like to be treated. Every religion has writings about this rule. Here are some examples from Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, and Judaism". Proceed to the next slide.

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Class discussion: Ask the children what they think about the Golden Rule? Ask them what they think it means. Help them understand what it means. Ask them if they think this rule helps to keep everyone safe and happy? Ask them about what they think happens when people don't obey the Golden Rule. After the discussion, proceed to the next slide.

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The Golden Rule, Part 2: "The Golden Rule is also in the holy writings of the Bahá'í Faith". Read the writing on the PowerPoint slide and then proceed to the next slide.

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Preparation for activity 1: "Now, I am going to show you that writing from the Baha'i Faith again. If you know the missing word put your hand up.". Proceed to the next slide.

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Activity 1: When a student says the correct word, click to reveal it. Then proceed to the next slide.

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Review: "All the religions agree that we should be kind to everyone and that we should treat others as we would like to be treated. This is called the Golden Rule."

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Activity 2: Give the children a copy of both Lesson 3 activity worksheets. In the first worksheet, tell them to draw a picture of what happens when people don't obey the golden rule; for example, what happens when people are mean and unkind to each other. In the second worksheet, instruct the children to draw a picture of what happens when we obey the Golden Rule - when people are kind and care about each other.

