

LESSON 21

A. Reciting and memorizing prayers

Following the opening prayers, the students should continue memorizing the prayer presented in Lesson 18.

B. Songs (including a review of previous songs)

Siyahamba

D G D
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
A D
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
D G D
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
A D
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

G D
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
A7 D D7
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
G D
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
A7 D
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching
We are marching, marching
We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching
We are marching, marching
We are marching in the light of God

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Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

We are singing as one family
We are singing as one family
We are singing as one family
We are singing as one family

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

C. Memorizing quotations

In today's class the children will memorize a quotation about radiance, which you can introduce in the following way:

The light of the love of God never ceases to illumine our hearts. As this light grows brighter and brighter, the warmth of our love and kindness becomes ever stronger. And those around us can feel the warmth of our love through our joyful and kind deeds and our bright and shining faces. They feel drawn to the glow that lights up our hearts. To help us remember the importance of the quality of radiance, let us memorize the following quotation:

“O Son of Being! Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee. Get thou from it thy radiance and seek none other than Me.”³⁰

Radiance

1. Sometimes, when we leave a dark room and go outside, we have to cover our eyes until they get used to the bright light. We have to shield our eyes from the radiance of the sun.
2. Mrs. Santos loves everyone like her own family. She is always generous, kind and helpful towards others. The love in her heart is felt by all the people she meets, bringing them joy. Everyone is touched by her radiance.

Seek

1. When a baby bird hatches, the mother will look for food to feed it. The mother bird will seek food for the new chick.
2. The school invited all the students on a special outing. In order to attend, they needed their parents' permission. All the students were asked to seek approval from their parents to go on the outing.

D. Story

Dorothy Baker was a noble and distinguished lady and one of the great figures of the Bahá'í Faith. When she was a young girl, she had the honor of meeting 'Abdu'l-Bahá during His travels in the West. She was so drawn to His radiance and love that she longed to follow in His footsteps.

It was Dorothy's grandmother, Ellen Beecher, who took her to meet 'Abdu'l-Bahá. Arriving at a house that she had never been to before, Dorothy entered a room in which many people were talking quietly and reverently while waiting for 'Abdu'l-Bahá to speak. 'Abdu'l-Bahá smiled at Mrs. Beecher as they came in the room and motioned to the young Dorothy to sit near Him. Dorothy was a very shy child. Without looking up from the floor, she carefully walked past the people who were sitting around Him to reach the footstool near His feet.

While 'Abdu'l-Bahá spoke, she sat with her eyes down, staring at her black shoes. He did not look at her, and she did not have the courage to look at Him. Dorothy was nervous and continued looking down, afraid of the unknown. But gradually she relaxed, and soon her fear was gone. A feeling of deep longing had come over her. She was filled by a strong desire for her soul to be lost in the greatness of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's love. She was touched by His radiance, wrapped in the warmth of His presence.

Dorothy's fear had been replaced by a greater force. She could not imagine being separated from 'Abdu'l-Bahá for even one moment. His loving eyes seemed to speak to her, telling her of the spiritual worlds of God. His radiance was magnetic. Without even realizing that she had moved, Dorothy found herself turned in His direction, with her elbows on her knees and her chin in her hands, gazing at 'Abdu'l-Bahá's luminous face.

Dorothy could not remember what 'Abdu'l-Bahá spoke about that day. All she could remember was His kind face, His melodious voice, and the warmth of His presence. The love she had in her heart was so strong that at last she decided to write a letter to 'Abdu'l-Bahá. In her letter, she begged Him to let her serve Him and the Cause of His Father, Bahá'u'lláh. In His answer to Dorothy, 'Abdu'l-Bahá praised her goal, assured her of God's bounties, and expressed the hope that she would succeed in her desire. And, indeed, Dorothy dedicated her entire life to serving God and humanity.

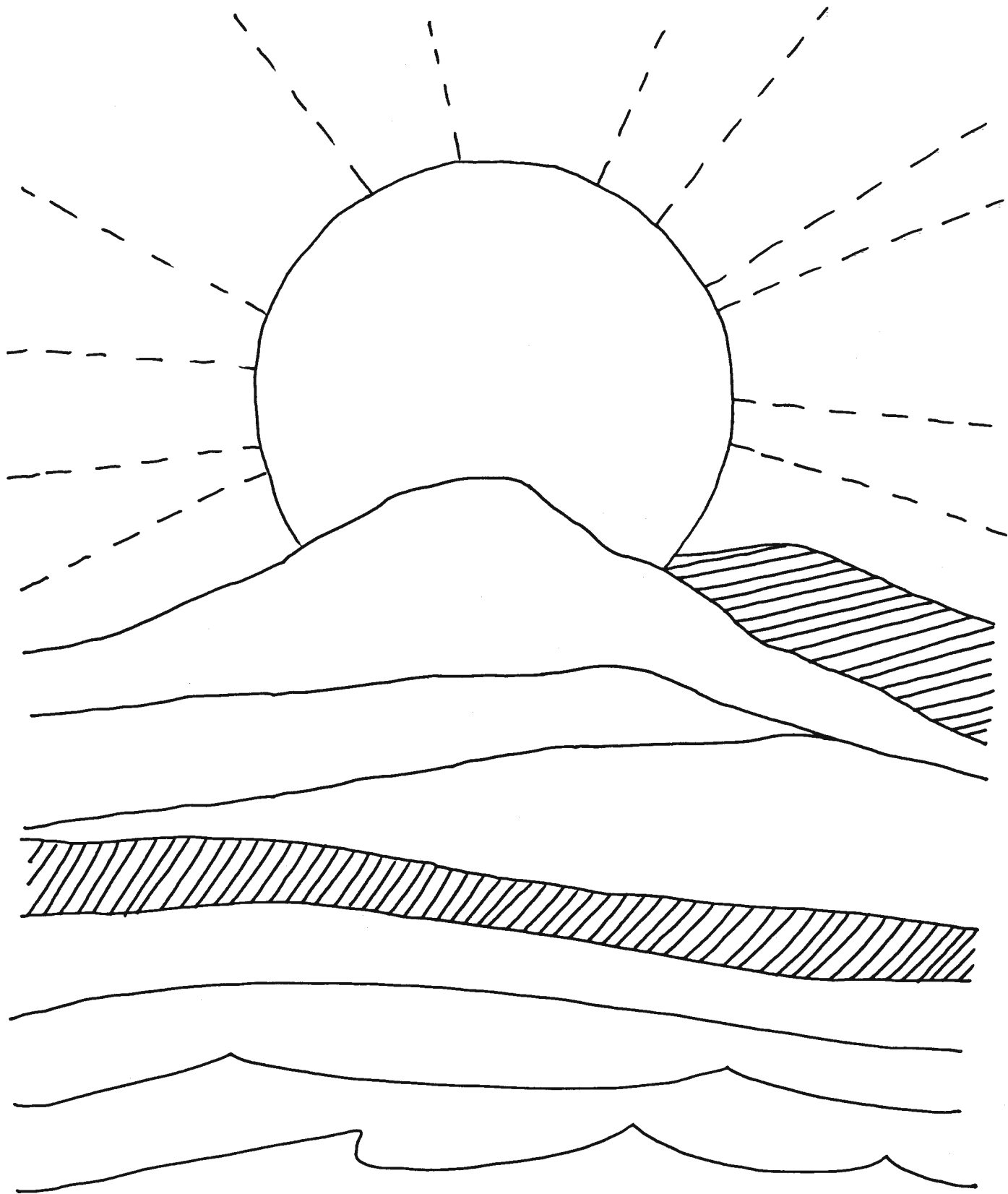
E. Game: “Two Way Copy”

Divide the children into pairs, each child facing his or her partner. Now ask one child in each pair to begin moving, while the other child mirrors his or her movements. After a few

minutes, the partners can switch roles. You can also have them mirror facial expressions rather than movements. Next, have one child in each pair stand behind the other. As the one in the front moves, the one behind should shadow his or her movements.

F. Coloring: Drawing 21

G. Closing prayers



**“O Son of Being! Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee.
Get thou from it thy radiance and seek none other than Me.”**