

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 behavioral problems among U.S. children and adolescents.

We are using medications and psychotherapies. We are designing more and more special programs for “at risk” children. These approaches are necessary. But they are not enough. Why? Because programs of individual risk-assessment and treatment seldom encourage us, and can even prevent us, from recognizing as a society the broad environmental conditions that are contributing to growing numbers of suffering children.”

*Hardwired to Connect**

What is CAUSING THE CRISIS?

“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.”

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The Bahá'í Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all the people of the world in one universal Cause and one common family. Bahá'ís believe that there is only one God, the Creator of all things Who created us to know and love Him. Bahá'ís establish spiritual communities based on love, justice, and unity open to all.

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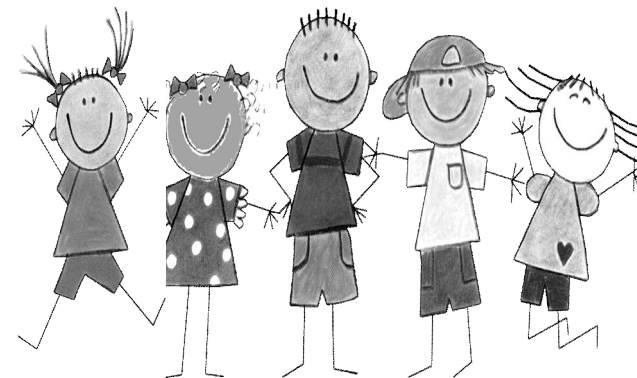
“To be a Bahá'í simply means to love all the world; to love humanity and try to serve it; to work for universal peace and universal brotherhood.” -Bahá'í Writings



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The Spiritual Education Of Children Program



“...the heart and essential foundation of all education is spiritual and moral training.”
-Bahá'í Writings

Spiritual Education of Children Program

The Spiritual Education of Children Program is a spiritual and intellectual education program designed for children ages 6-10 of all faiths and denominations. The mission of the Program is to establish a strong spiritual character and moral foundation within each child.

The program is offered through weekly children's classes often held in your neighborhood. The class lessons include; songs with positive messages, spiritually empowering prayers and quotations, morals stories, cooperative games, arts and crafts.



“Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can alone cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.”

-Bahá'í Writings

Children's Classes Lesson Themes Examples

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 illumine the whole Earth.”

Love

“O Friend! In the garden of thy heart plant nothing but the rose of love.”

Selflessness

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

Activities

Morals Stories

Songs with Positive Messages

Drama

Arts and Crafts

Cooperative Games

Poetry

Spiritually Empowering Prayers and Quotations

Spiritual Education of Children Program Interest Form

Parent/Guardian First & Last Name

Address

City/State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email address

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Child's name and Age

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