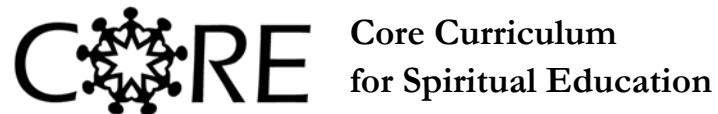


Lesson Planning Guide

The Principle of Oneness

*The Oneness of Religion
Equality of Women and Men*

Level Two



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ACTIVITY: THE CHANGELESS FAITH OF GOD

KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVE: To know from the Bahá'í writings that the foundation of all divinely revealed religions is essentially the same

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND LEARNING TOOLS: Direct use of the Bahá'í sacred writings; Use of consultation; Use of memorization; Use of the arts; Engaging the mind and heart

SUGGESTED TIME FOR ACTIVITY: 30 MIN.

Materials Needed:

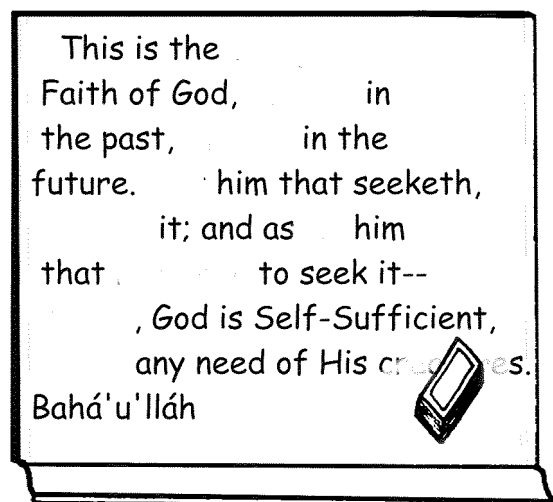
- Copies of Resource Page 74
- Chalkboard and chalk or whiteboard and markers
- Art supplies


Advance Preparation: Write the following quotation on the chalkboard, leaving room for simple drawings between the lines of text:

This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future. Let him that seeketh, attain it; and as to him that hath refused to seek it—verily, God is Self-Sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 136

1. Invite three students to read aloud the quotation, recalling that they may have read the quotation before.
2. Encourage volunteers to share their understandings of the quotation.
3. Memorize the quotation by following these steps:
 - Add simple line drawings to represent key words.
 - As a class, read the quotation aloud over and over.
 - Gradually erase every 4th word while continuing to recite the words.
 - After all the words have been erased, the quotation should be memorized.
 - Encourage individuals to recite the memorized quotation if they wish.
4. Provide all students with a copy of Resource Page 74 and invite them to beautify or illuminate the quotation.
5. Encourage the students to think of a person to whom they could offer this illuminated quotation as a gift before the next class.
6. Remember to invite them to share the responses to their gifts at the next class.





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