

# CREATIVE COMMEMORATIONS

“Render thanks unto God, O people, for His appearance; for verily He is the most great Favor unto you . . .” —Bahá’u’lláh

**A**bdú’l-Bahá dedicated his life to serving humanity and sharing the Bahá’í teachings of peace, unity, and justice. His selfless service impacted the lives of nearly everyone he met, and his boundless love touched the hearts of people around the world.

This year marks 100 years after the passing of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá on November 28, 1921. Bahá’ís and friends around the globe will reflect on his life and celebrate his inspiring example. Here are some ideas for joyfully honoring him with friends, family, and neighbors.

## STORIES OF SERVICE



Before the event, select stories about ‘Abdu’l-Bahá to share.\* Write different virtues (such as friendship or justice) on slips of paper and place in bowl.

At the event, three people each choose a slip of paper from bowl and read it aloud. Then read one of the stories about ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. As a large group, see if you can find examples of the selected virtues in the story. Repeat with new virtues and a new story.

## INSPIRATION EXCHANGE

Ask guests to find a quote from ‘Abdu’l-Bahá that inspires them and write it on a notecard. Everyone reads their quote and briefly explains why it inspires them.

Trade quote cards with a neighbor. Spend 10–15 minutes decorating your neighbor’s card with colored pencils and markers. Share artwork with group, then return quote to its original owner as a keepsake.



## GLOWING LANTERNS

Cut four 4" x 6" rectangles of construction paper. Trim top of rectangles to form a decorative arch shape. Cut a window in center of each sheet, leaving a ½" margin.

Glue colorful tissue paper to back side of each window. Tape long edges of rectangles together to form lantern. Place an electric tea candle inside to illumine your celebrations.



## TERRIFIC TILE ART



Give each guest a 5" x 5" canvas or cardboard square. Everyone uses masking tape to create geometric designs on squares. Paint or color spaces between lines of masking tape, filling areas completely.

When dry, remove tape to reveal patterns. Hang tiles on wall to create a community mural.



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