

LOVING REMEMBRANCE

“This is the hour when ye must associate with all the earth’s peoples in extreme kindness and love, and be to them the signs and tokens of God’s great mercy.” —‘Abdu’l-Bahá

‘Abdu’l-Bahá was just eight years old when His father, Bahá’u’lláh, was arrested because of His Faith. After Bahá’u’lláh was released, the family endured decades of exile and imprisonment. But whatever His circumstances, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá showed sincere love and friendship to all.

People from many faiths mourned ‘Abdu’l-Bahá when He left this world on November 28, 1921. This year, we honor the 100th anniversary of His passing. Here are some activities to celebrate His life and strengthen bonds of unity.

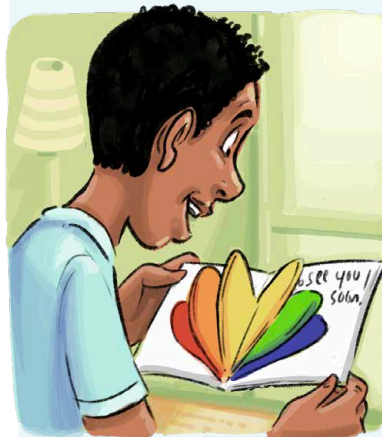
STORY STONES

Paint images such as a sun, cloud, bird, or flower on 20 clean, smooth stones. When dry, place in a container.

Divide guests into small groups. Each group thinks of two virtues they admire about ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. Everyone takes a story stone. Work together to create a story or recall meaningful experiences using the virtues and the images on stones. Then share your stories with the large group.



A POP OF LOVE



Cut five 3" hearts from colorful construction paper. Fold each in half. Glue back half of one heart to matching back half of another heart. Continue until all are connected in a 3D heart.

In center of a blank card, glue back left flap of 3D heart to left side of card. Glue back right flap of 3D heart to right side of card, so heart pops open when card unfolds. Add an uplifting quote and give to a friend.

PRAYER BOOKMARKS



Write an inspiring virtue or quote from ‘Abdu’l-Bahá on 3" x 7" cardstock. Draw patterns around border. Punch small hole at top of bookmark. Fold 4" piece of ribbon in half, and thread ends through hole. Push two ends through loop of ribbon and pull tight to secure.

FELT HEART HUGS

Cut two heart shapes from felt. Sew together or seal with fabric glue, leaving a small opening. Fill with toy stuffing, then seal the opening.

On 1" x 3" cardstock, write a quote from ‘Abdu’l-Bahá about love. Punch hole in cardstock. Thread 4" length of yarn through a needle and draw it through edge of heart. Tie ends of yarn to card and give the heart to someone you love.



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