

JOYFUL TWIN HOLY DAYS

“The holy Manifestations of God were sent down to make visible the oneness of humanity.” —‘Abdu’l-Bahá

An amazing truth in Bahá’í history is that two Manifestations of God lived on Earth at the same time! Bahá’u’lláh was born in 1817, and the Báb appeared in 1819. The Báb prepared the world for Bahá’u’lláh’s message. Bahá’u’lláh proclaimed the oneness of humanity.

These Prophets were born on consecutive days in the Muslim lunar calendar used in Their communities. This year, the Birth of the Báb is on October 26, and the Birth of Bahá’u’lláh is on October 27. Invite friends and neighbors to celebrate these joyful holy days!

ALPHABET STORY

Split guests into groups of four or five. Each group makes up one or more sentences about friendship or community building. The first word starts with “A,” and each following word starts with next letter of alphabet. For example, “A Beautiful, Creative Devotional Exists . . .”

Teams share their stories with the group. The team that creates the longest story wins.



CRACK A SMILE



Two teams form two lines, facing each other. Toss a coin to choose which team goes first. That team has 30 seconds to silently make members of the other team smile with silly faces and actions.

Any player who smiles joins the other team. After 30 seconds, teams switch roles. Play for a set amount of time or until everyone is on the same team.

STICK WITH IT



Choose an inspiring quote. Write quote on jumbo craft sticks, with a few words on each stick and ½" blank at ends. Decorate with markers.

Tie tassels of colorful yarn to a blank stick. Line up quote sticks in order above it. With a 3-ft piece of yarn, tie quote sticks together, in order. Add a yarn loop for hanging.

CARAMEL APPLE TREATS

Cut two apples into bite-sized chunks. Toss with one teaspoon lemon juice to keep from browning. Arrange mini pretzel twists on baking sheet. Place caramel or chocolate-covered caramel on each pretzel.

Bake at 250° for 3-4 minutes until caramel softens. Remove from oven. Place apple chunk on each caramel and skewer with toothpick.



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