

# Bahá'u'lláh's Life: Mission of Peace

## Our Green Island

### A Brief Timeline

#### The Life of Bahá'u'lláh

The highlighted area marks the time in which this story takes place.

**1817 November 12**

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh in Tíhrán, Iran

**1844**

Recognizes the Báb as a new Messenger of God

**1852**

Imprisonment in the "Black Pit" of Tíhrán

**1853–1863**

Exile in Baghdád, Iraq. From 1854–1856, He goes into the mountains to pray in solitude.

**1863 April 22**

Declares Divine Mission as Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith

**1863–1868**

Exile in Constantinople (Istanbul), then Adrianople (Edirne), Turkey. Begins writing letters to kings and rulers in 1867, urging world unity

**1868**

Last exile, to prison-city of 'Akká, Israel

**1877**

Finally free to live in countryside homes of Mazra'ih and then Bahjí, outside 'Akká

**1892 May 29**

Bahá'u'lláh passes away at Bahjí.

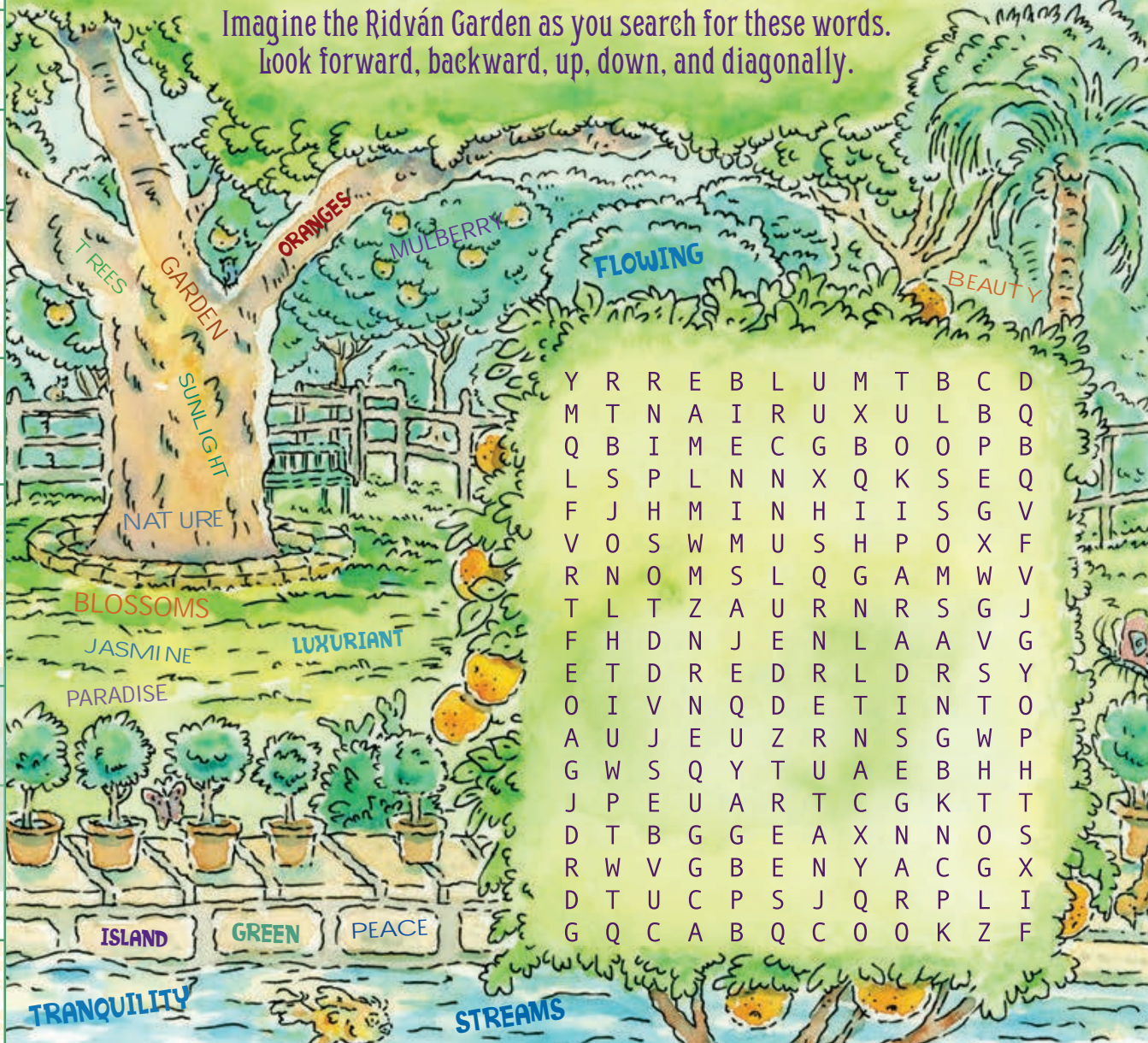
From the small window of His prison cell, Bahá'u'lláh could see a stone wall, and beyond it, the Mediterranean Sea. The sultán of Turkey had sent Him to the prison-city of 'Akká, Israel, in 1868, hoping to stop His teachings of unity. Then, after moving from the prison to a house in the city, Bahá'u'lláh had only the narrow, filthy streets of 'Akká to gaze upon.

One day, Bahá'u'lláh noted that He hadn't seen greenery in nine years. His son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, rented a garden outside of 'Akká for Him.

In 1877, Bahá'u'lláh was allowed to move to the countryside, although He was still a prisoner. He enjoyed the garden, with scents of jasmine and orange blossoms filling the air. Bahá'u'lláh named it Ridván ("Paradise"). He also called it "Our Green Island" and described "its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst."

The Ridván Garden has been restored to look as it did in Bahá'u'lláh's day. You can imagine the joy and peace of being in Bahá'u'lláh's presence in that beautiful spot.

Imagine the Ridván Garden as you search for these words. Look forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.



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