

RADIANT STARS

Getting to know kids who shine

Connect with kids around the world!
How are they like you? How are they different? Each of us has a unique story to tell. What's yours?

Lillian G.

Age: **13**

I live in: **West Virginia, U.S.**

I want to be: **Professional soccer player/soccer coach**

This career interests me because: **I love playing and coaching soccer.**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Junior youth group**

To make the world a kinder place, I'd: **Work toward ending hunger in the world**



Virtues I admire most: **Kindness and humor**

A hero or role model: **[U.S. pro soccer player] Alex Morgan**

I like to help people by: **Cheering them up . . .**

A big change I experienced: **When I started middle school. I was nervous about going to a bigger school, but I . . . made a bunch of new friends.**

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see: **If humans are living on other planets**

Nature teaches us: **Nature adapts to change. It might be difficult, but humans can learn to adapt . . . For example, during COVID-19 we learned to use masks and tried to find a cure.**

Roman W.

Age: **12**

I live in: **Oregon, U.S.**

I want to be: **An environmentalist**

This career interests me because: **I want to save our Earth.**

Virtue I admire most: **Truthfulness**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Devotions**

A hero or role model: **My amazing parents**

A favorite food: **Pizza**

What helps me with challenges: **Taking deep breaths**

A big change I experienced: **I went to Bahá'í camp, and it changed how I saw the Bahá'í Faith.**



Hobbies or sports: **I like to play the drums.**

I like to help people by: **Asking them if I can render them any service**

To make the world a kinder place, I'd: **Spread love throughout the world**

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see: **How technology has changed**

Nature teaches us: **We should learn from change and not be afraid of it.**



Jasmine A.

Age: **12**

I live in: **California, U.S.**

I want to be: **Medical doctor**

This career interests me because: **I want to help people by curing their sickness.**

Virtues I admire most: **Honesty and kindness**

Hobbies: **Drawing**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Junior youth group**

Favorite animal or pet: **Cockatiel**

A hero or role model: **[Singer and rapper] Jennie Kim**

I like to help people by: **Teaching them virtues**

What helps me with challenges: **My mom and friends**

A big change I experienced: **I got scammed on the internet, and I learned to never trust random strangers.**

To make the world a kinder place, I'd: **Be very kind to people**

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see: **World peace**

Nature teaches us: **That change can happen any time. We should accept the change and prepare . . . like ants gather food for winter.**

Alex M.

Age: 11

I live in: **Washington, U.S.**

I want to be:
A game designer

This career interests me because:
I have always loved games.

Virtue I admire most:
Kindness

Hobbies or sports: **Biking**

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Children's classes

A hero or role model:
My parents

I like to help people by:
Helping with whatever they are trying to do, for as long as it takes

To make the world a kinder place, I'd:
Make it so people could only say loving things about each other

A favorite food: **Sushi**

What helps me with challenges:
I push myself forward.

A big change I experienced:
When we moved to a different town and school. I learned that sometimes change is a good thing, even when it might seem scary.

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see:
If the world fixed the environmental crisis. Also, how my friends and family are doing.



Layli C.

Age: 9

I live in: **British Columbia, Canada**

I want to be:
A dance teacher

This career interests me because:
I love dancing.

Virtue I admire most:
Patience

Favorite Bahá'í activities:
Summer camp and children's classes. I also have a YouTube channel called Bridging Beliefs Buddies.*

I like to help people by:
Comforting, supporting, and encouraging them

A big change I experienced:
When I moved . . . I realized that changes can be good.

A hero or role model:
My mom

What helps me with challenges:
Thinking of the happiness I will have once I've achieved [my goal]

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see:
How the world has improved

Nature teaches us:
Not to fiddle and try to change things, but to see how life unravels



“God has crowned you with honor and in your hearts has He set a radiant star; verily the light thereof shall brighten the whole world!” — ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

Abbie K.

Age: 11

I live in: **Florida, U.S.**

I want to be: **A baker**

This career interests me because:
I love art and enjoy baking, so this would give me the opportunity to be artistic and creative.

Virtue I admire most:
Loyalty

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Morals class that my grandma teaches

A hero or role model:
My older brother, Sean

What helps me with challenges:
My mother

A big change I experienced:
Last year, I had to complete 5th grade as a remote student. I learned to be accommodating, flexible, and use technology.



I like to help people by:
Being there for them when they are sad and need someone to talk to

To make the world a kinder place, I'd:
Take opportunities with friends and children to bring awareness of how similar we all are even though we are all so different

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see:
What I'd become in life, the family I'd have, and how my present family is doing

Nature teaches us:
We can learn to adapt in different environments.

How to be a Radiant Star:

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2. When it's your turn to shine, we'll send you questions and a form for you and your parents to sign.
3. Answer the questions and send them to us with the signed form, along with at least two good-quality, close-up photographs of your smiling face. Photos should be in sharp focus and show your eyes clearly. Please don't send color copies, low-resolution digital images, or copyright-protected images (like school portraits).

Arman Y.

Age: 11

I live in: **Western Australia**

I want to be: **Doctor**

This career interests me because: **I want to help people.**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Youth camps**

Hobbies or sports: **Soccer, basketball, drawing**

Virtue I admire most: **Loyalty**

A hero or role model: **My parents**

I like to help people by: **Listening and trying to help solve their problem**

To make the world a kinder place, I'd: **Spread love and unity**

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see: **No more wars**

A big change I experienced: **I am a school captain and I am responsible for running assemblies. When my committee didn't help me set up, I didn't give up. I got help from my friends and got the job done.**

Nature teaches us: **To not give up. If a tree or plants die, they will grow again in the next season.**



Lua I.

Age: 9

I live in: **Illinois, U.S.**

I want to be: **A doctor or a gymnast**

This career interests me because: **I'm interested in how the body works and [in] helping people.**

Virtue I admire most: **Truthfulness**

Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Going to gatherings with my family or going to children's classes. I love the stories, the drama, and singing prayers.**

A hero or role model: **My Grandma Shoori, because she lived through some hard times in Iran as a Bahá'í and I want to know how she did that.**



I like to help people by: **I like to help my aunt and uncle by watching their kids when they are tired. Playing with kids is fun, and it makes me feel responsible.**

What helps me with challenges: **My mom and my dad**

A big change I experienced: **When my little sister was born. I learned how to help those smaller than me, [and] to be generous, as I shared many things with her.**

Maya S.

Age: 9

I live in: **Virginia, U.S.**

I want to be: **An actor or work in marketing**

This career interests me because: **I love to be on stage, and I love to create and come up with ways to advertise a product.**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Children's classes**

A hero or role model: **My mom and dad**

Places I'd love to visit: **Paris, Australia, and Africa**

A favorite food: **Sushi**

I like to help people by: **Caring for [their] feelings, making sure they're not hurt**

What helps me with challenges: **Music calms me down.**

A big change I experienced: **One time, I lied to my parents. The pain in my heart was so big that I learned never to lie again.**

To make the world a kinder place, I'd: **Fight for equal rights for all**

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see: **Peace and unity**

Nature teaches us: **That change is good and there is nothing to be scared of**



Ariana A.

Age: 8

I live in: **Washington, U.S.**

I want to be: **Lawyer**

This career interests me because: **[I want] to help innocent people.**

Virtue I admire most: **Loyalty**

Hobbies or sports: **Gymnastics**

Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Ayyám-i-Há***

Favorite animal or pet: **My dog, Raven**

Place I'd love to visit: **Paris**

I like to help people by: **Donating to those in need**

What helps me with challenges: **My family**

A hero or role model: **[Gymnast] Simone Biles**



A favorite book: **Percy Jackson and the Olympians series**

A big change I experienced: **When COVID-19 started, I couldn't see a lot of my friends, so I realized how important they are to me.**

To make the world a kinder place, I'd: **Teach little kids how to make the world a kinder place**

If I could visit the future, I'd like to see: **How my family has changed**