

BUILD SINCERE FRIENDSHIPS

“Our efforts can only succeed when we learn to build relationships with each other based on sincere friendship, regard, and trust . . .” —National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the U.S.

Imagine a world with no injustice or disunity. All people act as one human family. Doesn’t that sound wonderful? How do we create it?

An important step is to cure the disease of racism. In a letter to the U.S. in 1938, Shoghi Effendi called racial prejudice “the most vital and challenging issue” and said its “urgency and importance . . .

cannot be overestimated.” This is still our reality today.

We can help by building bonds of true friendship with diverse people. Invite friends and neighbors to come together for prayers, conversation, and games. If it’s not safe to meet in person because of the coronavirus pandemic, plan a virtual gathering and have fun with these activities.

SNAPSHOT STORIES



Everyone brings a photo of a joyful memory. Each person has two minutes to share their photo and the story behind it.

When time is up, group members talk about virtues or insights from the story, or they ask questions to get to know the storyteller better.

TOUR GUIDE

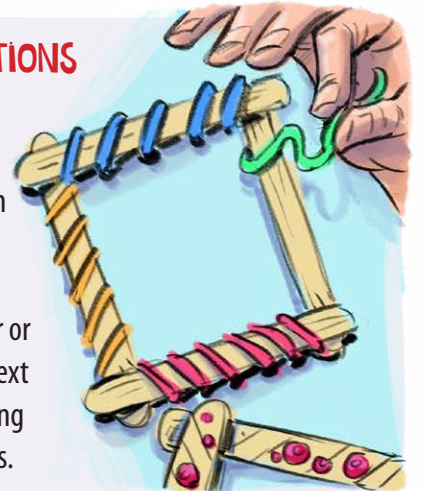
During a video chat, each person gives a tour of a space that they would like to share, like their room, bookshelf, or backyard. A virtual visit is a great way to get to know each other and feel more connected.



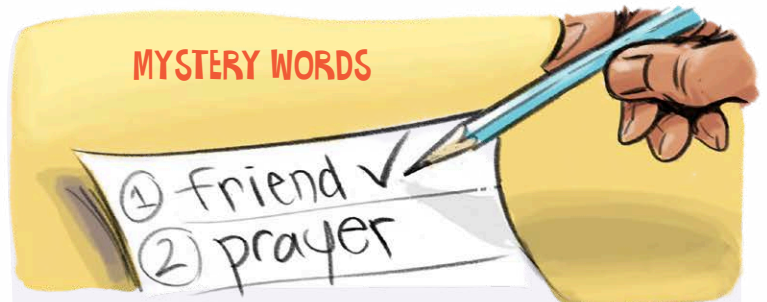
CREATIVE DEVOTIONS

Glue corners of four craft sticks together to create a square frame. Decorate with materials such as paint, markers, beads, and yarn.

Glue paper with a prayer or quote to back of frame, so text is at center. Take turns sharing prayers for artistic devotions.



MYSTERY WORDS



Give each person a different list of 10 words (if playing virtually, email them). The youngest person starts by describing the first word on their list to everyone, without saying the actual word. For example, if the word is “friend,” you could say, “A person you have fun with.” When someone guesses correctly, that player is “it” and takes a turn describing a word on their list.

Continue until a player runs out of words. The winner is the first person to exhaust their list.



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