

# FESTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS

“Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship.” — Bahá’u’lláh

Spring is a fun and festive season for Bahá’ís! We start with the Bahá’í New Year, Naw-Rúz, on March 20. And a month later, we celebrate Bahá’u’lláh’s declaration as a Messenger of God during the 12-day festival of Ridván (April 20–May 1). What a jubilant time of year!

Our spring holy days give us a chance to enjoy time with family, friends, and neighbors and to build bonds of fellowship in our communities. Celebrations of Naw-Rúz and Ridván offer a wonderful opportunity to invite friends of the Faith to join in the festivities.

One way to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at your gatherings is to include games for guests of all ages. With these activities, everyone can spring into the new year with joyful hearts!

## WHO AM I?

Hand out paper. Without showing anyone else, have everyone write down their name and their favorite color, food, animal, hobby, and vacation spot.

One person collects the papers and reads the answers to the group, without the name. Whoever guesses the name gets a point. See who can earn the most points.



## CIRCLE STORY



Invite everyone to sit in a circle, and hand out a unique picture or photo to each person (such as an animal, object, or place). The first person holds up the image and starts to tell a story using whatever is in the picture.

The next person adds on to the story, including his or her own picture. Keep going until each person has told part of the story. See what a silly tale you can spin!

## NAME MY VIRTUE

For each person, write a virtue (such as joyfulness or courage) at the top of a 3” x 5” index card. Everyone puts on a stretchy headband, and the leader tucks a virtue into each headband without the person seeing it.

The group mingles, and people ask each other “yes or no” questions about their virtue (e.g., Does it often involve laughter? Would I need it if I were climbing a mountain?). People can also give clues, such as acting out the virtue. Continue until everyone has guessed their own virtue.



## FUN FLAGS

Hand out drawing paper and markers. Without showing anyone, each person draws a flag that represents him or her. It could include symbols of the person’s culture, job, hobbies, family, or other characteristics.

One person collects the flags. Each flag is shown, and the group guesses who created each one.



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