

FLOURISHING FRIENDSHIPS

“O God! Unite us and connect our hearts with Thy indissoluble bond.” —‘Abdu’l-Bahá

There’s nothing sweeter than connecting with loved ones! Spending time with friends, family, and neighbors uplifts and refreshes our spirits. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá said, “Fellowship based upon the love of God is unlimited, everlasting, divine and radiant.”

After over a year of practicing safe social distancing, we may have a deeper appreciation for the relationships that keep our communities united. Here are a few activities to help strengthen the bonds of love and friendship, no matter the distance.

FRIENDSHIP FLAGS

Give everyone a blank sheet of paper. Ask them to use markers, paint, or magazine cutouts to create a flag about friendship and community.

When everyone has finished their flag, they can place it on their door or in their window. Or collect the flags and hang them together to create a fun friendship flag banner.



RAINBOW TWIRLERS



Paint a paper plate in bright, diverse colors. When dry, make a 1" cut at the outer edge, then continue cutting in a 1" wide spiral until you reach the center of the plate.

Poke a hole through the end of the spiral. Attach a string to it, and use the string to hang your colorful twirler.

SILLY SKETCHES



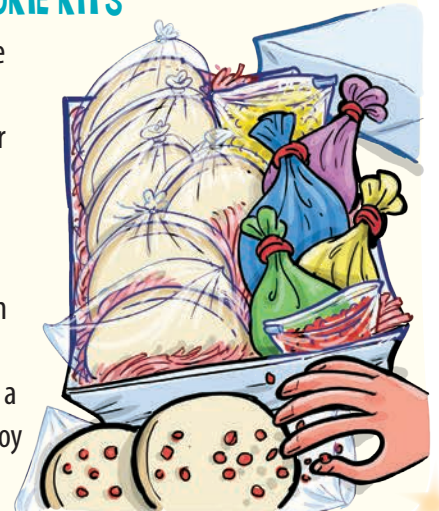
Ask everyone to bring a notebook and a marker to a video call. Before the game begins, the group lists 10 objects or actions that remind them of what they love about their community (such as trees, flowers, or kids playing).

To play, name one of the items on the list. Participants try to draw that object or action while holding the paper and marker above their heads. Share your drawings for laughs.

COOKIE KITS

Bake sugar cookies, and make batches of icing in different colors. When cool, place sugar cookies, icing, and colorful sprinkles in separate bags or containers to keep fresh.

Put everything together in a gift box. Give to friends and neighbors, then join them on a video call to decorate and enjoy the cookies together.



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