

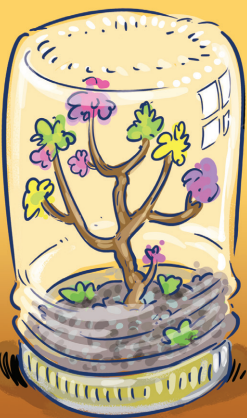
DIVINE SPRINGTIME

“Refresh and revive your souls through the gracious favors which, in this Divine, this soul-stirring Springtime, are being showered upon you.” —Bahá’u’lláh

Spring is a joyous time in the Bahá’í Faith. Naw-Rúz, the Bahá’í New Year, is on March 21. From April 21–May 2, we celebrate the Festival of Ridván, honoring the start of the Bahá’í Faith, when Bahá’u’lláh declared that He was a Messenger of God.

These holy days offer a fresh opportunity to welcome friends and neighbors into the life of the Bahá’í community. Through prayer, fellowship, study, spiritual conversations, and service, we can nurture love and unity. Try these activities to uplift your celebrations.

SPRING CENTERPIECE



Start with a clean, empty glass jar and lid. Fill lid with green modeling clay and shape it to form grass. Make balls from colorful tissue paper and glue them to a twig that fits inside the jar.

Press twig into clay. Add pebbles if desired. Place the jar over the tiny tree and screw it in place.

BLOOMING LETTERS

On poster board, draw large letters to spell out “Ridván” or “Naw-Rúz.” Cut out flower shapes of various sizes and colors from decorative paper. Glue flowers to the poster board, covering the entire letter.

Add sequins for the flower centers. Glue on leaves cut from green paper. Post or hang your letters as a holy day decoration.



ROLLING RACE

For each team of about four, tape plastic trash bags together with duct tape to make a large circular band. Team members stand single file inside their band, arms above their heads, holding up the top.

Everyone takes a step forward, while gently pushing the band overhead. Teams race to the finish.

NAME GAME

Give each person 5–10 slips of paper. On each one, they write the name of a real or fictional person and put the slips in a bowl. Try including inspiring Bahá’ís from history.

Form two teams. One person pulls out a slip and has 30 seconds to help their team guess the name. They give any clues *except* the name itself. If their team guesses correctly, another name is chosen. If not, they put the slip back, and the bowl goes to the other team. The team with the most correct guesses wins.



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