

A Shelter for Mankind

“We have made Thee a shelter for all mankind, a shield unto all who are in heaven and on earth, a stronghold for whosoever hath believed in God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing.” —Bahá'u'lláh

How do you feel inside a shelter? Whether you're in a home, a school, or a tent, a shelter keeps you safe. It protects you from wind and rain. It's a place where you can be warm, dry, and comfortable.

Bahá'u'lláh says that 'Abdu'l-Bahá is “a shelter for all mankind, . . .” When we follow 'Abdu'l-Bahá's example, we are safe from disunity. He was always kind, even to people who tried to hurt Him. We can read stories about His kindness

and service to others. His Writings teach us how to love all people. And He gave us prayers so we can talk to God when we need help.

You can think about how 'Abdu'l-Bahá shelters us while you create your own shelter. You can make it a house, a rocket ship, a tree-house, a sailboat—anything you like. When it's done, crawl inside and think about how being in your shelter is like being protected by the love of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Make a Box Shelter

Collect one or more large boxes. Ask an adult to help you cut windows and doors. Use markers or paint to add color and decorations.



Make a Blanket Shelter

Ask an adult for some blankets and sheets. Drape them over chairs or tables to make walls. Bring another blanket inside to make a floor.



Have Fun in Your Shelter!

Collect the supplies you want and crawl inside. Pillows, a flashlight, books, toys, games, and snacks are just a few things that can make your shelter fun and cozy.

