

## LESSON 8

After you and a few of the students have said some prayers, you can review with them the prayer they are learning by heart. The other activities of the day are the following:

### A. Songs (including some of the preceding songs):

#### Be Like the Earth

C G  
See the earth  
F G C  
it's so humble

G  
Has all God's wealth to give  
F G C  
everything we need to live.

C G  
Lets us walk on it every day  
F G C  
But have you ever heard it say  
G F G C  
I am richer, greater than you.

See the tree  
it's so humble  
The more its fruits abound  
it bows closer to the ground  
and shares the fruit that way,  
but have you ever heard it say  
I am richer, greater than you

C G  
Be like the earth  
F G C  
Be like the tree

G  
Rise to the heaven of glory  
F G C  
on the wings of humility

### B. Memorizing quotations:

A very important virtue is humility. A person who is humble before God realizes the greatness of God and his own smallness. He gives himself up entirely to God's Will. When we give our will over to His, God fills our hearts with joy. To help us be humble before God, let us memorize the following quotation:

**“O Son of Man! Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee.”<sup>16</sup>**

## Humble

1. When Zinab prays to God she often bows her head and thinks about God's greatness. Zinab is humble before God.
2. Before Yong Fu goes on a teaching trip, he thinks about the greatness of God and begs His help. Yong Fu is humble before God.

### C. Story:

*Humility was one of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's most impressive qualities. The friends wanted to give him great titles, but he only wanted to be called "'Abdu'l-Bahá', which means "Servant of the Glory." He also liked simplicity. One time, some wealthy friends from the West made an elaborate plan for Him to wash His hands before a meal. They arranged for a specially-dressed boy to carry a fancy bowl with "crystal water" and they also had a perfumed towel waiting for Him. When the Master saw all this, as the group of friends with the little boy, the bowl and the towel approached him from across the lawn, He knew their purpose. He hurriedly found some water nearby, washed his hands, and dried them with a piece of cloth the gardener had. Radiantly, He then turned to meet His guests, and asked them to use the water and towel to wash their own hands.*

### D. Game: "Sometimes I am Tall"

One child is blindfolded and the rest form a circle around him. In unison they say:

"I am very tall" (They stand on their toes and stretch as tall as they can)

"I am very short" (They squat down and make themselves as short as they can)

"Sometimes I am tall" (They stretch up again).

"Sometimes I am short" (They squat down again)

The teacher gestures to the children whether they are to be short or tall, and then they say together:

"Guess what we are now!"

The blindfolded child tries to guess by the height of their voices if they are short or tall. Each child takes a turn being blindfolded.

### E. Coloring: Drawing 8