



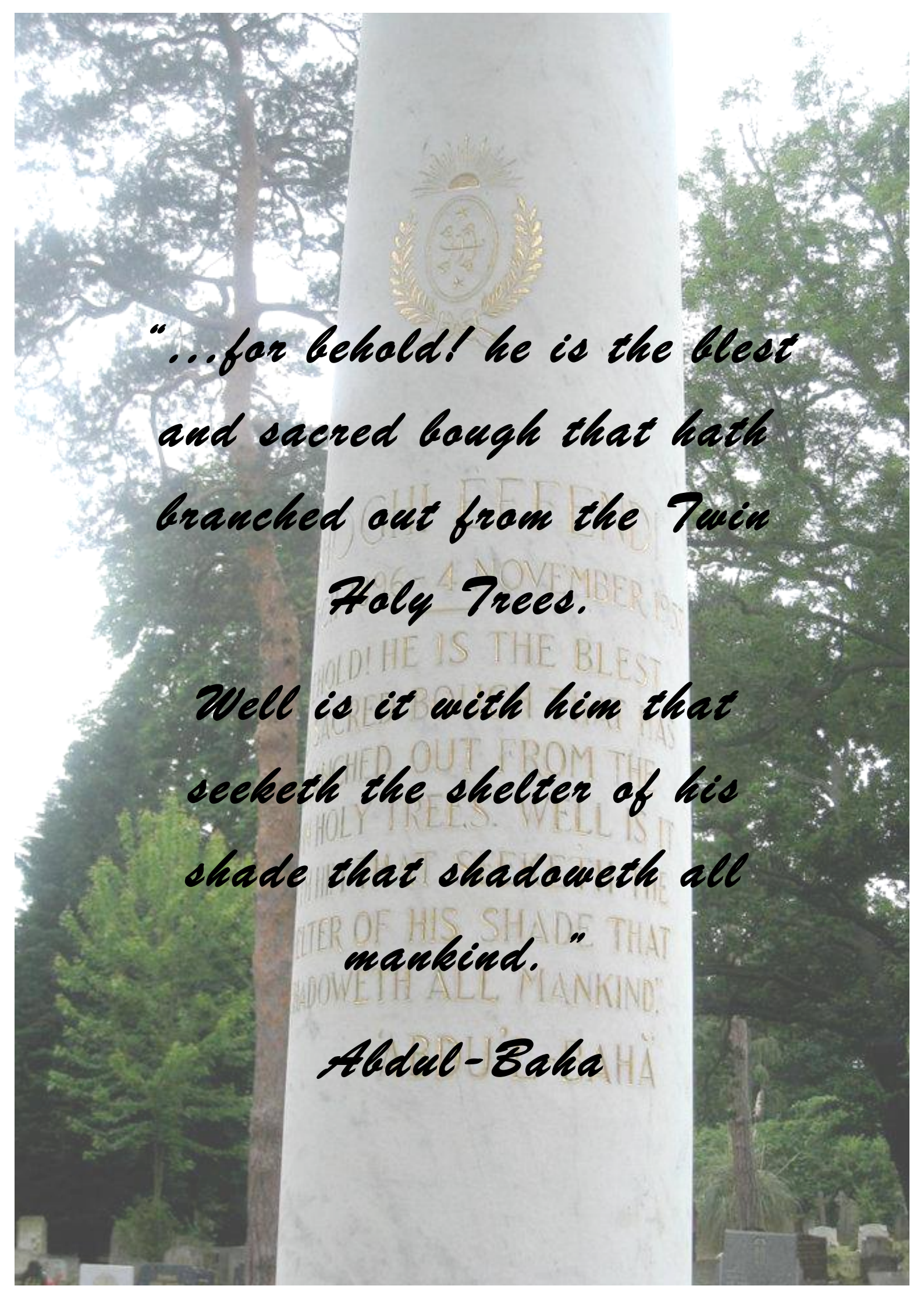
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*"...for behold! he is the blest
and sacred bough that hath
branched out from the Twin
Holy Trees.*

*Well is it with him that
seeketh the shelter of his
shade that shadoweth all
mankind."*

Abdul-Baha

Mother was in the kitchen when Anisa and Riaz came running in, out of breath.

“Mommy, Mommy! A big dog almost got me, but Riaz saved me!” shouted Anisa breathlessly.

“Really Riaz? What happened?” asked Mother.

Riaz smiled and said, “We were at the 7/11 store and just as we were leaving a big dog came by. Anisa got scared, so I picked her up and carried her home on my back.”

“Riazy said that the dog was going to eat me!” said Anisa.

Mother looked at Riaz with a frown.... he grinned and said,

“Well maybe I did tease her a bit...she is really funny when she gets scared.”

“And here I thought you were being a good guardian for your little sister....” said Mother.

“Guardian? Riaz is a guardian?” said Anisa.

“The Guardian?” said Shahla as she walked in the room, “That’s the Head of the Baha’i Faith, right?”

“Riaz is the head of the Baha’i Faith? What? We are all in big trouble!” said Asma, as he walked in behind her.

“What are you guys talking about? You are all CRAZY!” shouted Mona as she appeared from the opposite end of the room.

“Ok, Ok everyone calm down! Sit down and let’s talk about this.” Mother said, and they all sat down at the dining room table and Mother began.

“Guardian means one who has the responsibility to protect. I gave Riaz the responsibility to protect Anisa. Abdul-Baha, gave Shoghi Effendi the responsibility to protect the Baha’i Faith. He is THE Guardian, and Baha’is all over the world look to Shoghi Effendi’s writings to keep us all firm in the covenant, and that protects our unity.

“Shoghi Effendi was Abdul-Baha’s grandson, right Mom?” said Asma.

“Yes.” agreed Mother. “Abdul Baha and Shoghi Effendi were very close. They had a very special relationship! You know ‘Shoghi’ was his name, ‘Effendi’ is like, ‘Mister’. It was Abdul-Baha that insisted that everyone call him Shoghi Effendi, that means, Mr. Shoghi, not just Shoghi, even when he was a little boy.

There are some very nice stories about Shoghi Effendi when he was a little boy growing up in Abdul-Baha’s household.”

“Yea! Stories!” the children all shouted.

“Hmmm let’s see...” began Mother.



“One day when Shoghi Effendi was just a very little boy, Anisa’s age, he went into Abdul-Baha’s room. He picked up Abdul-Baha’s pen and tried to write. Abdul-Baha gently tapped him on the shoulder and said *‘Now is not the time to write, now is the time to play, you will write a lot in the future.’*”



“Shoghi Effendi would always ask Abdul-Baha to write something for him, so one day Abdul-Baha wrote...

‘He is God!

O My Shoghi, I have no time to talk, leave me alone! You said 'write' - I have written. What else should be done? Now is not the time for you to read and write, it is the time for jumping about and chanting 'O My God!', therefore memorize the prayers of the Blessed Beauty and chant them that I may hear them, because there is no time for anything else.’ (The Priceless Pearl, pg. 8)

“Shoghi Effendi then memorized several prayers to please Abdul-Baha, and would chant them so loudly that the other members of the household would be upset, but he kept telling them that Abdul-Baha told him to. They asked Abdul-Baha to tell Shoghi Effendi to stop, but Abdul-Baha refused to do it.

“Shoghi Effendi had a lot of energy as a small boy...and he would need all that energy when he became a man, because he had a lot of work and responsibility to take care of. As a small boy he was full of laughter and mischief, he was always running up and down the stairs and all over the house. It is said that Abdul-Baha once wrote for His little grandson on a used envelope, ‘Shoghi Effendi is a wise man, but he runs about very much.’”

“Wow!” said Riaz, “I run around like that!”

“Energy you’ve got! No one is denying that! The spirituality part needs work though, Riaz!” said Mona wisely.

“When was Shoghi Effendi born, Mom?” asked Asma.

“In 1897, in Haifa, Israel.” Mother answered.

“As a young man he helped Abdul-Baha as His secretary. Abdul-Baha had made sure that Shoghi Effendi learned English, so Shoghi Effendi would translate letters for Abdul-Baha.”

“What language did Baha’u’llah and Abdul-Baha write in?” asked Shahla.

“Arabic and Persian silly!” answered Asma.



Mother continued. “Shoghi Effendi went to study English at Oxford University in England. He loved English! He translated many of Baha’u’llah and Abdul’Baha’s Writings into English. Then, from English they are translated to all the world’s languages, even Japanese!

“See how important it is that all of you learn to read and write English well?” encouraged Mother.

“Yeah, yeah.” said the children.

Mother continued. “Shoghi Effendi wanted to study so he could serve Abdul-Baha better. Isn’t that the best reason to study, so you can serve mankind better?”

“Go on with the story!” said Riaz, he didn’t want to be reminded to study ANYTHING!

“When Shoghi Effendi was away at Oxford University, he had a very terrible shock. Abdul-Baha had died. This made Shoghi Effendi so, so sad. He rushed back to Israel and when he got there it was just the time when they were to read Abdul-Baha’s will. Then Shoghi Effendi got another terrible shock. Abdul-Baha had appointed him as Guardian of the Bahai Faith.”

“What does Guardian mean, guys?” asked Mother.

“The responsibility to protect!” Mona and Asma said together.

“Very good!!” encouraged Mother, “and what a big responsibility that was. He had to keep all the Friends safe inside the covenant, to protect our unity. To make sure no one changed the words of God. Just like Noah had to protect all the people and animals on the Ark ! Shoghi Effendi had no idea that he would be asked to do that. He didn’t think he could do the job, and he didn’t want to try. You know he was still a very young man, only 24 years old!”

“That seems pretty old to me!” said Riaz.

“Well, wait till you are that age and you won’t think so. Anyway, Shoghi Effendi went to the Swiss Alps and spent a few months mountain climbing, communing with nature, and praying. He said that he fought himself, and conquered himself. And he came back ready to serve for the rest of his life!

“As Abdul-Baha had predicted, he wrote continuously, he wrote letters to the Baha’is all over the world. He also wrote a big thick book about the first 100 years of the Baha’i Faith. It is called, *‘God Passes By’*.”



“The Guardian also worked very hard to beautify the gardens around Bahji and Haifa where the Baha’i Holy places are. Today they are famous around the world, and especially in Israel for being one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, almost like heaven on earth!”



“Yeah, we have seen the photographs, they really are beautiful!” said Mona, the other children nodded in agreement.

“Another important work the Guardian did was to help the Baha’i world build our Administrative Order. That means he helped them establish their Local Spiritual Assemblies and National Spiritual Assemblies, so that they would be ready to elect the Universal House of Justice when the time came.”

“Didn’t he get married and have children?” asked Shahla.

“Yes, he surprised the Baha’i world by, instead of marrying a Persian girl, everyone in his family was from Persia...He asked someone from a totally different culture and country to marry him. He chose a young girl from Canada. Her name was Mary Maxwell. Her father was Canadian, and her mother was American. She was a very sweet and strong Baha’i girl. She was given the title Amatul-Baha, Ruhhiyyih Khanum. Amatul-Baha means ‘handmaiden of Baha’, and Khanum means ‘lady’. They had a very happy marriage serving the Baha’is all over the world.



“Unfortunately though, they never had any children. They tried, but it just wasn’t God’s will.”

“Ahh, that must have made them very sad.” said Shahla, who loved children...and her sisters nodded in agreement.

“Then,” Mother continued, “in 1957, in England, The Guardian suddenly passed away. It was another big shock for the Baha’is around the world, and for his dear wife Ruhhiyyih Khanum. The Guardian had worked all his life serving the Baha’is all around the world. He is buried in England, and Baha’is often go there to say prayers at his grave. It is marked by a monument of the world, with a big eagle on it...the eagle is the symbol of the Guardian. Before the Guardian passed away, he had prepared the Baha’is so that in a few years after he died they were ready to elect the Universal House of Justice; that guides and protects all of us. And Ruhhiyyih Khanum continued to travel all around the world, to the jungles of South America, the jungles of Solomon Islands,

and even to Japan, to teach Baha'u'llah's loving message of unity and peace. Your Grandmother and Grandfather met her in Solomon Islands, and Daddy and I met her here in Japan!"



"Wow!" said all the children.

"Will there ever be another Guardian?" asked Mona.

"No, now we have the Universal House of Justice that is elected every five years by all the Baha'is around the world. They are the ones that protect the covenant and our unity."

"Covenant?" asked Anisa

"A covenant is a promise that we will obey God teachings and God will protect us and teach us everything we need to know to grow spiritually and build a wonderful world civilization."

Just then a car drove into the driveway.

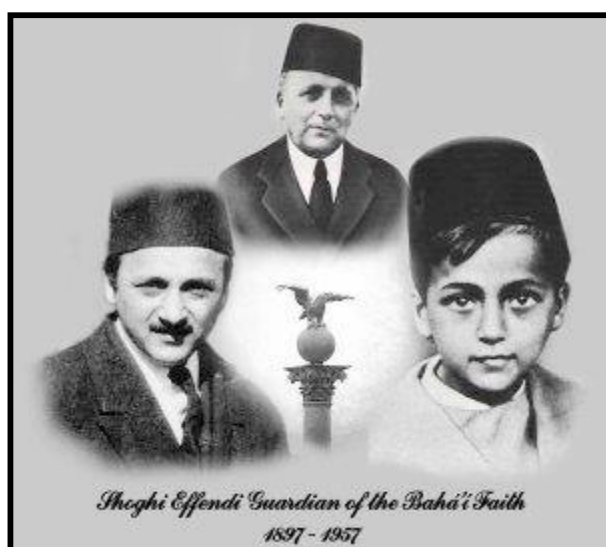
"Oh, look Daddy is home!" shouted Anisa.

"Oh no! Set the table guys! I have to finish dinner!" Mother said, as she jumped up and ran to the kitchen.

The little ones ran to greet Daddy, and Mona and Asma, laughing, started setting the table.

That night over dinner the children were so excited as they told Daddy everything they had learned about the Guardian.

**For more on the Covenant see Hiru no Hoshi #333*



Quiz

1. What does “guardian” mean?

2. Whose grandson was Shoghi Effendi?

3. What language did Baha’u’llah and Abdul-Baha write in?

4. Where was Shoghi Effendi when Abdul-Baha died?

5. Who did Abdul-Baha appoint as the Guardian of the Baha’i Faith?

6. Who did the Guardian marry?

7. What were some of the important work that the Guardian did?

8. What year did the Guardian pass away?

9. Was a new Guardian chosen? Will there ever be a new Guardian?

10. What Institution guides the Baha’i World now?

How did you do? Did you get them all right?



The answers are on the Parents’ Page.

3-D 9 Pointed Stars

Materials

- *5 pointed star cookie cutters
- *Thick paper board
- *Crayons, Colored Markers, Glitter....
- *Scissors
- *String or Ribbon
- *Tape
- *Strips of silver or gold origami or paper

Method

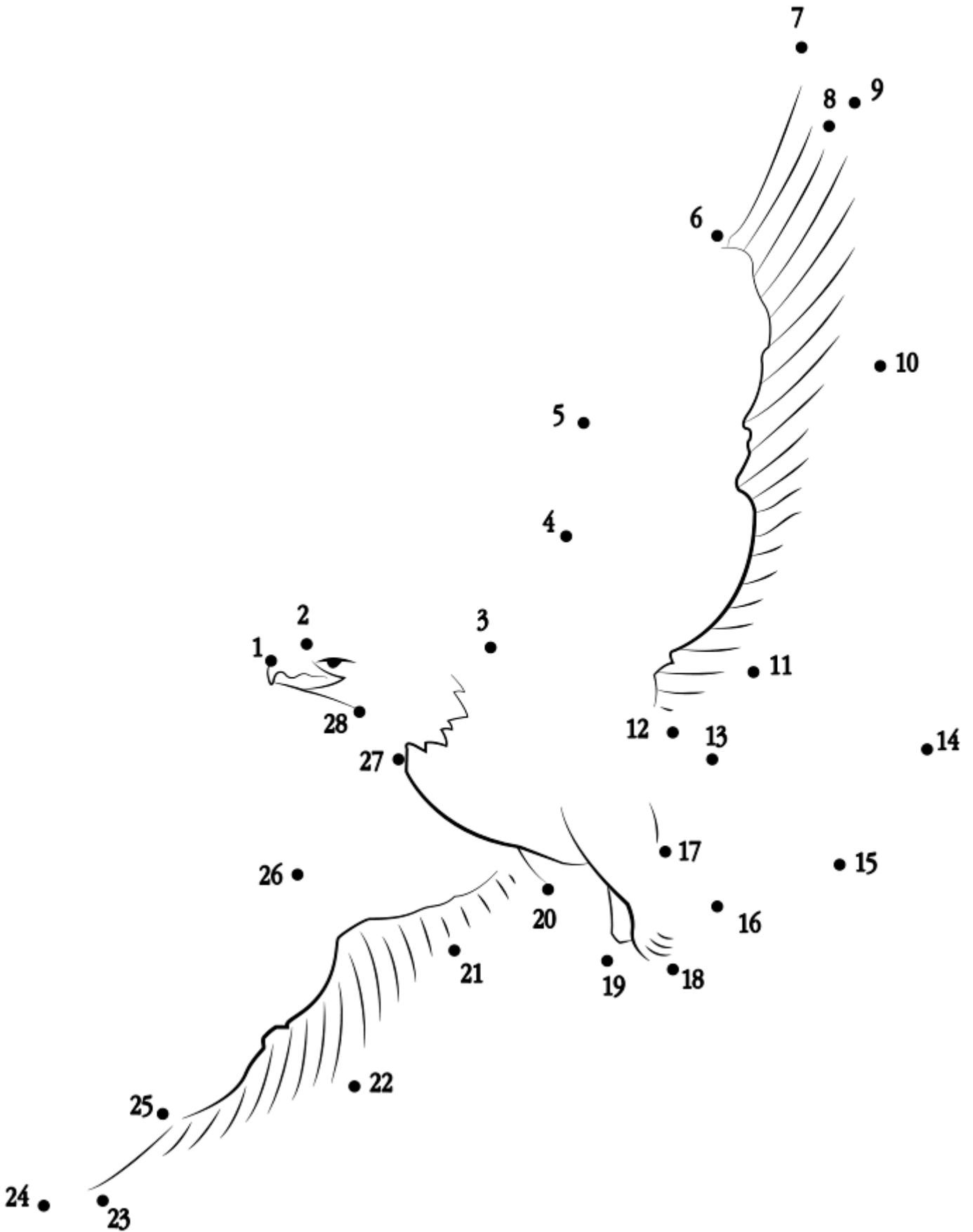
- *Cut 2 stars each out of thick paper board, (construction paper is too thin).
- *Color and then sprinkle with glitter, on both sides.
- *Cut from point to past middle on one star and between legs to past middle on the other star.
- *Slide stars together to form 9 pointed star.
- *Write quotation on silver or gold paper and tape at the bottom of the star.
- *Tape string or ribbon on top of the star and hang.



Follow the dots...

And what do you see?

The symbol of The GuardianThe Eagle



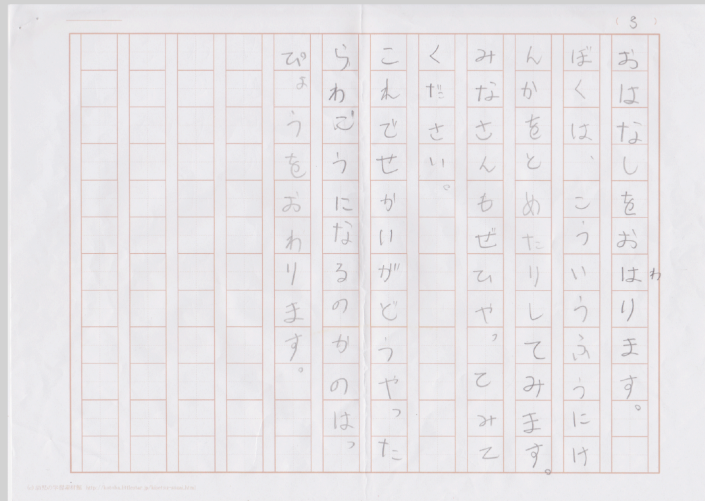
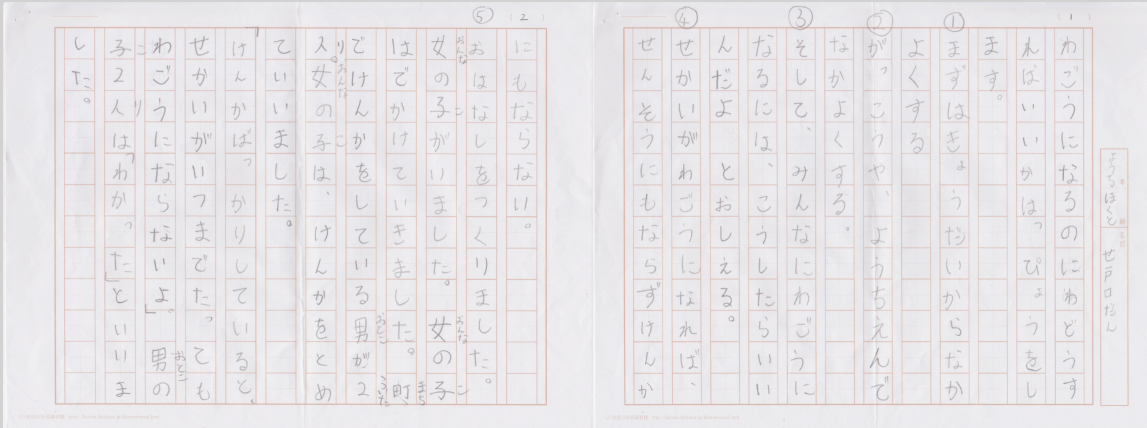


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"the tongue is for mentioning what is good,..." Baha'u'llah
"Pollute not your tongues..." Abdul Baha

- Toranosuke Nagata



This is how we should create unity

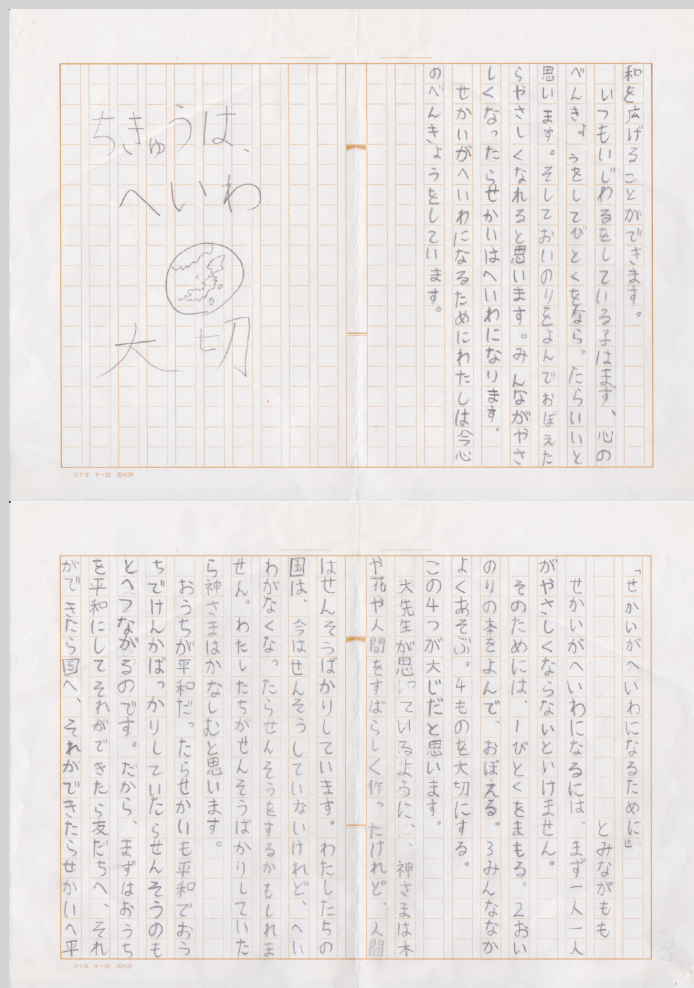
- First be nice to our brothers and sisters
- Be nice to friends at preschool or school
- And teach everyone this is how we create unity
- If the world could unite, we won't have wars or fights any more
- I made a story

There was a girl. She went out and there were two men fighting in the town. She stopped the fight and said "if we keep fighting, it'll take long time to create unity in the world!" then the men said "OK! We got it." That's the end of the story.

I'll try to stop fighting just like this. Everyone please do so as well.

Thank you.

- Dan Setoguchi





In order to create world peace

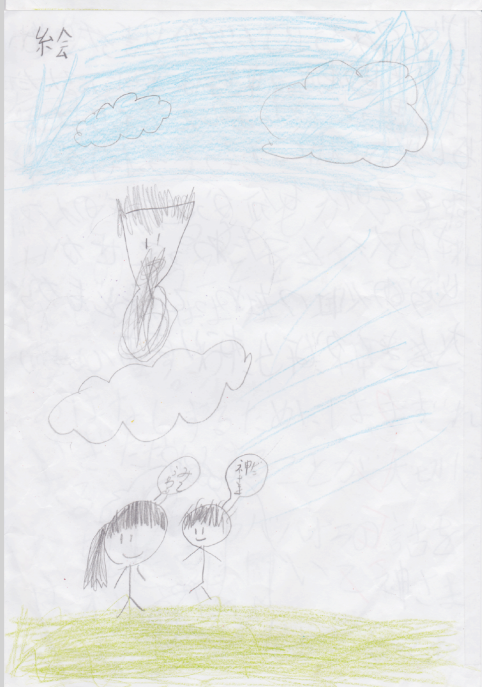
In order to create world peace, we, individual people have to be kind to each other. In order to do that, first practice the virtues, second to read and memorize prayers, third be nice to each other, fourth treat things nicely. I think these four things are very important. As Teacher Dai mentioned, although God created tree, flower, human being all wonderful but human being are always having war. Currently, we don't have war in our country but if lost this peace, we might start war again. I think God will be sad if we always have war. If our home has peace, the world will be peaceful but if we are fighting at home all the time, it will lead to war. Therefore, first we try to create peace in our home and when we could do that, we spread peace to our friends, country and we can create world peace in the end. Those who always do bad things to others should reflect on their heart and learn virtues and read, memorize prayers in order to be kind to others. If everyone could be kind to others, this world will be peaceful. In order to create world peace, I'm reflecting on my heart and learning virtues.

//World peace is important//

- Momo Tominaga


せかいのへいわについて。
 毎日大人が「言っていることは
 子どもはうるさいなって思って
 聞いている子どもがいまも
 大人の言うことをきいてくれ
 ばせかいはよほい国になると
 思いますわたしは神さまと
 おはなしするためにしますわ
 いぎただひあることが大切に
 する。アからバツオの話を
 わたしたちは聞いて神さま
 は、本当に入るんだよと言てあ

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 せかいの
 へいわのために
 どうしたらいいか
 の文

 名前(永田遙か) せかい



げこうこうだからと言たらき
 ていたほうもある神さまは、本当に入るんだ
 なと思てつぎにおしえてもらったほう
 もしらぬ人にこうこうだからと
 言てその人も分かってつぎの人つ
 ぎの人へとつたわってせかい
 じゅうの人につたわって子どもから
 大人までがよくなります。(おま)

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What should we do for world peace.
 Some children think what adults says are annoying. I think if we listen to what they say, this world will be a better place. I think it's important to be polite to talk to God. I heard the story about Noah and Baha'u'llah. They taught us that there is God for real so we tell people about it and those people who heard it will tell to others who haven't heard about it yet and if people keep telling it till reach to all the people in the world, then children and adults will be better.

- Yuuka Nagata

- ⑤ そうしたら、せかいもちきゅうも
なかがよくなって、たすけあいもできる。
- ⑥ ナヒドさんが言ったとおりノア〜バハオウ
はわたしたちがなかがよくなるために、
言ってきたから、わたしたちはおしえを
まわっていく。



木とか、花はとてもたいせつで、
かみさまとかいぎをするには、
おいのりでかいぎをして、
ナヒドさんが言ったとおり、
かみさまは、わたしたちを あいしているから、
わたしたちも、かみさまに、「ありがとう」で
いうことばをつたえる。かみさまが、いなけ
れば、木とか、花もまちもできていなくなっ
た。だから、かみさまがいてくれ、うれしいよ。
どうやったら、せかいがへいわになる
かというよ。

- ① まず、は、わたしたちからなかがよくなる。
- ② そしてそれを友だちにおしえて、友だちもすこしずつなかがよくなる!
- ③ そして、せかいにつたえながら、せかいがへいわになる。
- ④ そして、みんながなかがよくなって、かみさまがいるということをして、みんながかみさまに、「ありがとう」をいいますし、おいのりをする。

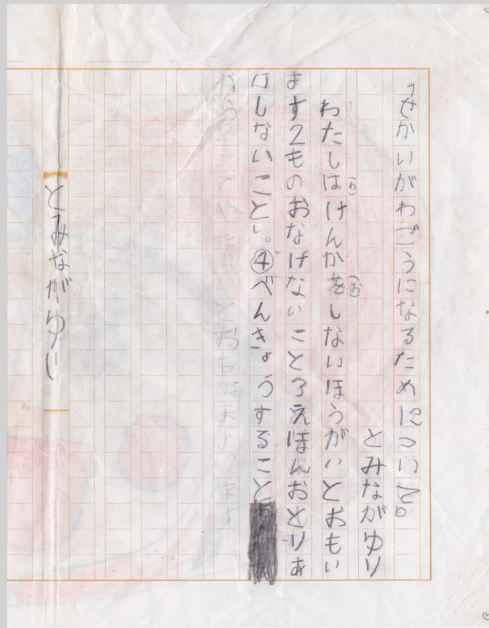
Ms Nahid taught us that trees, flowers are all important and we pray to talk with God in order to say thank you to him because God always loves us. If there weren't God there were no trees, flower, nor towns. That's why I'm very happy that God created all this things.

How to create world peace, first be nice to our friends, second we teach our friends to be nice to each other too, third this continues to the world and create world peace, fourth everyone will be friendly to each other and know that there is God and pray to God to say thank you to him, fifth then we can all help each others, sixth As Ms.Nahid said Noah, Baha'u'llah taught us to be friendly to each others, so we will keep this teaching.



- 1 To creating world peace I think we shouldn't fight.
- 2 Do not throw things.
- 3 Do not take picture books from friends.
- 4 To study.

-Yuri Tominaga



Parent's Page

We have tried in this issue to give the children an introduction to Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith.

As to the station of the Guardian, Abdul-Baha writes in His Will and Testament: ***“He that obeyeth him not, hath not obeyed God; he that turneth away from him, hath turned away from God and he that denieth him, hath denied the True One.”***

During his lifetime the Guardian encouraged the Friends around the world in their services to mankind. In 1932 he wrote saying;

“The world is undoubtedly facing a great crisis and the social, economic and political conditions are becoming daily more complex.”..... “Should the friends desire to take the lead in reforming the world, they should start by educating themselves and understand what the troubles and problems really are which baffle the mind of man...”

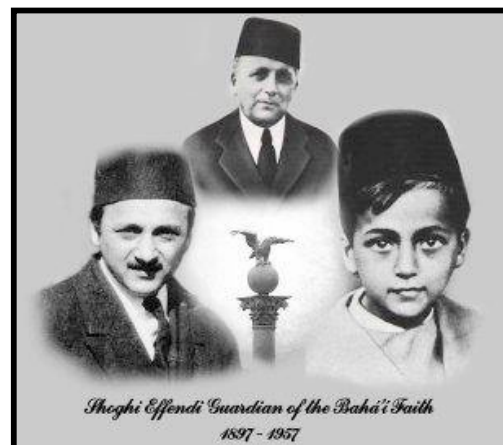
Previously in 1930 he wrote “...***the teachings of the Faith do not merely advocate certain universal principles or propound a particular philosophy, or even inculcate a new and revitalizing spirit in its adherents. They provide, in addition, a set of laws, establish specific institutions, and lay down basic social principles for the guidance of society in future.***”

For more information on this subject; Ruhi Studies, Book 8 Unit 2 deals exclusively with the Guardianship. For an even more comprehensive study on the Guardian, you may wish to read *The Priceless Pearl*, by Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiyyih Khanum.

For the writings of Shoghi Effendi, *God Passes By*, is the foremost history of the first 100 years of the Baha'i Faith. There are many lengthy letters written by him to the Baha'is in various countries that have been turned into books and booklets, such as *The Advent of Divine Justice* and *The Promised Day Is Come*. You can browse these books and many more at: <http://reference.bahai.org/en/t/se/>

Answers to the Quiz

1)One who has the responsibility to protect. 2)Abdul-Baha. 3)Persian and Arabic. 4)Oxford University in England. 5)Shoghi Effendi. 6)Canadian girl, Mary Maxwell. 7) He wrote a history of the first 100 years of the Bahai Faith..he beautified the gardens around the Bahai Holy places...he guided the Baha'is around the world in establishing Local and National Spiritual Assemblies so that they would be ready to elect the Universal House of Justice. 8) 1957. 9)No, No. 10) The Universal House of Justice.





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If you have stories of your children learning a virtue or anything connected to the Faith, please send them to us, so we can have stories of "A little boy in Yamaguchi" or "A little girl in Akita". You can either write the story yourself or send the details and we will write the story. Either English or Japanese is fine. We also are waiting for pictures of Children's Classes from your community, or drawings from your children. Please send all stories and pictures to luanahirahara@hotmail.com

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