



# Hiru no Hoshi

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*“O SON OF MAN!  
Wert thou to speed  
through  
the immensity of space  
and  
traverse  
the expanse of heaven,  
yet  
thou wouldst find no rest  
save  
in submission to Our command  
and  
humbleness  
before Our Face.”*

*O son of Man* (that's us)

*Wert thou to speed through*(even if we speed across)

*The immensity of space* (the great, great distances of space)

*And travers* (travel across)

*The expanse* (huge distances) *of heaven*

*Yet thou* (you) *wouldst find no rest* (still we could not be happy)

*Save in submission to Our command* (except in obeying God),

*And humbleness before Our Face.* (and worshipping God).

In this quote, Baha'u'llah is teaching us that no matter how far we go in the universe God is there too. God watches over and takes care of every bit of every part of the universe, and everyone and everything in it. When we obey God and do what God asks us to we are happy and at peace.

Before in "*Hiru no Hoshi*" we have talked about God, and how God made everything in the universe, but God is so Great and Mysterious, we can only understand tiny bits about God, so lets learn a little more.

No one can ever know God, because God is the Creator, the Maker that made everything that exists. Just like a painting can never understand the artist, we can not understand God.

What we do know, though, is that God loves us, that is why God made us. "*O Son of Man! I loved thy creation hence I created thee.*" God cares about each one of us, and only wants what is best for each of us. We are never alone. God is always with us watching over us and taking care of us. God gave us our loving mothers and fathers to help us and teach us. God also gave us the Great Teachers we call Manifestations of God (manifest means to show) to help and teach us what God wants us to know. That is how we understand a little about God.

In a way, God is like the Sun and the Manifestations of God are like beautiful pure mirrors, reflecting the light of the sun. If you hold a mirror facing the sun it will reflect its light no matter what the size or shape of the mirror is. The sun is too great to come to the earth, but it shines its light



and warmth upon us. Just so the Mirrors of Christ, Buddah, Mohammed, Moses, and Baha'u'llah, shine God's light on us and teach us what we should know. By loving and obeying these Great Teachers, we are loving and obeying God.

## What is God?

Once upon a time in Okinawa there were 5 little children. One day, Anisa the smallest one, asked Mother,

“What is God? Is God just pretend like the fairy tales or is He real?” Mona, Asma, Riaz, and Shahla had just come running into the house. They had been roller skating outside in the parking lot next door and they were all out of breath, so they were happy to sit down and listen to how Mother was going to answer that big question.



Mother took Anisa onto her lap and said.

“Look at that painting on the wall there, Anisa.” It was a painting of an Okinawan village.

“What would you think, if I told you that one night I had left some open paints and an empty canvas on a shelf; then something accidentally hit the shelf and all the paints and the canvas fell onto the floor; the paint splattered the canvas and suddenly, totally by accident, that picture appeared?”

The children all laughed, “That would have been some accident!” Riaz shouted.

Asma said, “Mom, you painted that picture!”

Mother said, “Yes, I did, but you know that someone had to have painted it because it is not just a bunch of paint on a canvas, it has order, houses, people, shapes. Think how much more order the simplest insect, or even plant has. If you look inside you can study the cells it is made up of. So much order, we humans still can not understand even the smallest and simplest thing in creation. How much more order is there to us humans! Some Wonderfully Great Intelligence had to have created all of this. We know that, because it exists, it had to have a Creator. That Creator we call God.”

Mona said, “But mom, what about all the things that humans make, like cars and computers and stuff? God doesn’t do that, we do!”

Asma jumped in with, “And people make other humans when they have babies!” The children all giggled again.

Mother smiled and explained “Man can sometimes get to thinking he is so smart, because we humans can invent wonderful things to make our lives easier. But no matter how many things we invent, we are just putting puzzle pieces together; all the bits were already there. We don’t make anything new, we just assemble it. That goes for us making babies too.

Daddy and I had no control over what each of you were going to look like, whether you were going to be a boy or a girl, have freckles or hair that is curly or straight.”

“You just put us together with the puzzle pieces that came in the box.” said Anisa, nodding. That made everyone laugh so hard they were falling on the floor.

Shahla frowned and said “Why did you have to make me from the box with freckles! Freckles and curly hair, yuck! I hate my freckles and curly hair!” All the children laughed again at that.

Mother continued, “God made everything in the universe, and we can never understand what God is. We only know a little about God from what the Great Teachers that God has sent us, tell us about Him. We know from Them, that God loves and cares for each one of us. We are promised that God only lets happen to us that which is best for us, for our training and growth. In return for this Love we should love and obey Him. We do that by loving and obeying the Great Teachers that God has sent to teach us. Now, who can tell me some of the names of those Great Teachers?”

All five children sang out.....”Jesus, Moses, Buddha, Mohammed, Krishna, The Bab, Baha’u’llah.”

“Very Good!” said Mother, “Lucky for you that you all answered so well, because I just happened to have some freshly baked cookies for such smart children.”

The children cheered and jumped up and ran for the kitchen, to the cookies. Their energy restored, they were ready to go out for some more roller skating!



## Quiz

1. The Creator of the Universe is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "O Son of Man" is talking about whom? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does immensity mean?(immensity of space) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does "traverse" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What does "manifest" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How do we know what God wants us to do know and do? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name 3 Great Teachers (Manifestations of God) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Can humans create something brand new? Or do we just put things together that are already here? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What reward did Mother give the children for answering her question correctly? \_\_\_\_\_



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

The answers are on the Parents Page.

## Make a Stained Glass Window



**This is the Sun,(God), with its Rays shinning onto the Mirrors (Great Teachers), and Man getting Light and Knowledge from these great Religions.**

To make this stained glass window, get a piece of black construction paper and put the picture below on top of it

Push really hard on the drawing to leave lines in the black construction paper.

Then when you are finished, put the black construction paper on a piece of cardboard.

Use a cutter to cut out all the white places. You should have a grownup helping to make sure you don't cut yourself or have them cut out the pictures for you.

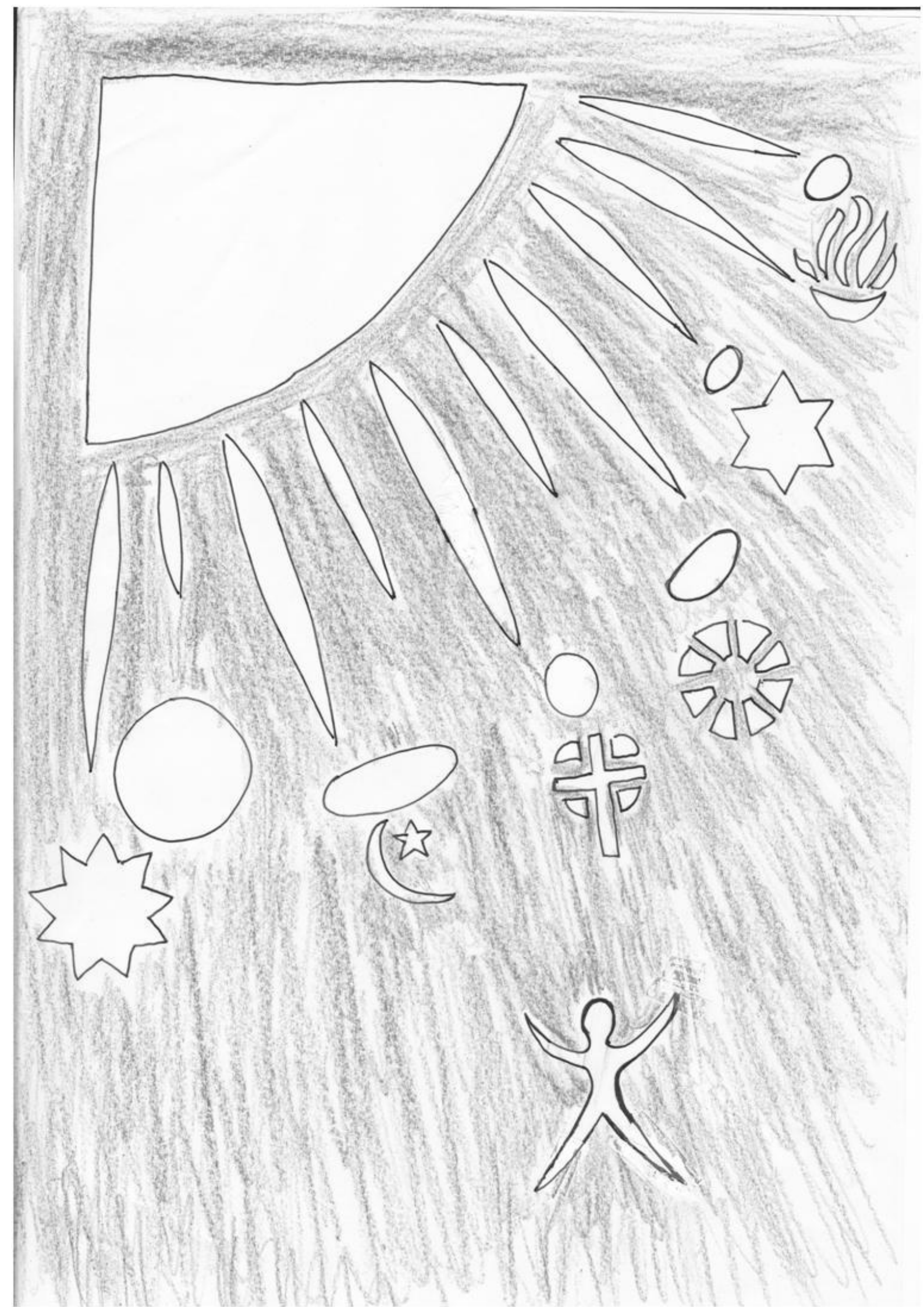
After all the white places are cut out, glue pieces of colored tissue paper or colored film on the back of the construction paper.

Use aluminum foil for the mirrors to make them look more like mirrors.

Just like all the Religions are a little different, all the mirrors have differences in their shapes and sizes.

The Sun should probably be yellowish, but the rays of the sun, layer different colors with the yellow, like red, blue, purple, because if you look at a fire, it has many different colors in it.

The symbols of the religions and the man you can use any color. The symbol for Zoroaster is a fire in a bowl. The six pointed star is Judaism. The wheel is Buddhism. The cross is Christianity. The moon and star is Islam, and the 9 pointed Star is Baha'i.





From a to b,

And b to c,

Follow the dots,

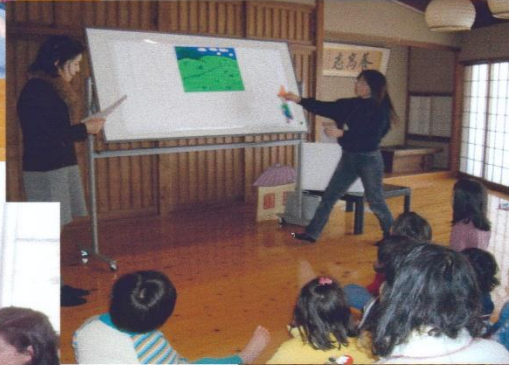
And what will it be?

Then color it nicely.



# Ayyam-i-Ha in Kyushu !

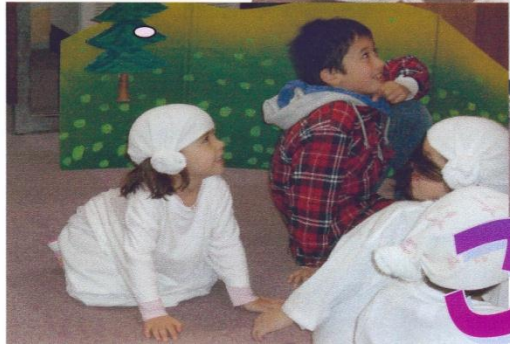
Truthfulness was the virtue, “The boy who Cried Wolf” and the “Golden Ax and the Silver Ax” were the Plays



オオカミと少年

お〜かみが  
きたぞ〜！！

メィ〜♪



こどもクラス



## Parents Page

As parents we are constantly worrying about our children, if they will get into trouble, have an accident, get sick, or just be emotionally wounded by a friend. We feel so helpless when we see our children hurt or in pain. When they are out of our sight, we don't know if they are in danger or not.

Knowing that there is a Great Being that loves our children more than we do, and is always there to help and guide them, it is a great relief. We can always call upon the All Loving, All Knowing God to protect and guide our children through life's rough and dangerous waters. We need to believe that just as our lives are in the Hands of God, so are our children's. There are so many prayers to help us and relieve us by letting us ask God for His assistance for them from the time they are still in the womb until they are all grown up with children of their own, living far away. Here is just a sample of some of the many prayers available.

*“O Thou peerless Lord! Let this suckling babe be nursed from the breast of Thy loving-kindness, guard it within the cradle of Thy safety and protection and grant that it be reared in the arms of Thy tender affection. “*

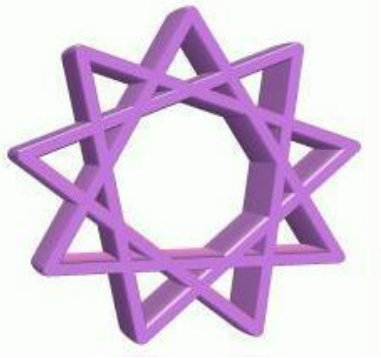
*“O God! Educate these children, these children are the plants of Thy orchard, the flowers of Thy meadow, the roses of Thy garden, let Thy rain fall upon them, let the Sun of Reality shine upon them with Thy love. Let Thy breeze refresh them in order that they may be trained, grow and develop and appear in the utmost beauty.....”*

*“O Lord! Make this youth radiant, and confer Thy bounty upon this poor creature. Bestow upon him knowledge, grant him added strength at the break of every morn and guard him within the shelter of Thy protection.....”*

*“O Thou most glorious Lord! Make this little maidservant of Thine blessed and happy; cause her to be cherished at the threshold of Thy oneness and let her drink deep from the cup of Thy love.....”*

*Abdu'l- Baha.*

**Answers to the Quiz:** 1)God 2) We are (people) 3) Great distances 4)travel through 5) show 6) The Manifestations of God (Great Teachers) teach us. 7) Moses, Christ Buddah, Muhammad, Baha'u'llah, the Bab 8) no, we just put parts together that are already here. 9) Cookies



*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 [hirunohoshi@gmail.com](mailto:hirunohoshi@gmail.com) or [vb7mb7@bma.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:vb7mb7@bma.biglobe.ne.jp)*

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