

the nature
and purpose of
religion

Learning objectives

: To evaluate the students' understanding of the learning objectives covered in Topic 4 – The Nature and Purpose of Religion (Lessons 13-15)

materials you will need

:: Dictionary
:: Copies of Lessons 13-15
:: Pen, pencils, markers
:: Paper
:: Copies of the Feedback and Homework sheet for each student

1. PRAYER (3 minutes)

Choose and recite one of the prayers that was not recited during Lessons 13-15. Alternatively, you can use any other prayer that corresponds with the topic of the lessons.

2. REVIEW QUESTIONS (15-20 minutes)

Ask each student to answer the following questions, along with any others that you feel may be a good review of the concepts covered in Lessons 13-15:

1. Ask each student to write down the purpose of religion.

2. Ask the children to write down the meaning of the words "enmity" and "strife". Then, ask them to write down at least one way in which religion has lead to "enmity and strife".
3. Ask the children to write down at least one way in which religion has lead to "love and unity".
4. Ask the children to write down some of the differences between things that are made by God and things that are man-made.
5. Once all the students have finished their work, ask them to read out their answers, and correct any wrong responses in a friendly and gentle tone.

3. STORYTELLING EXCERCISE (15 minutes)

Ask each student to recount one of the stories from Lessons 13-15.

4. MEMORY EXCERCISE (10 minutes)

Ask each student to write down one of the Sacred Passages that they memorized from Lessons 13-15.

5. PREPARE TO GIVE CLASS REPORT TO ENTIRE SCHOOL (5 minutes)

6. ASSIGN HOMEWORK (5 minutes)

- Complete one copy of the "Homework and Feedback" form, in section 3 of this lesson, for each student and follow-up with the parents to make sure they have received it.

- Read the Sacred Writing (from Lesson 15) with an adult at least once before the next regular session (not the review session) and try to memorize it.
- Show the storybook you made in Lesson 15 to at least three people before the next class.

7. REFLECTION AND EVALUATION (3 minutes)

Your feedback and comments are very important because they will be used to improve this lesson. Please take a few moments after class to complete the “Reflection and Evaluation” sheet in section two of this lesson.

You may submit your feedback by e-mail to:

feedback@spiritual-education.org

Instead, you may wish to submit your feedback using the web-based form at:

www.spiritual-education.org/feedback

Thank you!

1. What did you like about this lesson? _____

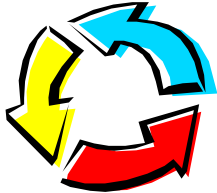
2. Which parts of the lesson did the students like? _____

3. Were the students able to answer the questions asked throughout the lesson? _____

4. Did the level of the lesson match the students' capabilities? _____

5. What would you change or add to the lesson? _____

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TO THE PARENTS OF: _____

FROM: _____

DATE: _____



WHAT DID WE DO?

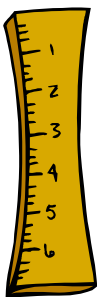
We reviewed the following topic:

The Nature and Purpose of Religion

The learning objectives were:

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HOW DID YOUR CHILD DO?



Preparation: [] **Great!** Active participation
[] **Fair.** Passive participation
[] **Poor.** Not active (needs to improve)

Participation: [] **Great!** Active participation
[] **Fair.** Passive participation
[] **Poor.** Not active (needs to improve)

Interaction: [] **Great!** Very understanding and cooperative
[] **Fair.** Occasionally helpful, occasionally disruptive
[] **Poor.** Distractive to others (Needs to improve)

Comments: _____

WHAT'S THE HOMEWORK?



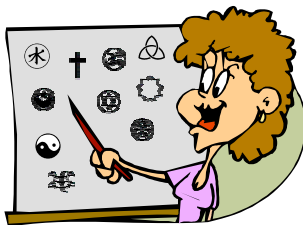
- ▶ Read the Sacred Writing with an adult at least once before the next regular session (not the review session) and try to memorize it.

The purpose of religion ... is to establish unity and concord amongst the peoples of the world. Make it not the cause of dissension and strife.

« Baha'u'llah, Tablets of Baha'u'llah, 9th Glad Tiding »

- ▶ Show your storybook to at least three people before the next class. Read the Sacred Writing below (from Lesson 15) with an adult at least once before the next session and try to memorize it.

WHAT WILL WE DO AT THE NEXT SESSION?



Begin Topic 5:

The Mission of the Prophets

The learning objectives for the next session will be:

- :: *To know that the purpose of the Messenger of God is to educate and spiritualize*
- :: *To gain insight into the role and importance of the Messengers of God*
- :: *To recite passages from the Holy writings regarding the mission of the Prophets*
- :: *To articulate and teach others about the mission of the Prophets*