

WHAT TOPICS ...

... do the lesson plans cover?

- The Oneness of God
- How to Explore Without Prejudice
- The Relationship between God and Man
- The Purpose of Religion
- The Purpose of the Messengers of God
- The History, Laws, and Teachings of the Major Religions
- The Major Religions' Role in Today's Society
- Religious Prejudice as a Cause of War and Hatred
- Religion Must be a Source of Love and Unity

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SPIRITUAL EDUCATION LESSON PLANS

out of these spiritual schools
illuminated children will arise,

adorned with all
the fairest virtues of humankind,
and will

shed their light
around the world

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WHAT'S THE AIM ...

... of these lesson plans?

Our children will not be able to live in peace until a majority of the people of the world adopt an all-inclusive view of religion and spirituality. Recent world events have demonstrated that our lives literally depend on a unified understanding of the concepts of God and religion. Religious prejudice has led to rampant brutality and greater devastation.

Just as the peoples of the world have come to recognize the need for universal human rights, so should they acknowledge the oneness of all the world's religions. **The aim of the lesson plans on www.spiritual-education.org is to provide a systematic means for building a foundation for understanding the nature and purpose of religion.**

These materials were developed in response to a **need for spiritual and moral education that embraces parents and children of various ethnic and religious backgrounds.** Our work is inspired by the fundamental teachings of the Baha'i Faith - the Oneness of God, the Oneness of Religion, and the Oneness of Mankind.



Lua (5) shows off the craft that she made to demonstrate the need for the equality of men and women – like a bird, mankind needs both its wings (men and women) in order to fly. Materials for 5-6 year olds and 7-8 year olds are being developed in collaboration with the Children's Theatre Company.

HOW ...

...are we trying to accomplish this?

There are three parts in each lesson:

(1) Direct use of the Sacred Writings of the world's religious traditions

like which ones?

- *Proverbs*
- *Verses from the Quran*
- *the Baha'i Unity Prayer*
- *the Lord's Prayer*
- *African traditional "Song of Praise"*

(2) Hands-on learning activities to deepen understanding

like what?

- *how are spiritual teachings like dye?*
- *how is your soul like a paper airplane?*
- *the True Seeker telephone game*

(3) Stories to deepen perception and encourage eloquent expression

like which ones?

- *the five blind men and the elephant*
- *Mohammad and the thief*
- *Noah and the Rainstorm*

Lilly (10), Annis (9), and Lucy (9) talk about their lesson during the end-of-class presentations in front of the entire Fairfield County School (currently using the lesson plans from spiritual-education.org's Book 3)

