**STORY ABOUT KINDNESS:** You know from some of our earlier stories that when Abdu’l-Baha first arrived in Akka, many of the people treated Him badly. They were cruel to the Bahais and did not want to speak to them (this was a prison city where they had been sent because at that time there were a lot of people being put in prison unfairly because of their believes). Soon, however, they came to see that the Bahais were loving and kind and slowly most of the townspeople in this prison city began to show them kindness in return. But there were a few who clung to their anger and hatred.

Now one day, a man who still carried much hatred in his heart towards Abdu’l-Baha heard others praising His greatness and goodness. The man became outraged. He would show them, he said with anger, that this Person they all revered was NOT so wonderful after all. And off he went, his heart burning with anger. He knew that Abdu’l-Baha could be found praying in the local church/mosque at that hour, and he rushed to where he was, ready to lay violent hands upon Abdu’l-Baha, but Abdu’l Baha looked at the man with serenity (peaceful) and dignity. Lovingly, He reminded him of the teachings of God that we are to be generous to all guests, even those that are different from us. At this, through the actions of Abdu’l Baha, that the man realized that Abdu’l-Baha and the Bahais were indeed guests in Akka, his home. And like a generous host, he should welcome them with love and treat them with kindness.