**Lesson 5 on Generosity**

*Modified slightly from the Ruhi Book 3 Grade 1 Material*

**PRAYERS**- Teacher says a prayer

Prayer Sharers

Practice new prayer that we are memorizing

**INTRO TO VIRTUE:**

**Generosity is giving and sharing. When we practice generosity we show love, and our spirit develops. Generosity is being happy to share what we have with others. We must be like the fountain or spring, continually giving forth of what we have and being refilled by an invisible Source. Who is that Invisible Source? God.**

God is very generous us and He always looks after us. In the same way that God is generous with us, He wants us to be generous with each other.

**MEMORIZATION:**

**"To give and to be generous are attributes of Mine; well is it with him that adorneth himself with My virtues."**

Talk about meaning of words

Generous

1. Ram and Rajish had saved a little money.  They decided to buy some books for their younger brothers and sisters.  Ram and Rajish are generous.

2. Mrs Murphy spent the whole morning baking cakes.  Before taking them to town to sell, she gave two large cakes to the neighbours.  Mrs. Murphy is generous.

Attribute

1. Joel took a beautiful rose to the teacher.  Beauty is an attribute of the rose.

2. The stone is very hard.  Hardness is an attribute of stones.

3. "One of your attributes is that you are willing to work hard," the teacher said to Charlene.

Adorneth means to adorn. Let’s see if we can figure out what that means.

1. Tonight there is a devotional gathering at the community centre.  The children picked flowers to place in the meeting room.  The children adorned the meeting room with flowers.

2. Li Feng has a beautiful smile.  Most of the time, a smile adorns his face.

3. In springtime, the cherry trees are adorned with beautiful blossoms.

**SONGS:**

-To give and to be generous (http://www.losniceguys.com/ruhi-book-3-songs.html)

-Be generous in prosperity (Tim Urbonya CD)

-Be a Fountain (from Ruhi Grade 1 songs: http://www.ruhi.org/resources/songs.php)

**STORY: Story about Abdu’l-Baha’s generosity, when He was a very young boy- listen**

One day Bahá’u’lláh sent Abdu’l-Bahá to inspect the work of the shepherds who were taking care of his sheep. Abdu’l-Bahá was a small child at the time, and the persecutions against Bahá’u’lláh and his family had not yet started. Bahá’u’lláh then had a good deal of land in the mountains and owned large herds of sheep.

When the inspection was finished Abdu’l-Bahá was ready to leave, the man who had accompanied Him said, “It is your father’s custom to leave a gift for each shepherd.” Abdu’l-Bahá became silent for a while, because He did not have anything to give them. The man, however, insisted the shepherds were expecting something.

Then Abdul-Baha had an idea that made Him very happy! He would give the shepherds the sheep they were taking care of!

Bahá’u’lláh was very much pleased when He heard about Abdu’l-Bahá’s generous thoughts towards the shepherds. He humorously remarked that everyone had better take good care of Abdu’l-Bahá because someday He would give himself away.  Of course, this is exactly what Abdu’l-Bahá did for the rest of his life. He gave everything he had, each and every moment of his life, to humanity, to unite us and bring us true happiness.

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| **COOPERATIVE GAMES outside**  **STORY- Quiltmakers Gift** by Jeff Brumbeau  **CRAFT- Fountain craft** |  |