

## LESSON 9

### A. Reciting and memorizing prayers

It is suggested that in this lesson you review with the children the two prayers they have already learned by heart, indicating that you will introduce a new prayer for them to memorize in the next class. You will, of course, start the lesson today in the usual manner.

### B. Songs (including a review of previous songs)

#### Be Like the Earth

C G  
See the earth  
F G C  
It's so humble  
G  
Has all God's wealth to give  
F G C  
Everything we need to live  
C G  
Lets us walk on it every day  
F G C  
But have you ever heard it say  
G  
"I am richer  
F G C  
Greater than you"

See the tree  
It's so humble  
The more its fruits abound  
It bows closer to the ground  
And shares the fruit that way  
But have you ever heard it say  
"I am richer  
Greater than you"

C G  
Be like the earth  
F G C  
Be like the tree

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G  
Rise to the heaven of glory  
F            G    C  
On the wings of humility  
G  
Rise to the heaven of glory  
F            G    C  
On the wings of humility

### C. Memorizing quotations

The ideas below will help you to introduce today’s quotation for memorization.

A very important spiritual quality is humility. Those who are humble before God realize the greatness of God and His creation. They give themselves up entirely to God’s Will. When we are humble before God, our hearts are filled with joy. Let us memorize the following quotation:

**“O Son of Man! Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee.”<sup>15</sup>**

#### *Humble*

1. Zinab works diligently on her math assignments and always does well. She is humble and never boasts about her achievements.
2. The children in Yong Fu’s neighborhood are eager to learn, and he was asked to form a small class for them. Even though he has little experience and considers himself unworthy, he puts his trust in God and does his best. He approaches the task with humility.

### D. Story

*Humility was one of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s most notable qualities. The friends wanted to give Him great titles, but He only wanted to be called “‘Abdu’l-Bahá”, which means “Servant of the Glory”. He also liked simplicity. One time, some wealthy friends from the West made an elaborate plan for Him to wash His hands before a meal. They arranged for a specially dressed boy to carry a fancy bowl with “crystal water”, and they also had a perfumed towel waiting for Him. When the Master saw the group of friends with the little boy, the bowl, and the towel approaching Him from across the lawn, He knew their purpose. He hurriedly found some water nearby, washed His hands, and dried them with a piece of cloth the gardener had. Radiantly, He then turned to meet His guests, and asked them to use the water and towel to wash their own hands.*

**E. Game: “Sometimes I am Tall”**

Blindfold one child and have the rest form a circle around him or her. In unison they say:

“I am very tall.” (They stand on their toes and stretch as tall as they can.)

“I am very short.” (They squat down and make themselves as short as they can.)

“Sometimes I am tall.” (They stretch up again.)

“Sometimes I am short.” (They squat down again.)

You then gesture to the children, indicating whether they should stand tall or squat down, and they say together:

“Guess what we are now!”

The blindfolded child tries to guess by the level of their voices whether they are “short” or “tall”. Each child should take a turn at being blindfolded.

**F. Coloring: Drawing 9**

**G. Closing prayers**



**“O Son of Man! Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee.”**