

Baha'i Children's Classes

Of all our treasures, the most precious are our children!

Baha'i Children's Class invites all children to join our regular children's classes.

What basic themes are taught in these classes?

1. Knowledge of God — the loving Creator of all
2. The spiritual nature of all people
3. The importance of prayer
4. Moral and character education
5. The development of virtues — the spiritual qualities within each child
6. Respect for parents and elders
7. The importance of family
8. Elimination of all prejudice
9. Celebration of unity in diversity
10. The essential oneness of all the world's major religions
11. World peace begins with each one of us
12. Men and women are equal
13. Service to others is the best way to worship God

Learning to practise virtues is central to the programme in Bahá'í children's classes

- Trustworthiness
- Purity
- Friendliness
- Service
- Politeness
- Determination
- Creativity
- Cooperation
- Generosity
- Courtesy
- Courage
- Self-discipline
- Perseverance
- Cleanliness

These are just some of the spiritual qualities highlighted in Bahá'í children's classes.

Education must be spiritual as well as material. Spiritual education embodies those virtues or attributes which, when kindled in the hearts and minds of children, not only guide their morals, but also enhance their material education.

Children are taught to respect all religions, since all have sprung from the same Source and all have played their part in God's unfolding guidance to mankind.

How are Bahá'í children's classes carried out?

The children's class programme is well organised, systematic, and follows a curriculum that is designed to meet the needs of children at different age levels.

Adults in charge of classes have all participated in a Child Protection Workshop and have been cleared by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of New Zealand as being suitable to work with young children. Teachers have assistants to ensure the smooth running of the classes.

Art! Music! Stories! Drama!

All classes endeavour to make use of the arts – especially music and singing.

Homework?

Yes! The Bahá'í teachings put great emphasis on deeds not words. Children are encouraged to practise what they learn in class, including the memorisation of prayers and passages from Holy Writings.



What about the parents?

All materials and lesson plans in the curriculum are readily available for parents to study and you are warmly invited to do so. You are also very welcome to attend the classes and assist teachers with supervision.

Are there any costs?

There are no class fees but whanau are free to contribute their time, skills or kai to the classes.

Class Details

Time:

Venue:

Teachers:

Contact numbers: