

Grade 2 Lesson Themes, Prayers and Quotes

Set 1 Maintaining a Prayerful Attitude

LESSON 1

Prayer:

“O Lord! I am a child; enable me to grow beneath the shadow of Thy loving kindness. I am a tender plant; cause me to be nurtured through the outpourings of the clouds of Thy bounty. I am a sapling of the garden of love; make me into a fruitful tree. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful, and Thou art the All-Loving, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.”

Quote:

“Intone, O My servant, the verses of God that have been received by thee, as intoned by them who have drawn nigh unto Him, that the sweetness of thy melody may kindle thine own soul, and attract the hearts of all men.”

LESSON 2

Quote:

“It is the greatest longing of every soul who is attracted to the Kingdom of God to find time to turn with entire devotion to his Beloved, so as to seek His bounty and blessing and immerse himself in the ocean of communion, entreaty and supplication.”

LESSON 3

Quote:

“O Son of Light! Forget all save Me and commune with My spirit. This is of the essence of My command, therefore turn unto it.”

Set 2

Adhering to the Laws of God

LESSON 4

Prayer:

“O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy great purpose. May they follow Thy commandments and abide in Thy law. Help them, O God, in their endeavor, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God! Leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Thy knowledge, and cheer their hearts by Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord.”

Quote:

“O Son of Being! My love is My stronghold; he that entereth therein is safe and secure, and he that turneth away shall surely stray and perish.”

LESSON 5

Quote:

“The Tongue of My power hath, from the heaven of My omnipotent glory, addressed to My creation these words: ‘Observe My commandments, for the love of My beauty.’”

LESSON 6

Quote:

“O Son of Man! Neglect not My commandments if thou lovest My beauty, and forget not My counsels if thou wouldst attain My good pleasure.”

Set 3

Seeking Knowledge

LESSON 7

Prayer:

“O my Lord! Make Thy beauty to be my food, and Thy presence my drink, and Thy pleasure my hope, and praise of Thee my action, and remembrance of Thee my companion, and the power of Thy sovereignty my succorer, and Thy habitation my home, and my dwelling-place the seat Thou hast sanctified from the limitations imposed upon them who are shut out as by a veil from Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Powerful.”

Quote:

“The purpose of God in creating man hath been, and will ever be, to enable him to know his Creator and to attain His Presence.”

LESSON 8

Quote:

“Exert every effort to acquire the various branches of knowledge and true understanding. Strain every nerve to achieve both material and spiritual accomplishments.”

LESSON 9

Quote:

“He must search after the truth to the utmost of his ability and exertion, that God may guide him in the paths of His favor and the ways of His mercy.”

Set 4

Living in Harmony with Others

LESSON 10

Prayer:

“O Lord God! Make us as waves of the sea, as flowers of the garden, united, agreed through the bounties of Thy love. O Lord! Dilate the breasts through the signs of Thy oneness, and make all mankind as stars shining from the same height of glory, as perfect fruits growing upon Thy tree of life.

“Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Subsistent, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Omniscient, the One Creator.”

Quote:

“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

LESSON 11

Quote:

“We ask God to endow human souls with justice so that they may be fair, and may strive to provide for the comfort of all . . .”

LESSON 12

Quote:

“The supreme need of humanity is cooperation and reciprocity.”

Set 5

Being a Good Friend

LESSON 13

Prayer:

***“O Lord! Unto Thee I repair for refuge, and toward all Thy signs I set my heart. O Lord! Whether traveling or at home, and in my occupation or in my work, I place my whole trust in Thee. Grant me then Thy sufficing help so as to make me independent of all things, O Thou Who art unsurpassed in Thy mercy! Bestow upon me my portion, O Lord, as Thou pleasest, and cause me to be satisfied with whatsoever thou hast ordained for me. Thine is the absolute authority to command.*”**

Quote:

“Incline your hearts, O people of God, unto the counsels of your true, your incomparable Friend”

LESSON 14

Quote:

“O ye beloved of the Lord! Commit not that which defileth the limpid stream of love or destroyeth the sweet fragrance of friendship.”

LESSON 15

Quote:

“. . . strive ye with all your might to create, through the power of the Word of God, genuine love, spiritual communion and durable bonds among individuals.”

Set 6
Devoting One's Life to Service

LESSON 16

Prayer:

“O Thou kind Lord! These lovely children are the handiwork of the fingers of Thy might and the wondrous signs of Thy greatness. O God! Protect these children, graciously assist them to be educated and enable them to render service to the world of humanity. O God! These children are pearls, cause them to be nurtured within the shell of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art the Bountiful, the All-Loving.”

Quote:

“That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race.”

LESSON 17

Quote:

“Waste not your time in idleness and sloth. Occupy yourselves with that which profiteth yourselves and others.”

LESSON 18

Quote:

“It is incumbent upon each one of you to engage in some occupation - such as a craft, a trade or the like. We have exalted your engagement in such work to the rank of worship of the one true God.”

Set 7

Engaging in Consultation

LESSON 19

Prayer:

“O my God! O my God! Thou seest these children who are the twigs of the tree of life, the birds of the meads of salvation, the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace, the roses of the garden of Thy guidance.

“O God, our Lord! We sing Thy praise, bear witness to Thy sanctity and implore fervently the heaven of Thy mercy to make us lights of guidance, stars shining above the horizons of eternal glory amongst mankind, and to teach us a knowledge which proceedeth from Thee. Yá Bahá’u’l-Abhá!”

Quote:

“Take ye counsel together in all matters, inasmuch as consultation is the lamp of guidance which leadeth the way, and is the bestower of understanding.”

LESSON 20

Quote:

“Say: no man can attain his true station except through his justice. No power can exist except through unity. No welfare and no well-being can be attained except through consultation.”

LESSON 21

Quote:

“They must then proceed with the utmost devotion, courtesy, dignity, care and moderation to express their views.”