

Playgroup lesson – Obedience

Aim: To gain some beginning concepts of obedience.

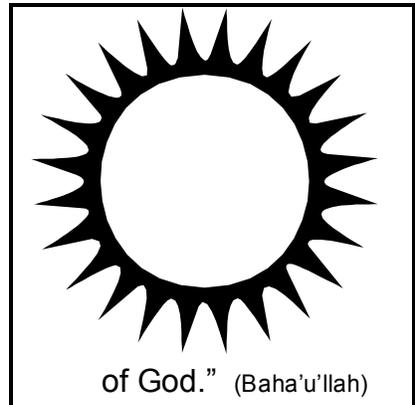
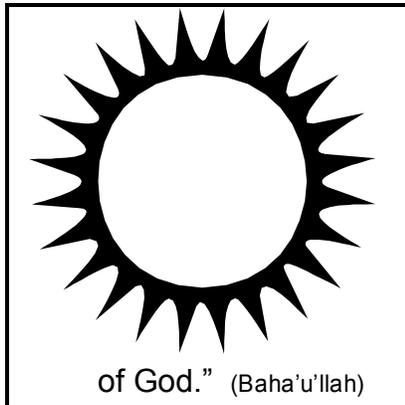
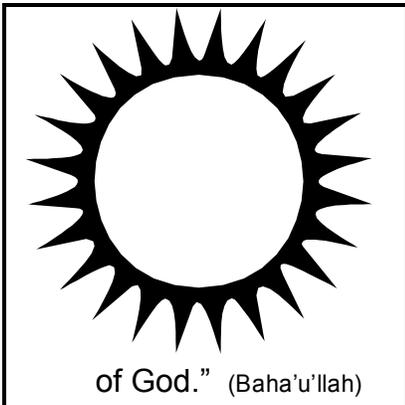
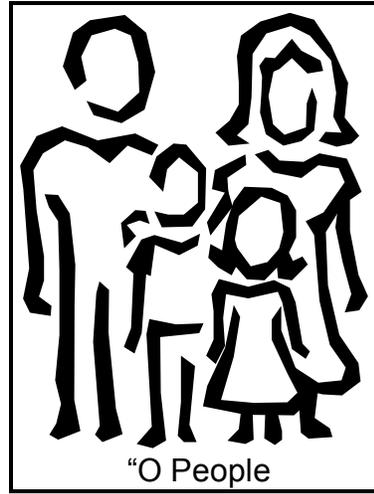
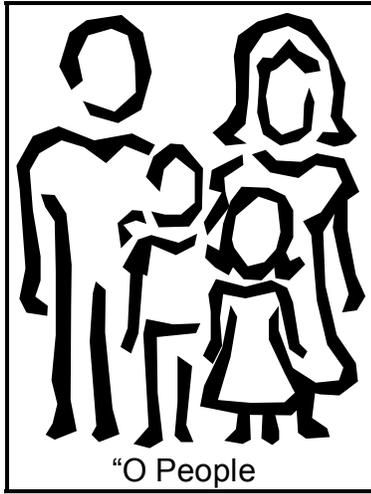
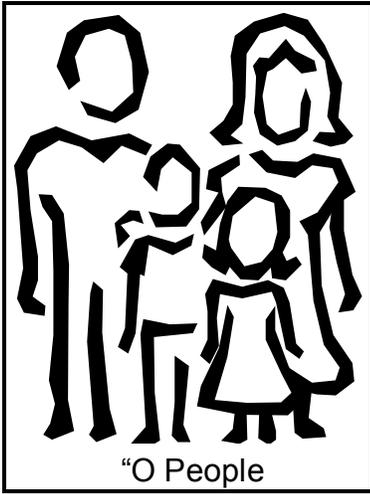
1. Prayers: Allah'u'Abha, O God My God, or O God Guide Me
2. Songs : “Can You” (Enkindle)
“O God Guide Me”
3. Quotation: (Use picture cards)

“O people be obedient to the ordinances of God”
(Bahá'u'lláh)

4. Story: “ Obedient Minx” Use animal figures and people figures to tell this story to the children.
5. Art activity: - Quotation cards
- Colouring Sheet of Obedient dogs
6. Activities:

Lesson 1: Set up a road and use toy cars. Take turns being a police officer saying “stop/go”

Lesson 2: Make dog ears and get the children to pretend to be obedient dogs.



Story: Obedient Minx

Minx was a little puppy when Mary took him home to live with her. Mary loved Minx so much she treated him like her very own baby.

She petted him and brushed his coat. She fed him when he was hungry. She played ball with him. Minx loved Mary. He loved to play ball with her and sit with his head in her lap.

One day Mary said to him: "Minx, it is time you learnt how to be obedient so that I can take you for walks and we can explore together".

So Mary taught Minx to "Sit", and to "Stop" and to "Come here". They practiced this many times: "Sit", "Stop" and "Come Here".

Then one day Mary took Minx for a walk in their neighbourhood.

Minx was so excited to smell all the new smells and see all the new people and places he forgot all about being obedient.

First he went running down the street after a cat. Mary called "Come here, Minx. Come here!" But Minx went on running. When the cat saw Minx coming it ran into its own house and turned around at the door all puffed up and said: "Hfizzzt". Minx wagged his tail and went to sniff the cat, and Mary kept calling "Minx come here!" Then the cat hit Minx on the nose and scratched him with its sharp claws. "Yipe!, yipe!, yipe!" went Minx because this hurt. He went running back to Mary as fast as he could.

Mary petted him and said: "You must be obedient Minx so that you and others don't get hurt." They went back on to the street and continued their walk.

Minx then saw a man mowing the lawns across the street and got so excited he started to run across the road. "Stop, Minx, Stop!" Suddenly there was a lot of screeching noises and a loud horn blast and a car swerved around Minx. He ran back to Mary.

Mary petted him and said "I was so worried about you then. You must be obedient so that you don't get hurt". They continued their walk.

Minx then saw a little boy and he was so excited he ran up to the little boy and jumped up at him. Mary said "Sit Minx! Sit!" but Minx kept on jumping. "Sit, Minx!" The little boy didn't like all the jumping and he started to cry. Mary put a lead on to Minx and dragged him away saying to Minx: "Be obedient Minx. Others will be happier if you are obedient."

They continued their walk and Mary let Minx off his lead at the park. He saw a pond and went towards it. Mary called "Come here Minx!" "Stop!" and Minx went on going till he landed in the middle of the pond. He was wet and cold and muddy. Mary was not pleased. "Minx you are not being obedient and I'm very disappointed and unhappy. Let's go home."

Minx was put on his lead and they went straight home.

Minx did not get to go for a walk with Mary for many days after that. Mary got him to practice over and over to “Sit”, “Stop” and “Come here”.

Then one day Mary took Minx out for a walk. When he saw a cat and started to go towards it Mary said “Come here Minx!” and he was obedient and went to her. She petted him and said “Good boy”.

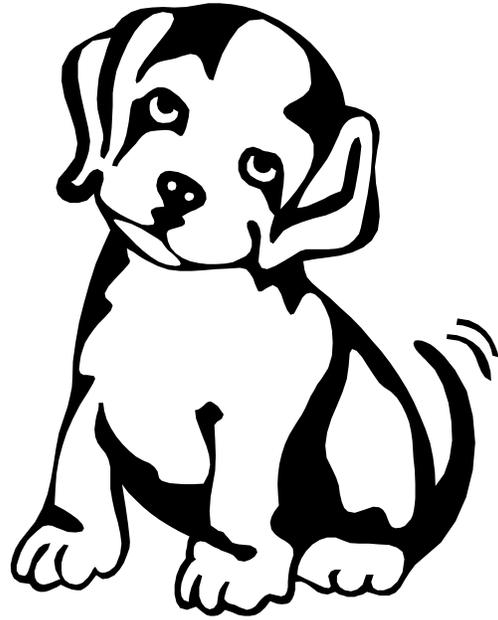
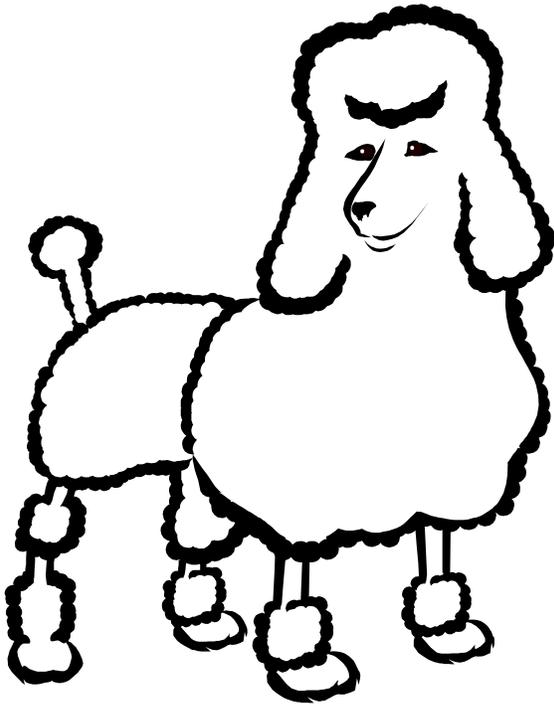
When he saw a man mowing the lawns again he went to cross the road till Mary said “Stop Minx” and he was obedient and stopped. Mary petted Minx and said “Good boy”. Mary said “Sit” and he sat while she checked for cars and then they crossed the road safely to greet the man and the mower.

When they came across the little boy again Minx started to jump he was so excited. Mary told Minx to sit and he was obedient and sat. The little boy did not cry but petted Minx and talked to him.

When they reached the park Minx wanted very much to go the pond but Mary called “Come here Minx!” and he was obedient and did as he was told. Mary petted him and said “Good boy Minx. You have been very obedient today. Well done Minx! I’m really happy that you have been obedient!” And she gave him a big hug!

OBEDIENT DOGS

These dogs have been told to sit. Can you tell which dogs are being obedient?



Are you obedient
for your mother
and father?



WHO HAS TO BE OBEDIENT?

