

Cut out the rectangle and the individual pictures. Help your child put the pictures in the correct order to help give a visual clue as they sing the 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.
 -The Báb



You may like to explain the quotation by giving the example of a farmer. A farmer whose crops have produced a great deal of fruit and vegetables can be generous in times of prosperity. When his crops only produce a small amount, he can still be thankful. Times of hardship are followed by times of abundance so in this project, they are placed in a circle. Paste the pictures in alternating order around the quotation.



Devotional on Generosity

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

(Baha'u'llah, *The Persian Hidden Words*)

Be ye the trustees of God amongst His creatures, and the emblems of His generosity amidst His people.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 297)

Be generous in your days of plenty, and be patient in the hour of loss. Adversity is followed by success and rejoicings follow woe. Guard against idleness and sloth, and cling unto that which profiteth mankind, whether young or old, whether high or low.

(Baha'u'llah, *Tablets of Baha'u'llah*, p. 138)

O SON OF MAN! Bestow My wealth upon My poor, that in heaven thou mayest draw from stores of unfading splendor and treasures of imperishable glory. But by My life! To offer up thy soul is a more glorious thing couldst thou but see with Mine eye.

(Baha'u'llah, *The Arabic Hidden Words*)

O YE RICH ONES ON EARTH! The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust, and be not intent only on your own ease.

(Baha'u'llah, *The Persian Hidden Words*)

This is the Day whereon the Ocean of God's mercy hath been manifested unto men, the Day in which the Day Star of His loving-kindness hath shed its radiance upon them, the Day in which the clouds of His bountiful favor have overshadowed the whole of mankind. Now is the time to cheer and refresh the down-cast through the invigorating breeze of love and fellowship, and the living waters of friendliness and charity.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 7)

My Book About Generosity

Generosity is one of the best ways to show people around us that we care for them.

When we are generous, we look for ways we can help people and we share what we can.

We give our time, our talents, our friendship, and also material things.

Generosity is a spiritual quality; what we give is not the most important, rather how we give it is what makes people feel loved.

When we have something to give, we share freely. Being generous is believing that there will be enough for everyone.

Generosity is a way for us to help others, but in the course of helping we are given a gift as well. The gift, the joy of giving, is more special than what we gave away.



Generosity

Be generous in prosperity,
and thankful in adversity.

-Bahá'u'lláh

This month our family is learning about Generosity.

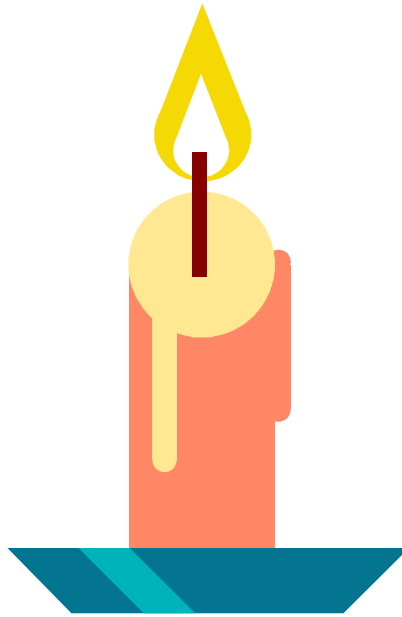
*Be generous in prosperity,
and thankful in adversity.
-Bahá'u'lláh*

Date:

Behold a Candle

Never forget this; look at one another with the eye of perfection; look at me, follow me, be as I am; take no thought for yourselves or your lives, whether ye eat or whether ye sleep, whether ye are comfortable, whether ye are well or ill, whether ye are with friends or foes, whether ye receive praise or blame; for all these things ye must care not at all. Look at me and be as I am; ye must die to yourselves and to the world, so ye shall be born again and enter the kingdom of heaven. Behold the candle, how it gives light. It weeps its life away drop by drop in order to give forth its flame of light.

(‘Abdu’l-Baha, Compilations, Baha’i Scriptures, p. 503)



What can the candle offer to others?

Do you think the candle is happy it gave its life away to give light?

**What if the candle was not lighted,
would it fulfill its purpose of being created?**

Stone Soup

There was once a traveler who came to a village. He was very hungry after his travels. He knocked on several doors asking for food but everyone said they only had enough for themselves. So the traveler found a pot and started to boil some water all on his own. Soon the villagers gathered around him, asking what he was doing. He said he knew a great recipe for a wonderful soup which all began with a stone, which was called Stone Soup. "How do you make this soup?" everyone asked. The traveler said, "First I put the stone inside and then I will taste it, and let you know how it is." So he put the stone inside, stirred the soup, and tasted it. "It tastes good but it needs something else," he said. One of the villagers said, "I have a potato, would that help?" "Yes!" the traveler said. So the villager brought his potato, cut it up, and put it in the soup. Again the traveler tasted the soup and said the same thing, "It tastes good, but it needs something else." Another villager offered a carrot. And so the pattern continued until three more villagers offered something including a piece of celery, an onion, and a zucchini. After all the vegetables were cooked, the traveler tasted the Stone Soup and said, "It is delicious! Now everyone go home and bring a bowl so we can share this Stone Soup together." All the villagers brought their bowls and they sat at the table to enjoy the soup. "What was impossible for one person to do alone," said the traveler to the villagers, "was possible with your generosity. Thank you to everyone for offering your vegetables so we could make a lovely soup together."

