

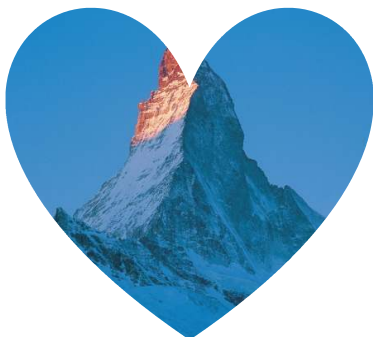
When we are obedient to the Covenant, we obey the laws of Baha'u'llah and follow the guidance of the Universal House of Justice. Print out the picture of the Shrine of Baha'u'llah below and paste the words of the quotation on the back.

O my Lord and my Hope! Help Thou Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy mighty Covenant, to remain faithful to Thy manifest Cause, and to carry out the commandments Thou didst set down for them in Thy Book of Splendors; that they may become banners of guidance and lamps of the Company above, wellsprings of Thine infinite wisdom, and stars that lead aright, as they shine down from the supernal sky. Verily, Thou art the Invincible the Almighty, the All-Powerful. ('Abdu'l-Bahá, Baha'i Prayers, p. 71)



Make a collage showing physical representations of the beauty of God. These blessings and bounties of God can remind us how much He loves us, and how His laws have been made to protect us.

Observe My commandments,
for the love of My beauty.
-Baha' u' llah



Devotional on Obedience

O ye peoples of the world! Know assuredly that My commandments are the lamps of My loving providence among My servants, and the keys of My mercy for My creatures.
(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 20)

They whom God hath endued with insight will readily recognize that the precepts laid down by God constitute the highest means for the maintenance of order in the world and the security of its peoples.
(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 19)

Think not that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, We have unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power. To this beareth witness that which the Pen of Revelation hath revealed. Meditate upon this, O men of insight!
(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 20)

The parents must exert every effort to rear their offspring to be religious, for should the children not attain this greatest of adornments, they will not obey their parents, which in a certain sense means that they will not obey God. Indeed, such children will show no consideration to anyone, and will do exactly as they please.
(Bahá'u'lláh: Bahá'í Education, a compilation of the Universal House of Justice)

Leave all thought of self, and strive only to be obedient and submissive to the Will of God. In this way only shall we become citizens of the Kingdom of God, and attain unto life everlasting.
(Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, p. 54)

Although thou art small, yet I hope thou wilt become great in the Kingdom. His Highness Christ, sayeth: "Happy is the condition of the children!" God willing, thou art one of those children. Be obedient and kind to thy father and mother, caressing brother and sister, and day by day adding to thy faith and assurance.
(Abdu'l-Baha, Tablets of Abdu'l-Baha v3, p. 551)

My Book About Obedience

Obedience is following the rules.

Rules are there to protect us and keep us safe.

When we are obedient, we do what we are supposed to even if no one is watching us. When we are obedient, others can trust that we will do what we are supposed to.

Obedience allows us to get along with others and keeps our communities peaceful.

We should be obedient to our parents and other adults in authority, and also obedient to the Laws of God.

Being obedient is very important at home, in school, at work, in the community, everywhere! When we follow the rules, we can get along better and stay safe.



Obedience

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for the love of My beauty.
-Baha'u'llah

This month our family is learning about Obedience.

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for the love of My beauty.
-Baha'u'llah

Date:

Obeying Instructions to Build a House

1. Draw a foundation (a long rectangle) on the number 1.
2. Draw a square above of the rectangle, so that it is sitting on the rectangle, on the number 2.
3. Draw a triangle, with the longest edge so it is sitting on top of the square, on number 3.

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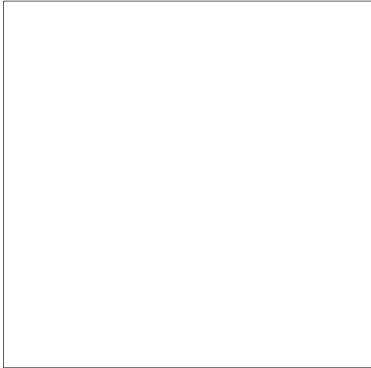
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Following God's Laws is like building a house. Throughout our life, we have the choice to obey His laws. If we obey, we will be setting up a healthy way of living that will bring blessings and challenges that help us grow. We will be building a strong house for ourselves. If we do not obey, we will end up wasting the gifts God gave us and listening to other ideas for building our house. We will probably not end up with a very well built house. To illustrate disobedience, on the back of the page draw the same three shapes you drew above but in a different order and not according to the correct place. Does it make a strong house? Which house would you like to live in? Which would protect you more?

3 Rules for Unity

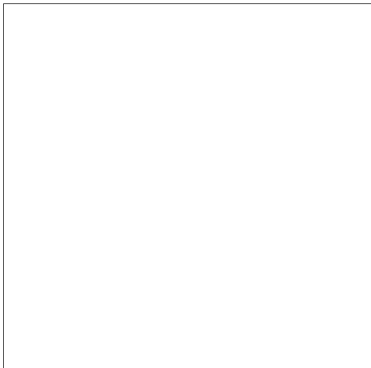
"The most vital duty, in this day, is to purify your characters, to correct your manners, and improve your conduct." - 'Abdu'l-Baha



1. Kindly Tongue

(what comes out of your mouth)

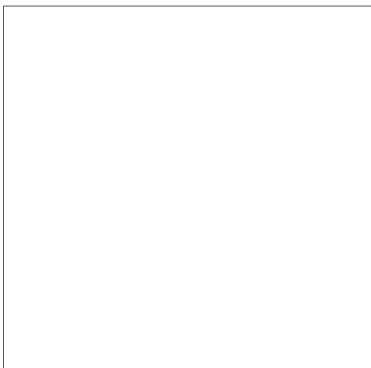
- Use kind words
- Use a kind and appropriate voice
- Tell the truth
- Practice tactfulness



2. Gentle Hands

(what you touch)

- Use gentle movements
- Use gentle touching
- Be considerate of the space of others



3. Respect the Environment

(what is around you)

- Take care of the things around you
- Take care of the place you are in
- Take care of the outdoors
- Make choices that consider the earth's resources

Practicing Obedience in Every Place



Library



Kitchen



Grandparents'
house



Park



Pool



Shop

