



Activity Package

GRADE 4 LESSON 4

How to Use

THIS PACKAGE IS BASED ON LESSON 4 FOR GRADE 4. IT INCLUDES COLOURING ACTIVITIES, WORD PUZZLES, MATCHING GAMES AND MORE TO HELP REINFORCE SOME OF THE INFORMATION FROM THIS LESSON.



Match the photos

ACTIVITY 1

Draw a line from the photo to matching discription

Chains like those that bound Baha'u'llah



Síyáh-Chál



Square in Tabriz



Rock like the one thrown at Baha'u'llah



Baha'i Prisoners in the Síyáh-Chál



Prison in Tabriz





Colour

ACTIVITY 2 COLOUR IN THE QUOTE AND
WRITE YOUR OWN



God is
sufficient unto
me;
He verily is the
All-sufficing!
In Him
let the trusting
trust.

Bahá'u'lláh





Word Puzzle

ACTIVITY 3

ACTIVITY 3
CAN YOU SOLVE THE WORD PUZZLE?

Here is how it works.

If you have an image with a description like the one below and S=D, then you substitute "S" for the letter "D" and write your answer



S=D



An image with the description underneath like the one below of the BIRD.

It has a MINUS sign, which means to subtract.

The PLUS or addition sign means you add.

So below it says BIRD subtract D



bird

- D+TH

BIRD subtract D = BIR

Now ADD "TH" TO THE REST OF THE WORD SO
BIR IS NOW BIR(TH)

READY?



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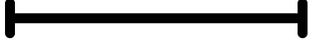
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Word Tiles

ACTIVITY 4

CUT OUT THE TILES AND REARRANGE TO
SPELL OUT A PHRASE FROM OUR LESSON

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l n s t. h e s t i

H i m t t



History

ACTIVITY 5
READ AND ANSWER

The importance of the Conference of Badasht:

“On that occasion, the followers of the Báb decided it was time to set aside outdated beliefs and follow His teachings. But those who ruled the country, especially the religious leaders, were afraid of losing their power over the people. If the masses accepted God’s new teachings, how would they control their thoughts? Something had to be done! And thus began the systematic persecution of the gentle followers of the Báb.

Do you remember how the Báb and so many of His disciples suffered after the Conference of Badasht?

Write something you remember about the conference of Badasht

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What happened finally?

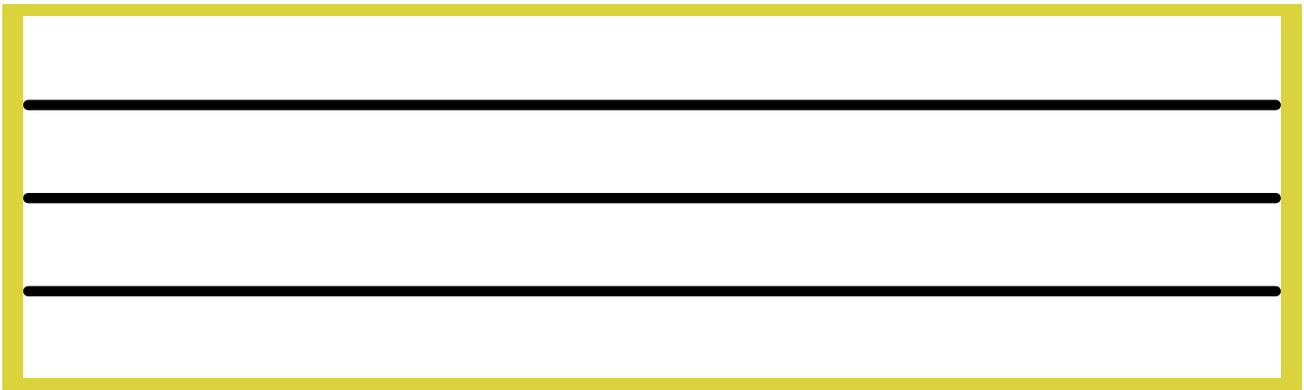
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Bab willingly gave up His life so that He could purify hearts and make them ready for...

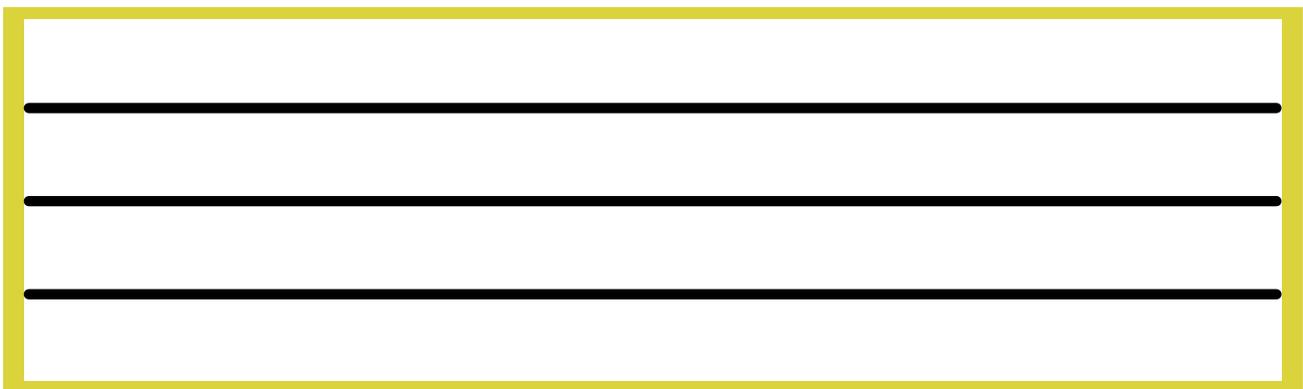
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“One night, in a dream, these exalted words were heard on every side: ‘Verily, We shall render Thee victorious by Thyself and by Thy Pen. Grieve Thou not for that which hath befallen Thee, neither be Thou afraid, for Thou art in safety. Erelong will God raise up the treasures of the earth—men who will aid Thee through Thyself and through Thy Name, where with God hath revived the hearts of such as have recognized Him.’”

Who Heard these words, Who spoke then and where?



Why are these words important?



The summer of 1852 brought intense suffering to the followers of the Báb. The Báb Himself had been martyred two years before, and many of His most outstanding disciples had already given their lives for their Faith. A small group of Bábís were so saddened by the martyrdom of their beloved Báb that they decided to take revenge.



IN TABRÍZ, WHERE THE BÁB SUFFERED MARTYRDOM. PILLAR OF X IS THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS SUSPENDED AND SHOT



Although Bahá'u'lláh told them to let go of their foolish ideas, they would not listen to Him and plotted against the life of the new king who now sat on the throne, Násiri'd-Dín Shah. Their pitiful attempt failed, but it aroused such anger in the king that he ordered yet another massacre of the followers of the Báb. The cruel acts that were committed during those months against the Bábís are so shocking that to describe them would bring too much sadness to your hearts.

Questions

1. When did the intense suffering to the followers of the Báb occur and what did they decide to do?

2. What did Bahá'u'lláh tell them?

3. Who ordered yet another massacre of the followers of the Báb?

This wave of persecutions brought great suffering to Bahá'u'lláh Who, as you saw in our earlier classes, had enjoyed relative freedom until then because of His position in society. An order was issued for His immediate arrest. On the day the king gave the order, Bahá'u'lláh was staying in a village some kilometers away from the city of Tíhrán. The news that He was soon to be imprisoned did not disturb Him in the slightest, and He faced His arrest with His usual dignity. The prison chosen for Him was called the Síyáh-Chál—"the Black Pit". The Síyáh-Chál was originally a reservoir of water for a public bath in Tíhrán and was, at the time, used as an underground dungeon in which criminals of the worst type were held.



On His way to the Síyáh-Chál, Bahá'u'lláh was forced to walk barefooted and bareheaded under the burning rays of the midsummer sun. The crowd that stood along the road treated Him with extreme rudeness. Yet His face reflected His inner calm and His heart was filled with love even for those who wished Him harm. As He was nearing the Síyáh-Chál, an old woman came out of the crowd with a stone in her hand. She had been so convinced that Bahá'u'lláh was a wrongdoer that she was totally unaware of the nobility and love shown forth by this extraordinary Prisoner. Her whole body shook with rage as she stepped forward and raised her hand to hurl the stone at Him. "Give me a chance to fling my stone in His face!" she pleaded as she approached Bahá'u'lláh. "Suffer not this woman to be disappointed," were Bahá'u'lláh's words to the guards as He saw her hastening behind Him. "Deny her not what she regards as a meritorious act in the sight of God." Even in the midst of intense suffering, Bahá'u'lláh was not concerned with Himself. So great was His love for every human being that He would accept such abuse in order to bring happiness to the heart of a misguided but sincere old woman.

Questions

4. On the day the king gave the order, where was Bahá'u'lláh was staying ?

5. What does the word Síyáh-Chál mean ?

6. What happened on the way to the Síyáh-Chál and what did Bahá'u'lláh do?

Bahá'u'lláh finally reached the Síyáh-Chál. There He was imprisoned with several of the Báb's followers. Their feet were placed in stocks, and around their necks were fastened extremely heavy chains. The air they breathed had the foulest of smells, and the floor on which they sat was covered with filth. No ray of light entered that dark dungeon or warmed its icy coldness. Yet the followers of the Báb were illumined by His teachings and their hearts were aflame with the fire of God's love. They gladly accepted their sufferings and hoped to be among those who, each day, were taken out of the prison to be martyred.

Meanwhile, the house of Bahá'u'lláh was pillaged, and His lands and goods were taken away by the authorities. His dear family was left with almost nothing—no furniture, no belongings, no food—and most of their relatives and friends abandoned them out of fear. Only a few remained faithful to them, and one of Bahá'u'lláh's loyal relatives helped his beloved wife Ásíyih Khánum and three children find a small house near the Síyáh-Chál where they were safe. The eldest was, of course, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Who was only eight or nine years old.

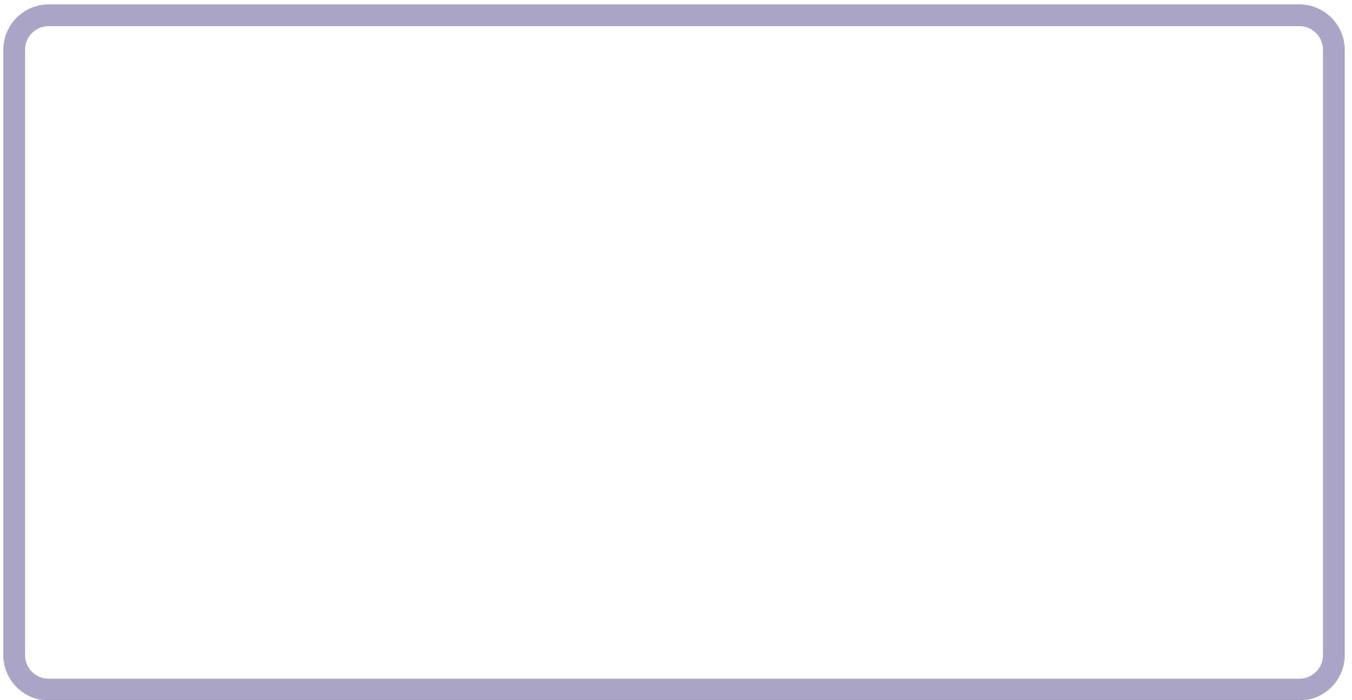
Sometimes He would leave the house to run errands for His mother or go to the market. He would try to make His way quietly, knowing that there was great agitation in the city and that it was a dangerous time for any Bábí to be seen.

Now, His mother had managed to save a few small precious things that they were able to sell. With the money, they could pay the jailors at the Síyáh-Chál to take a bit of food and drink to His beloved Father from time to time. 'Abdu'l-Bahá longed to see His Father and one day He was allowed to enter the Síyáh-Chál. Still a young boy, He was carried on the shoulders of a servant. They went through a small, narrow doorway and then down two steps, beyond which 'Abdu'l-Bahá could see nothing it was so pitch black. They were about halfway down the stairway when all of a sudden 'Abdu'l-Bahá heard the blessed voice of His Father: "Do not bring him in here." And so He was carried back up the stairs. 'Abdu'l-Bahá waited outside the prison to catch sight of Bahá'u'lláh when He and His companions were brought up for a bit of air. How it pained 'Abdu'l-Bahá to see the heavy chains that they had put around His Father's blessed neck.

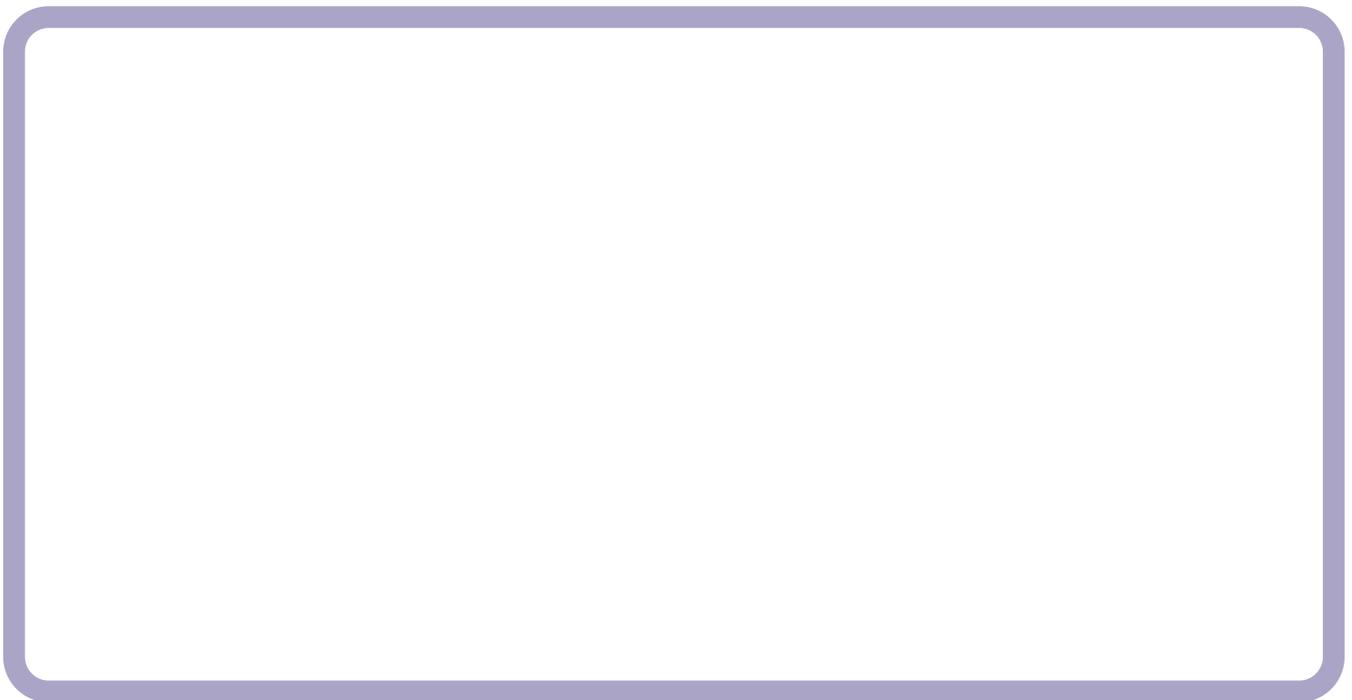
Draw one of the prisoners in the Síyáh-Chál
Remember we never draw Bahá'u'lláh



Like 'Abdu'l-Bahá, your family has to be careful when going about town. What would that look like?



You sometimes get a glimpse of your dad...draw or write what that feels like or looks like.



Bahá'u'lláh and His companions sat in the darkness of the Síyáh-Chál. They were placed in two rows, each facing the other. Bahá'u'lláh had taught them certain verses which every night they would chant until the early hours of the morning.

“God is sufficient unto me; He verily is the All-Sufficing!” one row would sing, while the other would reply,
“In Him let the trusting trust.”

With such courage and joy did they chant that their voices would reach the palace of the king. “What means this sound?” the king once asked with agitation. “It is the anthem the Bábís are intoning in their prison,” was the answer. The king kept silent and said no more.

For four months Bahá'u'lláh was held a prisoner in the Síyáh-Chál. The conditions of the prison did not improve, but He endured His sufferings with peace and calm. For, while His body was in chains, His spirit was free soaring in the heavens of nearness to God. Indeed, it was in these conditions of intense physical suffering that Bahá'u'lláh began to receive God's Revelation, a Revelation that would continue to fill His soul for nearly forty more years. Bahá'u'lláh Himself has described those days:

“During the days I lay in the prison of Ṭíhrán, though the galling weight of the chains and the stench-filled air allowed Me but little sleep, still in those infrequent moments of slumber I felt as if something flowed from the crown of My head over My breast, even as a mighty torrent that precipitateth itself upon the earth from the summit of a lofty mountain. Every limb of My body would, as a result, be set afire. At such moments My tongue recited what no man could bear to hear.”

One night, in a dream Bahá'u'lláh heard these glorious words:

“Verily, We shall render Thee victorious by Thyself and by Thy Pen. Grieve Thou not for that which hath befallen Thee, neither be Thou afraid, for Thou art in safety. Erelong will God raise up the treasures of the earth—men who will aid Thee through Thyself and through Thy Name, wherewith God hath revived the hearts of such as have recognized Him.”

How great is the Cause of God. How extraordinary are His power and might. The glorious Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh which is destined to change the fortunes of humankind had its beginning in a most desolate prison. The Sun of Truth rose from behind the clouds of the darkness of the Síyáh-Chál, stirring all of creation with its dawning light.

List some of the positive things that happened during the time that Baha'ullah was in the Síyáh-Chál





Poetry

ACTIVITY 6
LET'S GET CREATIVE

WRITE WORDS BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER ABOVE EACH COLUMN THAT RELATES TO THE BLACK PIT

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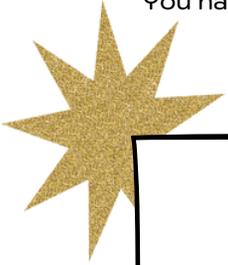
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PLANNING A SCUPLTURE

You have been asked to make a Sculpture of some of the early Baha'is. Draw a sketch of your sculpture below.



Tell us a little bit about your sculpture.

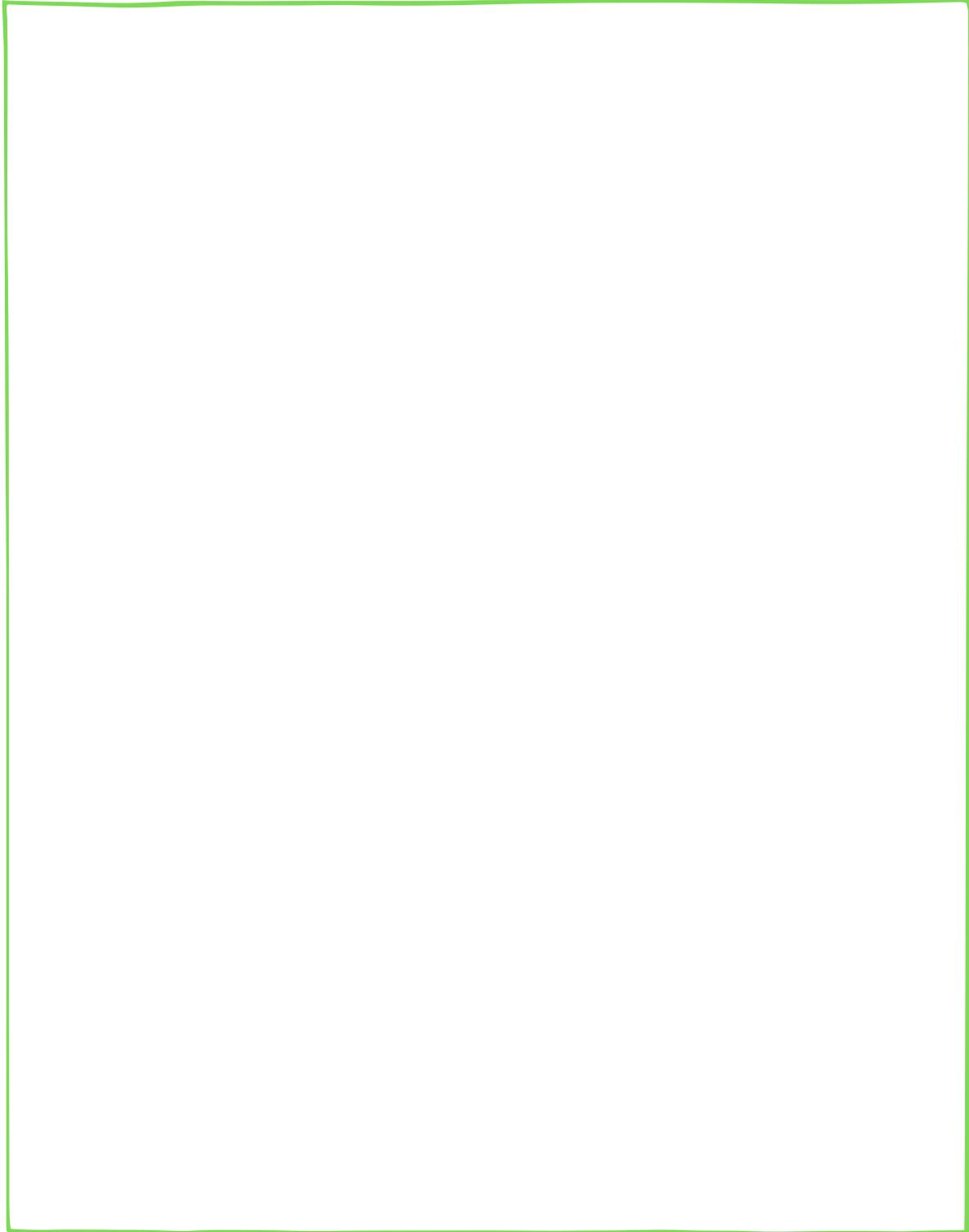
Write a poem about any of the stories in lesson 4



Pitch a charity project

Reading about the early Baha'is can be inspiring for us to make a difference in the lives of others. If you were to have a project that can do such a difference, what will it be?

Create a campaign poster for it below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin green border, occupying the lower two-thirds of the page. It is intended for the student to create a campaign poster for their charity project.



Answers

SOME OF THE PUZZLES SOLVED! SOME OF
THE QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

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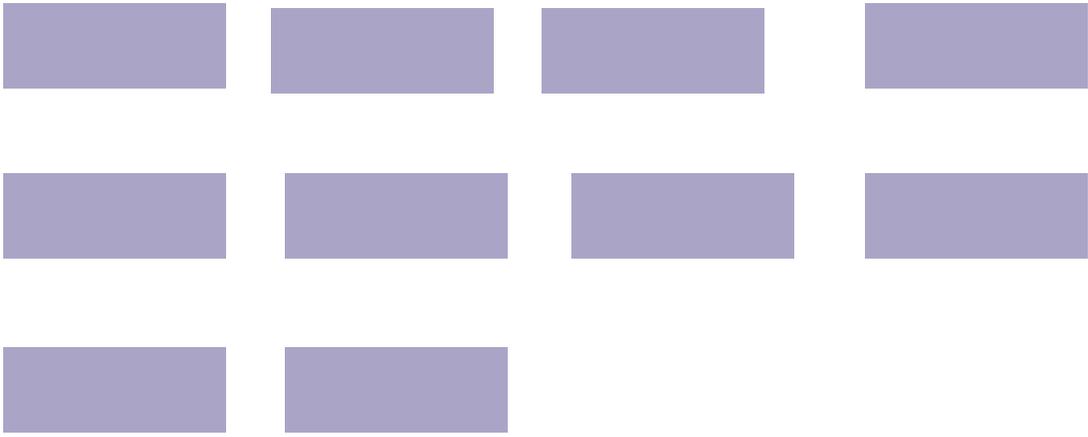
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