
ACTIVITY 1 - JIG-SAW PUZZLE

How to Play

1. Determine the number of groups for the jig-saw puzzle activity.
2. Give each group a colour eg red, green, etc.
3. Print the three quotations (on Great, Lesser and Everlasting Covenant provided below) on similar coloured paper eg group red with have all the three quotations printed on red paper, group green on green paper, etc.
4. Cut each quotation into 9 pieces of different shapes.
5. Jumble the cut-up quotations for each colour. NB: Each group should have only 36 cut-up quotations of the assigned colour.
6. Give to each group the cut-up quotations eg group red should have 36 pieces of cut-up quotations which were printed on red paper, group green 36 green cut-up quotations, etc.

Aim of the Activity

The group that can re-assemble all the cut-up quotations correctly and fastest (total of 3) wins.

The first kind of Covenant is called the 'Great' or 'Ancient' Covenant of God in which God promises that He will always give eternal guidance to mankind by sending His Prophets (Manifestations of God) and that He would not leave mankind to itself. The cycle of appearance of these Prophets is approximately every one thousand years.

the Lesser Covenant that a Manifestation of God makes with His followers that they will accept His appointed successor after Him. If they do so, the Faith can remain united and pure, if not, the Faith becomes divided and its force spent. It is a Covenant of this kind that Baha'u'llah made with His followers regarding 'Abdu'l-Baha and that 'Abdu'l-Baha perpetuated through the Administrative Order..

The Most Great Covenant is different from the Everlasting Covenant.

All the Messengers of God from Adam to the Bab have prophesied about the Day of God, the Day of the coming of Baha'u'llah, 'the Promise of All Ages'.

The coming of Baha'u'llah is the fulfilment of this Everlasting Covenant.

ACTIVITY 2 - COVENANT CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Baha'i International Community (1,1,1)
4. Major work of the Bab (5).
6. Book of My Covenant, Kitab-i-_____ (4).
7. The Kitab-i-Ahd was written entirely by _____ (4). GPB p.238
8. The Centre of the Covenant prevents people from creating a sect founded in the individual's understanding of the divine _____ (5) ibid
11. Another name for Down 12 (7,4)
13. Baha'i Era (1,1)
14. "Whatsoever the Branch says is right... and every person must obey the Branch with his _____" (4). SW vol III No 14 p.9
15. _____ Beauty, a title of Baha'u'llah (4).
17. Muslim Calendar (1,1).
18. The covenant protects the Faith from this happening (6). PUP pp.455-56
20. "Ere long will God sail His _____ upon thee, and will manifest the people of Baha..."TB p5
22. The Founder of the Christian religion (6).
24. The appointment of the Centre of the Covenant makes it impossible for _____one to create a new sect (3). PUP pp.455-56
25. Weighty agreement or contract between two parties (8).

27. Being completed on Mount Carmel (3).
28. Christian line of succession based upon the statement: "Thou art Peter and upon this _____ will I build my church (4).
29. One of the Baha'i Months (3).
31. Period of waiting as foretold by the Bab (4) GPB p.29
32. Arabic for covenant (3).
34. Will accompany whoever arises for the triumph of His Cause (6). SCKA p16
35. Male descendant of Baha'u'llah (6).

DOWN

1. Glory (4)
2. Most characteristic feature of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah (6,2,3,8). PUP pp.455-56
3. No revelation before the expiration of a full _____ years (8). WOB p.132
5. Centre of the Covenant (9).
9. Baha'u'llah's covenant does not allow individual _____ of the Word of God (17).
10. A title of Abdul-Baha (4,6,6).
12. Will and Testament of Baha'u'llah (9)
16. Across 32.
19. Secular title given to Abdu'l-Baha (3)
21. In former _____ no distinct Covenant was made in writing by the Supreme Pen (6). SW vol III No 14 p.9
23. Holy (6).
26. Across 29.
27. Prison city where Baha'u'llah was exiled (4).
30. Another Baha'i month (3).
33. Intercalary Days, Days of ___ (2).

References

- GPB God Passes By
 PUP Promulgation of Universal Peace
 SW Star of the West
 SCKA Synopsis and Codification of the Kitab-i-Aqdas
 TB Tablets of Baha'u'llah
 WOB World Order of Baha'u'llah

Answers to Covenant Crossword:**Across.**

1. B.I.C
4. Bayan
6. Ahdi
7. Hand
8. Word
11. Crimson Book
13. B.E.
14. Life.
15. Abha
16. A.H.
18. Schism
20. Ark
22. Christ
24. Any
25. Covenant
28. Rock
29. Nur
31. Nine
32. Ahd
34. Angels
35. Aghsan

Down.

1. Baha
2. Centre of the Covenant
3. thousand
5. Abdul-Baha
9. interpretation
10. Most Mighty Branch
12. Kitab-i-Ahd
16. Ahd
19. Sir
21. Cycles
23. Sacred
26. Nur
27. Akka
30. Ala or Ilm
33. Ha

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Group Discussions.

The course facilitator or teacher may also use the questions provided with each lesson as a basis for group activities.

For example in Lesson 3, question 12:

“Discuss the significance of Abdu’l-Baha being the Centre of the Covenant.”

You may choose to divide the class into two or more groups to discuss this question for 10 - 15 minutes.

2. Quiz.

Divide the class into two or more groups. Each group has to come up with a series of question based on the current or previous lessons to ask the other groups. The group also has to provide the correct answer.