



Religion	Baha'i
Denomination	n/a
Question answered:	What stories are important to you? (KS1 Q2)
Key concepts, questions, and outcomes:	Why do symbols and stories play important roles in religions? Why do some people follow religious leaders and teachings? Retell a range of religious stories and explain how they link to the core beliefs
Key teaching points:	Baha'u'llah teaches people to love and be kind to the poor and to children.
Prior knowledge:	The knowledge that religious stories carry meaning Some knowledge about Baha'u'llah would be useful, but not essential.

Core Vocabulary:			
Baha'u'llah	Founder of the Baha'i faith	Turmoil	Difficulties

Summary of answers:
<p>The first story told is about a little boy who was visiting Baha'u'llah, and he found a room with a bag of sweets. He was caught by Baha'u'llah with his hands full of sweets, and instead of telling him off, he took him to another room and gives him more. As an adult, the man remembered that story and it showed his loving kindness.</p> <p>Baha'u'llah lived relatively recently and so there are many stories of his life. He was very popular and when he went to the coffee house in Baghdad many people came to talk to him. On his way to the coffee house, he would pass a poor, old lady and he would greet her. She wanted to kiss his feet as a sign of respect, but Baha'u'llah did not want that, as he thought it was demeaning to her. So, she asked to kiss his cheek and so each morning, he would have to bend down and let this woman kiss his cheek. This story illustrates his concern for the poor and when he left Baghdad, her left her a sum of money.</p> <p>The third speaker tells a story about the father of Baha'u'llah, who had a dream. In this dream he saw his son swimming in the sea. His face was shining and his hair floated out around him and lots of fish clung to his hair. In the morning he went to ask someone to tell him the meaning of the dream. He was told that the ocean represented the world, the light was the message that Baha'u'llah had for the world and the fish were all the difficulties that he would encounter. The fish did not harm him, so none of the challenges would harm Baha'u'llah and his message would spread throughout the world.</p>

Next Steps:
<p>Read some more stories about the life of Baha'u'llah.</p> <p>Compare the teachings in the stories to other religious stories that the pupils have encountered.</p> <p>Share some stories that the children already know that contain messages or teachings, such as the parables of Jesus.</p> <p>Discuss what they learn about Baha'u'llah from these stories. What do they think the people who follow him might be like?</p>