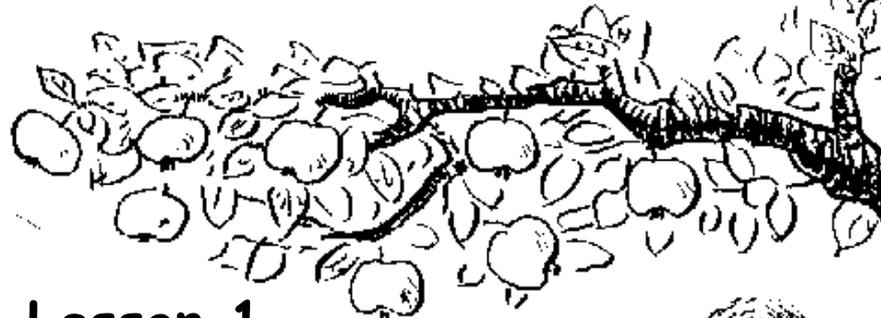


Huqúqu'lláh

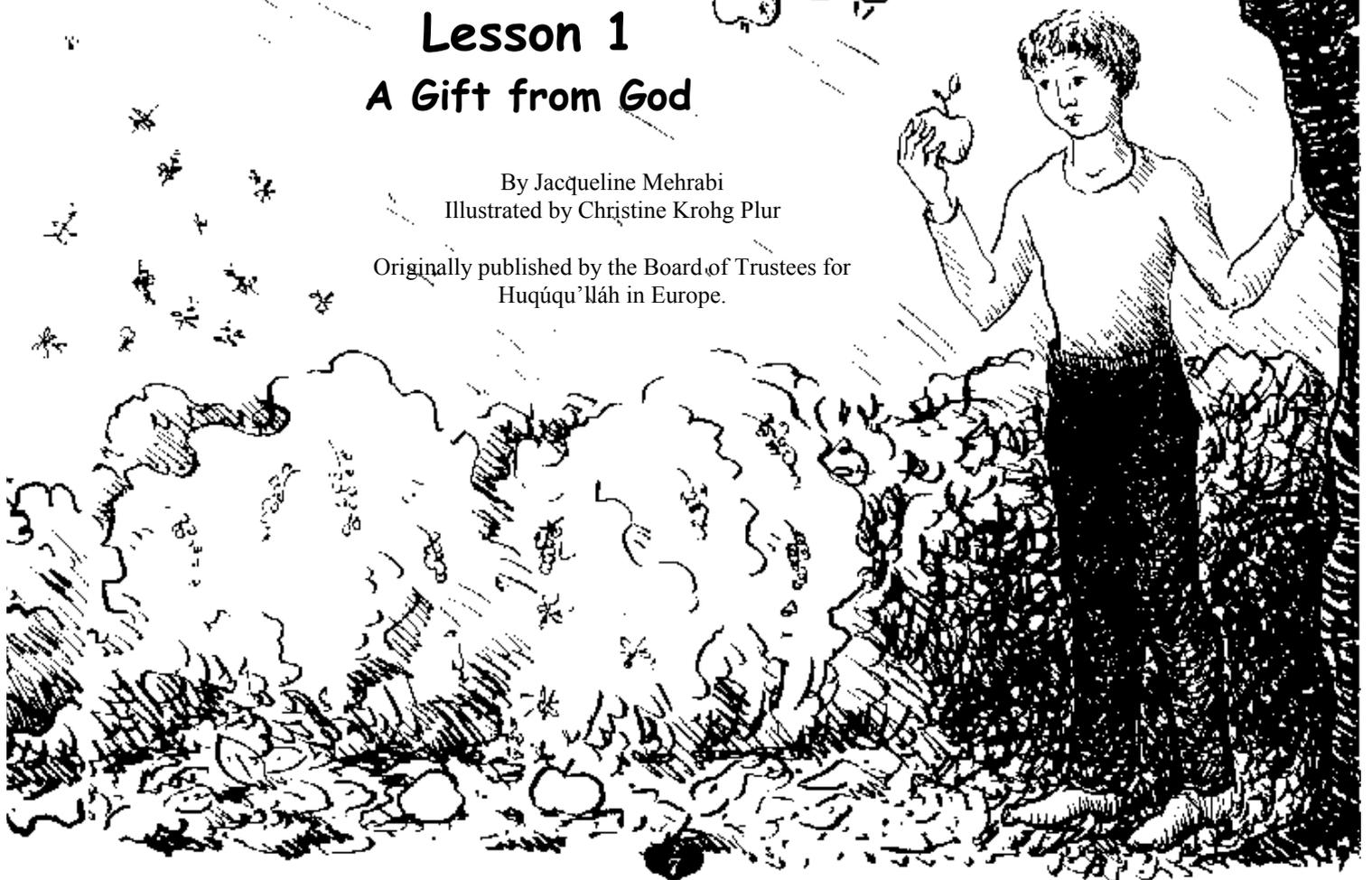
Lesson Plans for children



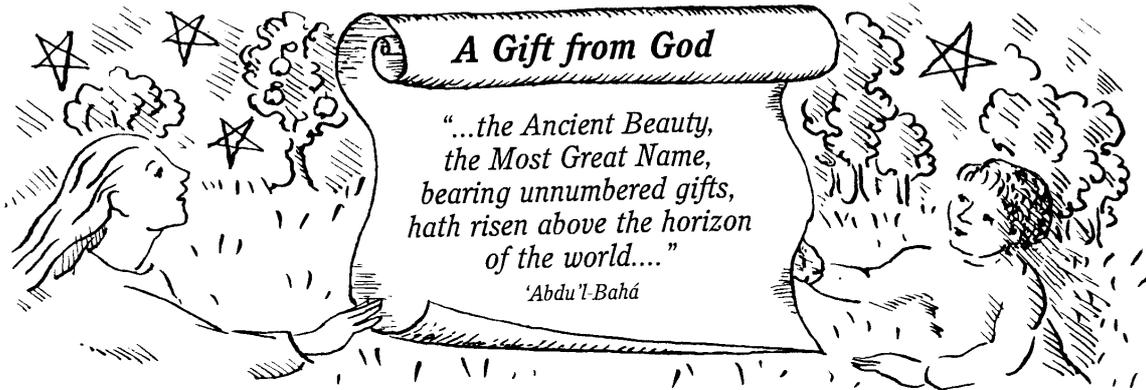
Lesson 1 A Gift from God

By Jacqueline Mehrabi
Illustrated by Christine Krohg Plur

Originally published by the Board of Trustees for
Huqúqu'lláh in Europe.



Lesson 1



What does it mean?

Ancient means something that is very, very old. Here it means existing from before the beginning of time.

Bearing means bringing or carrying.

Unnumbered here means too many to be counted.



Fill in the missing words:

"the Ancient, the Most Great,
bearing unnumbered, hath risen above the
of the"



1. Who is the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name?
Say His Holy Name aloud and then write it below:
.....
2. Can you think why Bahá'u'lláh is called the Ancient Beauty? Why do you think He is also called the Most Great Name?
3. In the quotation, 'Abdu'l-Bahá says that Bahá'u'lláh has brought so many gifts for us that they cannot be counted. This lesson is about one of the most precious gifts that Bahá'u'lláh has given us. It is called Huqúqu'lláh. Say it aloud then write it below:
.....

4. Huqúqu'lláh, the Right of God, belongs to God

Of course, everything in the universe really belongs to God because He created it all. He just asks us to give *a little bit of what we save* back to Him, and this is called Huqúqu'lláh. *God gives it to us to look after and then give back to Him.*

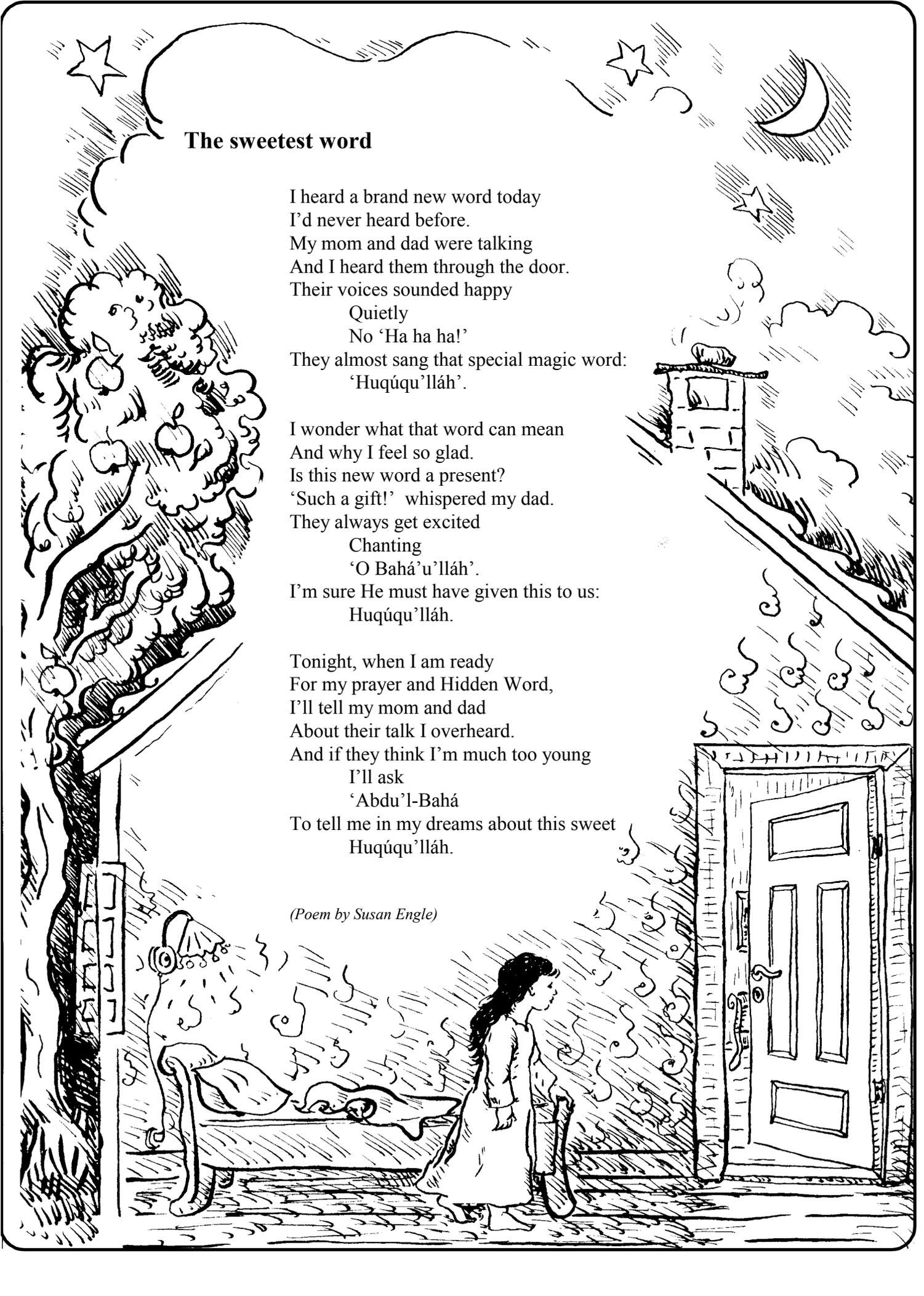
In a way, everything in the world already obeys this law of Huqúqu'lláh, even the animals and the plants, although they do not understand it. Nothing can live entirely by itself. Everything and everybody needs to give and take. To understand this law more clearly, it is interesting to see what happens in nature.

- ♥ In order to grow, what does a tree take from the ground?
- ♥ Does it take all of the water and minerals, or just what it needs?
- ♥ In the autumn what does the tree give back in return?
- ♥ How does this help the ground?
- ♥ How does this help the tree?
- ♥ If the tree held onto its leaves and fruit, what would happen to the tree?

♥ Can you think of other examples of give and take in nature? (E.g. how flowers give bees nectar to make honey. In return, bees take pollen on their feet from flower to flower. If bees and other insects did not do this, the flowers would not be able to bloom again next year. Or how, when parents give love to their baby, the baby loves them back. The baby also learns to love other people and the love grows and grows.)



Draw a picture illustrating “give and take”. There are hundreds of examples to choose from. Remember, everything in nature gives something back. When something is given back, then something good happens. When we give Huqúqu'lláh to God, then something good happens to us as well. We'll find out what this is in the next lesson.



The sweetest word

I heard a brand new word today
I'd never heard before.
My mom and dad were talking
And I heard them through the door.
Their voices sounded happy
Quietly
No 'Ha ha ha!'
They almost sang that special magic word:
'Huqúqu'lláh'.

I wonder what that word can mean
And why I feel so glad.
Is this new word a present?
'Such a gift!' whispered my dad.
They always get excited
Chanting
'O Bahá'u'lláh'.
I'm sure He must have given this to us:
Huqúqu'lláh.

Tonight, when I am ready
For my prayer and Hidden Word,
I'll tell my mom and dad
About their talk I overheard.
And if they think I'm much too young
I'll ask
'Abdu'l-Bahá
To tell me in my dreams about this sweet
Huqúqu'lláh.

(Poem by Susan Engle)