



School of the Nations Kindergarten Program

The HIDDEN GEMS, Early Childhood Education curriculum has been developed over a number of years in conjunction with the School of the Nations, kindergarten section in Macau, China. Inspired by Baha'i principles and concepts of education this program carefully integrates intellectual and spiritual education over a three-year period. The program is organized in four main areas: Character Development, Science, Math and Language. Each area uses a wide variety of methods and activities designed to initiate the development of moral, social and intellectual capabilities in children over three consecutive year beginning at age 3, 4 or 5 depending on educational and social circumstances the level of maturity.

The Character Development material focuses on initiating the development of moral capabilities such as the capability of being a loving family member or the capability of promoting harmony and unity. At the ages involved this is approached through the memorization of short passages from the Baha'i writings and an exploration of the practical meaning of these through stories, role play, discussion, games and art.

The Science Curriculum is designed to lay foundations for a scientific approach to life. In particular it attempts to establish an intuitive understanding of systems by exploring the family, the creation of God, and the human being from smoothly integrated spiritual and material perspectives.

Each level consists of a Teacher's Guide, Teacher's Resource Material and a Student Workbook. The Teacher's Guide provides basic lesson plans and instructions for the teachers. The Resource Material provides black line drawings that can be copied, colored and laminated to use as visual aids. The Student Workbook provides reinforcement of the concepts studied.