



## FEZANA Age-Appropriate Lesson Plan

**Subject Category** (circle one): Iranian Religion/Celebration      History      Prayer      Gathas  
Comparative Religion      Shahnameh

**Age Group** (circle one): PreK-K      Grades 1-3      Grades 4-5      Grades 6-8      Grades 9-12

**Lesson #** (if applicable):

**Subject of the Lesson:** Collaboration, Consultation and Working Together

**Background Knowledge for Teacher:**

**Goal:** To help students realize the value of working together as a group.

- a. In our daily lives we have tasks that we need to do by ourselves. For example, we clean our room, make our bed, get our backpack ready for the following day, organize our clothes in the closet, ... However, sometimes we need to work with others. Each person in the group will take responsibility for a task. At the end we will see favorable results. This is similar to people working together to put together pieces of puzzle. Once everyone works together, the result is always beautiful. (ex. Members of a family each performing a task).

If we wish to make a wall collage, one person can draw the images, another takes photos, etc. Everyone will take part in this good project.

Why do we work together?

- The task will be completed in a timely manner with better end results.
- Each of us will benefit and learn from others' experiences and knowledge.
- Each person will conserve more energy and will not get worn out.

What do we have to do for our group work to be more productive?

- Learn more about the task we would like to accomplish.
- Talk and collaborate with one another.
- Each person will complete the task they are responsible for and help others as much as possible.
- Each person will do their task as best as possible.
- Each person will accept the task that they are familiar with and can do their best in (Either us or the leader of the project may have a good recognition of our abilities).



- b. Ashu Zarathushtra encourages collaboration with wise, knowledgeable, righteous, and benevolent individuals. He teaches us to evaluate the information before deciding. Sometimes in doing group or individual activity we may need the experience and wisdom of people who are knowledgeable in the given task.  
Gathas Yasna 30-2 says:

Hearken with your ears to these best counsels,  
Reflect upon them with illuminated judgement.  
Let each one choose his creed with that freedom of choice each must have at great event...  
Gathas Yasna 30-2

### **Lesson for students:**

Present the lesson in the form of a story.

Ex: It's Great to Work Together by Jordan Collins. The link to this video story is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV-vh1ABeDQ>

### **Activity for Students:**

1. If you have a kitchen at your center, make cupcakes with the class. Have the students participate in adding ingredients and stirring the batter. After enjoying the cupcakes, have them clean up together. You can start the class by making the batter together, and while it is in the oven read them a story or have them watch a video about working together.
2. Have a poster ready. Bring outline images of animals, trees, and flowers, etc. Then have each student color one of the images, cut the image out (they may need help with this) and then help them glue it on the poster to make an artwork to put up in your class.
3. For virtual class: Use the Zoom whiteboard have one student draw a mountain, another a flower, and so on until you have a group drawing on Zoom whiteboard. Save and email to class to enjoy their group creation.

Note: At the end of the activity, make sure to remind them that the task was more enjoyable and easier because everyone worked together.

### **Sources:**

1. Din Amooz 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 3752 Zoroastrian year
2. The Gathas, Translated by DJ Irani

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