

## Ayyám-i-Há

Ayyám-i-Há, or the "Days of Há", refers to the four or five intercalary days in the annual Bahá'í calendar when Bahá'ís rejoice, engage in charitable work, and prepare for the nineteen-day Bahá'í Fast. This year, it falls between 26-29 February.

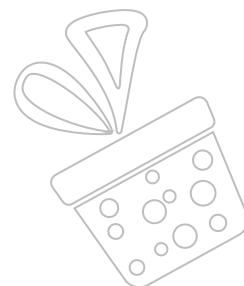
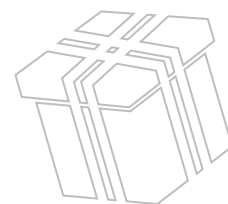


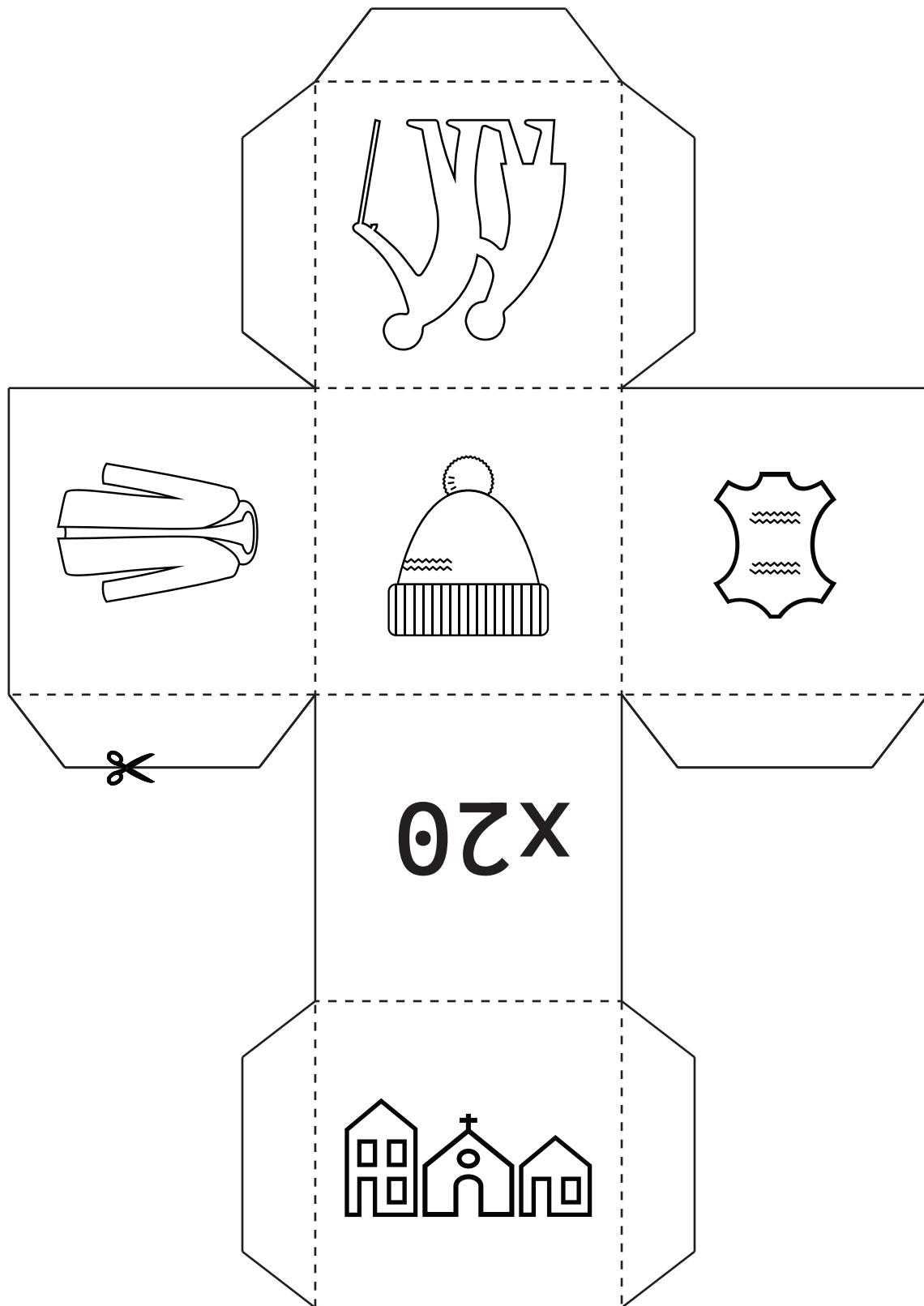
## Story Cubes

The following four stories of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's generosity have been transformed into DIY "story cubes", offering kids of all ages a chance to have fun while celebrating the Days Outside of Time with charity and cheer.

Suggested use for a group of friends:

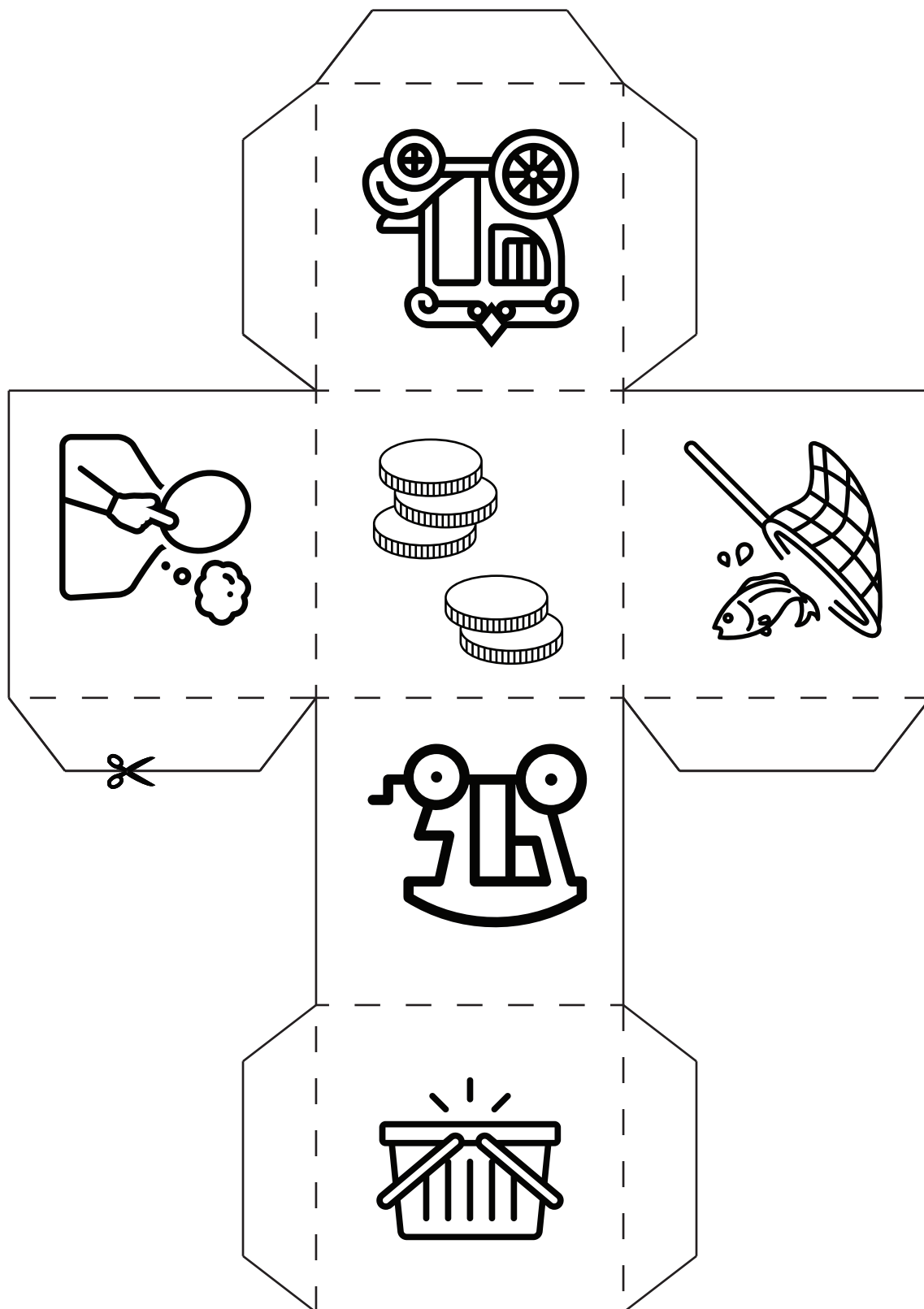
1. Read the story.
2. Print (recommend A3), colour in, cut, and construct the story cubes using glue or tape.
3. In the group, take turns rolling the cube to "take ownership" of one or more story elements.
4. Then, according to the sequence in which the elements appear, collaborate to creatively tell the story as a group, in your own words.





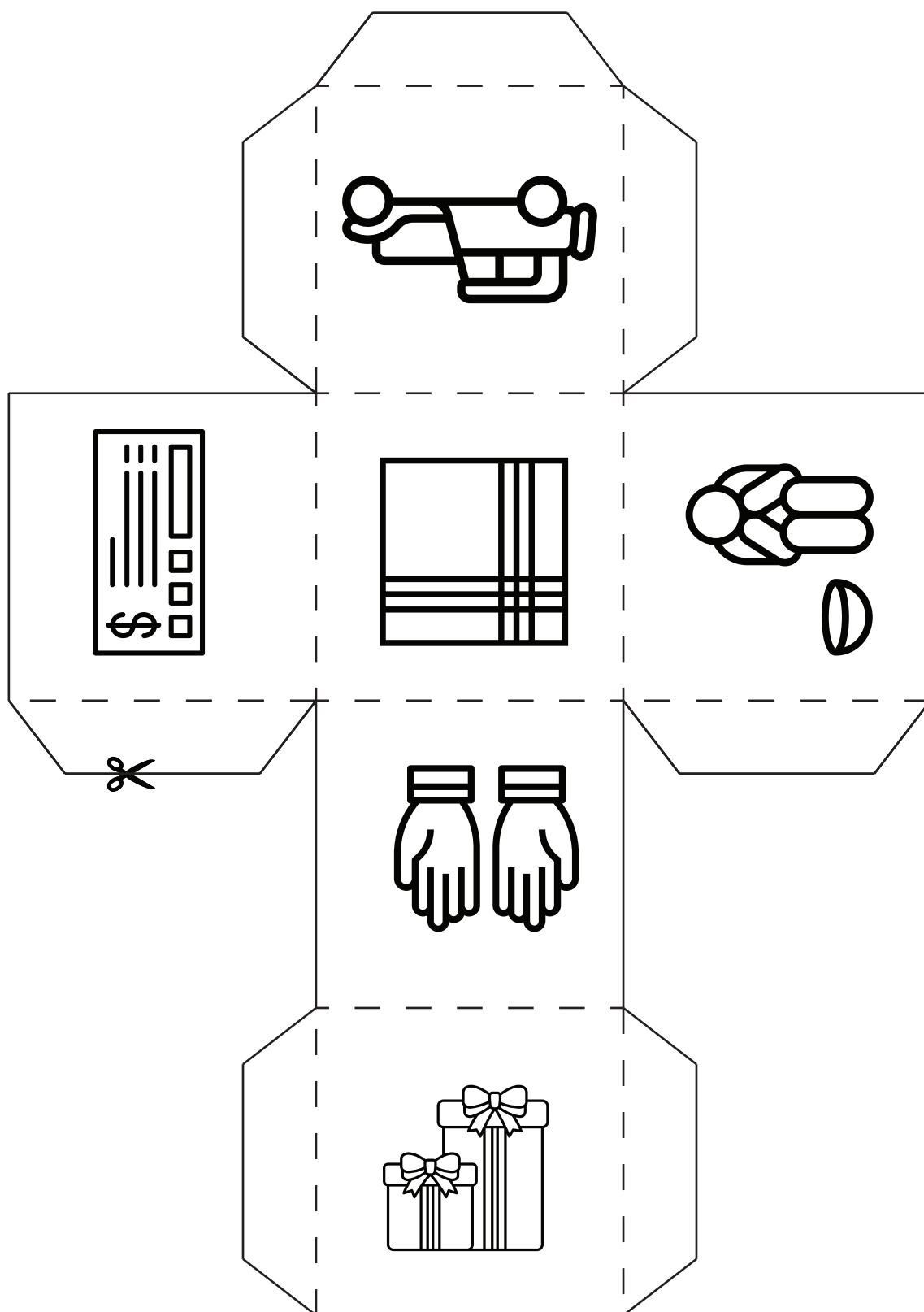
A friend had sent some **fur** so that the Master could have a good warm **coat**;  
He had it cut up and made into **twenty caps** for the **elderly men**  
of the **town**.

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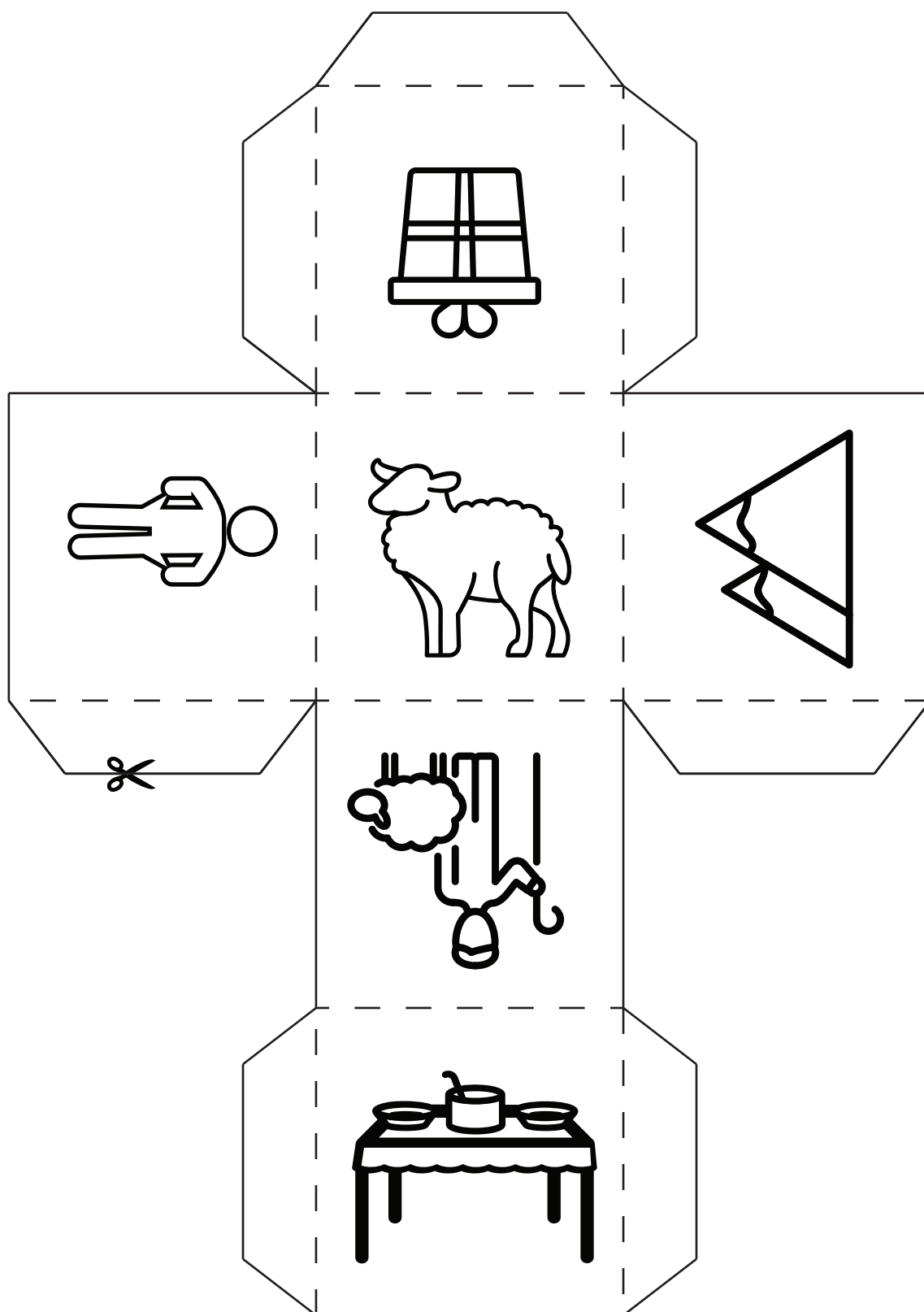


One day ‘Abdu’l-Bahá was going from Akka to Haifa and asked for a seat in the **stage coach**. The driver, surprised, said ‘Your Excellency surely wishes a **private carriage**.’ ‘No.’ replied the Master. While He was still in the coach in Haifa, a distressed **fisherwoman** came to Him; all day she had **caught nothing** and now must return to her hungry family. The Master gave her **five francs**, then turned to the driver and said: ‘You now see **the reason why** I would not take a private carriage. Why should I ride in luxury when so many are starving?’

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‘Abdu’l-Bahá would refuse generous sums of money meant for Himself but would accept a small token of love, such as a **handkerchief**. In London a lady said to the Master, 'I have here a **cheque** from a friend, who begs its acceptance to buy a good **motor-car** for your work in England and Europe.' To this ‘Abdu’l-Bahá replied, 'I accept with grateful thanks the gift of your friend.' He took the cheque into **both His hands**, as though blessing it, and said, 'I return it to be used for **gifts** to the **poor**.'



A story is recorded of the time when young 'Abbas Effendi went to the **mountains** to see the thousands of sheep which His Father then owned. The **shepherds**, wishing to honour their young Guest, gave Him a **feast**. Before 'Abbas was taken home at the close of the day, the head shepherd advised Him that it was customary under the circumstances to leave a **present** for the shepherds. 'Abbas told the man that He had **nothing to give**. Yet the shepherd persisted that He must give something. Whereupon the Master gave them all the **sheep**.

We are told that when Bahá'u'lláh heard about this incident, He laughed and commented, 'We will have to protect 'Abdu'l-Bahá from Himself -- some day he will give himself away.'