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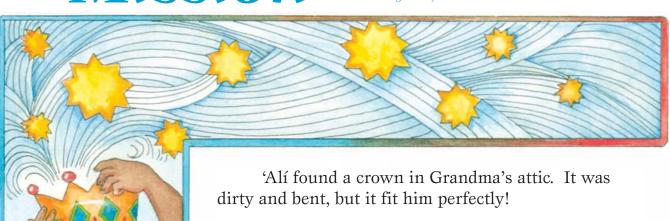
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"Gracious," Grandma laughed, "I wore that in a school play when I was ten!"

"Can I have it, please, Grandma?"

"Well," Grandma said, "don't you think that maybe your friends might like to have a crown like this, too?"

"But I want it myself," 'Alí cried.

"Well, 'Alí, let's clean it up and think about it."

When they finished cleaning up the crown, it dazzled! 'Alí was very happy. Then they made lots of his favorite cookies.

"Now, 'Alí," Grandma said, "let's invite your friends to meet us in the park. We'll eat cookies and let everyone wear the crown and parade around like kings and queens."

'Alí jumped around the room, whooping and hollering.

"You see, 'Alí," Grandma said, "what I want is for Bahá'u'lláh to be pleased with us. 'Abdu'l-Bahá said that there was no greater proof of the truth of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings than when we treat others with love and kindness. This is what Bahá'u'lláh wants us to do."

"Grandma," 'Alí said, "I'd probably be bored in a second if I had the crown all to myself."

Grandma hugged 'Alí close. "I know you didn't really want to keep the crown to yourself, 'Alí. Besides, don't you think that you all might attract some attention in the park?"

"The way we're going to march and sing," 'Alí laughed, "no one is going to miss the Kingdom of Bahá'u'lláh! " *

