

## **Topic:** Creation – Man Awesomely and Wonderfully Made (7)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

### **Elementary:**

Verse: “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, / When it is in the power of your hand to do so” (Proverbs 3:27).

Focus: God made man with hands with which man can do many different things. This makes us different from the animals. We should use our hands in a proper way.

Practical Application: Our hands are different from the paws of animals because our hands have fingers and a thumb that can work together. It would be very difficult to hold a pencil or a ball if we did not have a thumb. Ask the children what useful things their hands can do, e.g., draw, pick up toys, play ball, build a sand castle, etc. Our hands can do so much! We should use our hands to be kind to others, e.g., wave, hug, share, etc., and not to hurt others, e.g., hit, push, grab, etc.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Therefore come out from their midst and be separated, says the Lord, and do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you” (2 Corinthians 6:17).

Focus: God made man with hands with which man can do and make many different things. This makes us different from the animals. Man has used his hands to make many things that benefit and help him. However, we also need to be careful about what we handle and touch with our hands.

Practical Application: Our hands are unique and different from the hands or paws of animals because we are able to grip and hold things powerfully and precisely, in a way that apes and monkeys cannot. Also, the muscles which power our fingers are very strong, enough for us to climb vertical surfaces supporting our entire weight by only a few fingers. Man has also used his hands to hold tools to build houses and machines, and medical instruments to examine and treat illnesses. Man’s hands have allowed him to live, develop, grow, and advance. Although our hands can do so much, we should be careful not to touch or pick up things that may harm us physically or psychologically, e.g., dangerous weapons, certain books or magazines, violent games, etc.

### **Advanced:**

Verses: “Keep my commandments... / And my teaching... / Bind them on your fingers; / Write them on the tablet of your heart” (Proverbs 7:2-3).  
“Who can find a worthy woman? / For her price is far above jewels. ... She stretches out her hand to the afflicted, / And she reaches out her hands to the needy” (Proverbs 31:10, 20).

Focus: God made man with hands with which man can do and make many different things. What we fill our hands with will determine what kind of people we are. It is very good if every day we could handle (fill our hands) with God’s word. It is also good to use our hands to serve God and others.

Practical Application (see also Elementary and Intermediate): Besides being able to do daily tasks, our hands have been used to communicate through sign language, defend ourselves, write down our thoughts, play musical instruments, use a computer, etc. Throughout history, man has also achieved medical and technological advancements with the use of his hands. Ultimately, our hands were designed by God to carry out His purpose. We should use our hands to handle the Bible and serve the Lord and others. Our hands should be used in the matter of giving. We can use our hands to give God's word to people by passing out Bibles and gospel tracts, and by giving help to those in need.