

## **Topic:** Creation – Man awesomely and wonderfully made (9)

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:**

Verses: “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).  
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Romans 13:9b).

Focus: God gave us emotions so that we could love. We need to use our emotions in a proper way to love our family, the things entrusted to us (our pets) and those around us (our neighbors).

Practical Application: Find a touching story about someone showing love to their parents, siblings, pets, etc. Explain that the reason we can love others is because God is love and He made us with the ability to love. Loving others is a proper way to use the emotion God made in us. Have the children make a list of ways they can show their love to others, i.e., by inviting them to play or attending neighborhood children’s meetings.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “And Joseph hurried—for his inward parts burned for his brother—and sought a place to weep. So he entered into his chamber and wept there” (Genesis 43:30).

Focus: God gave us emotions so that we could love. Man is different from the animals because our range of emotions is greater than the animals. We need to learn to express our emotions in a proper way with self control.

Practical Application: Describe the different emotions that man has, such as love, joy, anger, pity, kindness, regret, guilt, sadness, and sympathy. Point out that no other creature can express the range of emotions that man can, because only man is created in God’s image. Use the story of Joseph’s reunion with his brothers to illustrate that there is a proper time and a proper way for us to express our emotions (fear, sorrow, and joy). Talk to the children about the need to learn how to show appropriate emotions in various situations (e.g., when to laugh, be happy, sad, or sorrowful).

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength” (Mark 12:30).

Focus: God gave us emotions so that we could love God and the things that God loves. The more we love God, the more we will learn to hate what God hates. God wants us to use our emotion to love Him the most.

Practical Application: Inspire the children with a story of the persons who loved God, God’s word, and God’s people (missionaries, psalmists, Ruth, etc.). Also tell them a story of the persons (Daniel and his friends and the good kings of Judah or Israel) who hated idols (things that replaced God or were against God) to show them the example of using their emotions in a proper way.