

Topic: Character – Steadfast/Persevering (Lesson 425)

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: “...be steadfast, immovable...” (1 Corinthians 15:58b).

Focus: A steadfast person is one who continues doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult.

Practical Application: Have the children consider when they learned how to jump, skip, kick a ball, swim, ride a bike or write their name. When they first tried those things it may have appeared difficult but as they continued trying they eventually were able to do it. It is good to not give up when you are not able to do something the first time you try.

Intermediate:

Verse: “By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen and being moved by pious fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house...” (Hebrews 11:7a).

Focus: A steadfast person is one who continues doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult. They realize that things of value cannot be obtained in a short time or by chance.

Practical Application: Consider telling the story of Noah and how what he did was of great value to God. His building of the ark took decades and much persistence to work on it day after day. Others thought it made no sense to build an ark and made fun of him. With only his three sons to help him, he had to be steadfast and persevere to finish it.

Advanced:

Verse: “And let us not lose heart in doing what is good, for in the proper season we will reap if we do not faint” (Galatians 6:9).

Focus: A steadfast person is one who is loyal and devoted to their beliefs. They persist in what they believe in spite of opposition and discouragement.

Practical Application: We are those who believe there is God. We may have friends who do not believe there is God or even make fun of us for believing in God, but as those who are steadfast we stand for what we believe in no matter what discouraging word others may say to us.