

Topic: Proper Humanity – Obedient

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: “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1).

Focus: To be obedient is to do what we are told. An obedient person listens carefully and follows immediately. We need to be obedient to our parents.

Practical Application: When your mother tells you that it is time for bed, do you obey and go straight to bed? Or do you plead for more time to play? Do you argue and whine? Have the children list some rules they need to follow. Discuss why rules are important and what the consequences are of not following them (e.g.: not wearing a seatbelt; running around the swimming pool).

Intermediate:

Verse: “Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work” (Titus 3:1).

Focus: To be obedient is to do what we are told with a sincere and respectful attitude. We need to be obedient to our parents and to the authorities over us (e.g.: teacher, coach, serving ones, etc.).

Practical Application: When your parents ask you to do your homework before playing or to clean your room, do you do it right away? What is your attitude? Do you murmur or complain or do you complete the task whole-heartedly? We need to obey our parents, not just in an outward way, but also in our hearts.

Advanced:

Verse: “Therefore you shall listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, and do His commandments and His statutes, which I am commanding you today” (Deuteronomy 27:10).

Focus: To be obedient is to listen to God’s word. We need to read the Bible and obey God’s commands.

Practical Application: Ask the children what are some of God’s commandments in the Bible (e.g.: you shall not steal; you shall not covet; love the Lord your God with your whole being; honor your father and mother, etc.). Give some examples from the Bible of ones who were obedient to God’s word and were blessed. E.g.: the blind man receiving sight by obeying the Lord’s word (John 9:7); Naaman being healed of leprosy by obeying the word of Elisha, the man of God (2 Kings 5:14).