

## **Topic:** Proper Humanity – Not Jealous

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: “Love is kind; it is not jealous” (1 Corinthians 13:4a).

Focus: To be jealous is to feel envious of others. We should not be jealous of others.

Practical Application: When your friends play with someone else, how do you feel? Do you demand that they only play with you? Do you make them choose whom to play with? You should not be jealous but happy that your friend is making new friends.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there disorder and every worthless practice are” (James 3:16).

Focus: To be jealous is to feel resentful of another’s success. We should not be jealous when someone gets more attention than us or is better than us at something.

Practical Application: Your teammate is better than you at playing soccer. How do you feel? Are you nice to them or do you ignore them? We should be supportive of our teammate’s achievement instead of being jealous of them.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “For jealousy is the rage of a man, And he will not spare in the day of vengeance” (Proverbs 6:34).

Focus: Inward jealousy may lead to evil action. We should deal with every jealous feeling we have towards others.

Practical Application: Tell the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-9) or the story of Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37:12-31). Discuss what their inward jealousy led to. Emphasize the severity of inward jealousy and the need to be aware of it and to deal with it.