

Topic: God is Peace (2) (Lesson 34)

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: “Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen” (Romans 15:33).

Focus: As the God of peace, God brings peace to people. In God’s family there is peace.

Practical Application: Talk about how in a family someone might be the peacemaker between two siblings. Sometimes just the presence of a person walking into a room can cause two people to stop fighting. In God’s family, He is the One who causes peace among God’s people. This is why we are peaceful when we are with the people of God.

Intermediate:

Verse: “And the peace of God, which surpasses every man’s understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

Focus: The God of peace can bring peace and calm our hearts when we are troubled.

Practical Application: Everyone gets nervous about things they have to go through, such as taking tests at school or moving to a new neighborhood. Whenever we are troubled in our hearts or thoughts, we can speak to God about what troubles us. Many times after praying to God we are no longer troubled but at peace because God gives our heart His peace. Consider telling a personal experience.

Advanced:

Verse: “The things which you have also learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:9).

Focus: The God of peace is a reward for His people. When we live a life that is right with God and and right in the way in which we deal with others, the God of peace will be with us.

Practical Application: Discuss how with family and friends if we are careful to practice speaking and dealing with one another in a proper way, the reward is peace. If we are not careful in our speaking and dealing with others we will lose the peace among our family members or friends. The same is true between God and us. If we are careful in the way we speak and live, then the God of peace will be with us. But if we are not careful with our speaking and actions then we will be bothered in our conscience and lose the peace of God. When this happens, we should confess to God and also apologize to the person we have wronged. This will then restore the peace within us. Consider asking the children if they were able to live peacefully with their family and friends last week. If the peace was broken, ask them how it was restored.