

Topic: God is Righteous (Lesson 10)

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: “And you shall do that which is right and good in the sight of Jehovah so that it may go well with you...” (Deuteronomy 6:18a).

Focus: Whatever God does is right; for God to be righteous means that God is right in what He does. If God makes a rule, then that rule is right and God follows that rule. If God says something is wrong, then it is wrong.

Practical Application: Consider playing a game with the children that illustrates doing the right thing versus doing the wrong thing. Come up with some scenarios and ask the children what would be the right/wrong thing to do in that situation. For example, if someone drops a dollar out of his pocket and we find it, is it right for us to keep it or to give it back? What does the Bible tell us about the matter? Whatever God says in the Bible is right.

Intermediate:

Verse: “In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie...” (Hebrews 6:18a).

Focus: God is righteous in all that He does and says. It is impossible for God to lie and whatever He promises, He will do.

Practical Application: It may be helpful to illustrate with a story showing how it is wrong to promise to do something and then not do what was promised. For example, what if you promise to let your friend go first in the next game of handball, but then you decide not to? Are you being righteous? God would never do this because He is righteous. Whatever God promises, He will do. Consider discussing with the children some of the things God has promised us.

Advanced:

Verse: “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne...” (Psalms 89:14a).

Focus: God is righteous in all that He does. In relation to us, God being righteous means that when we are told to do something but do not do it, then there are consequences.

Practical Application: Illustrate how at school there are rules for proper behavior in the classroom and that when the rules are not followed there are righteous consequences. Would it be right for the teacher to enforce the rules some of the time for some students but not all of the time for all the students? God is righteous. Although He loves us, when we do something that is not right in God's eyes, there are consequences. We should heed God's word and be mindful that there are consequences if we do not obey His word.