

Topic: God is to be Honored (Lesson 12)

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: “...for those who honor Me I will honor...” (1 Samuel 2:30b).

Focus: We should honor God because He is God and He loves and cares for us.

Practical Application: One special place and time we should definitely honor God is in the children’s meeting. For example, when we sing to God, we should sing with our whole heart and not be talking or playing with our friends.

Intermediate:

Verse: “Now to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17).

Focus: To honor someone is to respect them and to regard them as precious (cf. Heb. 2:9, note 2). We honor God because He is precious and important to us. Honoring is a matter of attitude and not merely outward obedience.

Practical Application: It may be helpful to have the children identify the people they respect and regard as precious, including, of course, their parents and God. We must honor our parents because by honoring them, we honor God as our source. Perhaps the children can discuss how they show honor. For example, if our parents ask us to clean our room, we might obey by doing it but what is our attitude?

Advanced:

Verse: “You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold guiltless him who takes His name in vain” (Exodus 20:7).

Focus: We should honor God by listening to our conscience. When our friends are doing something wrong, we should follow our conscience and not go along with them.

Practical Application: Sometimes our friends may use the Lord’s name in vain, swearing or cursing with it. Our conscience should bother us and we should not adopt this kind of behavior. We honor God by listening to our conscience and not talking lightly or jokingly about Him.