

## **Topic: Character – Faithful (Lesson 405)**

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: “But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not yes and no” (2 Corinthians 1:18).

Focus: A faithful person is someone who keeps his or her promises. Such persons will always do what they say they will do.

Practical Application: Ask the children if they have ever promised to give or share something with their friends or siblings but never did. If we promise something, we have to keep our promises and not make excuses. To be faithful is to keep our word.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Or service, let us be faithful in that service; or he who teaches, in that teaching” (Romans 12:7).

Focus: A faithful person is someone who always does what he or she is supposed to do. Such persons can be counted on to do what is assigned to them when they are supposed to do it.

Practical Application: Ask the children if they make their bed or tidy up their room. Do they do it every day? Ask the children if their teachers give them recurring tasks or responsibilities like feeding the class pet or keeping the bookshelves or art bins organized, etc. Can their parents or teachers count on them to do those responsibilities faithfully and at the time they are supposed to? It might be easy to do something the first few times but it is not easy to do it faithfully and on time. Consider also giving some specific examples of people who have to carry out a task/job faithfully, and point out the consequences if they do not, e.g., the mailman who has to finish his job daily, or the policeman who has to report to work daily, or the custodian who has to clean the classrooms and lock the doors daily, etc.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21).

Focus: Faithful persons always keep their promises and do what they are supposed to when they are supposed to do it. They do not forget to do things and they do not miss meetings or practices.

Practical Application: Ask the children if they have been faithful in doing their homework and/or chores at home. What does being faithful mean? Do they do these things without being reminded? Ask the children if they are involved in any sports or play musical instruments. Do they practice faithfully? Would a coach prefer players who are not consistent in showing up or players who never miss practices and games and who faithfully do what they are supposed to? Those who are faithful are the ones who progress well, and the ones who are entrusted with responsibilities.