

## **Topic: God is Good (Lesson 14)**

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: “Give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is forever” (Psalm 136:1).

Focus: God is good because He is kind and cares for us. God is good because He knows our needs and provides them.

Practical Application: God gave us food because He knows that we get hungry. God gave us parents because He knows we need them to protect us, keep us safe, and love us. Have the children name some good things that God gives us.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Beloved, do not imitate the evil, but the good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God” (3 John 1:11).

Focus: Because we were created in God’s image and likeness and because God is good, we also have good in us, e.g., being kind, caring, and helpful to others. God made us with the capacity to do good. Therefore, we feel happy inside when we do something good and unhappy when we do something that is not good.

Practical Application: Consider asking the children, “When your mother is bringing a lot of groceries into the house, do you help her or do you continue playing with your toy? How do you feel when you help your mother?” Have the children name good things that they can do for their parents or other people.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One—God” (Mark 10:18).

Focus: There is One in the universe who is good—God. God is good in His heart, in His motives, in His ways, and in His will for us. We should always have the assurance that God is good towards us. No one and nothing apart from God is good.

Practical Application: Consider giving practical examples of how parents are good to their children even though the children may not always think so. Some examples are sending them to school, teaching them to be polite and have proper manners, learning to play an instrument, doing homework instead of watching TV, not staying up late, eating healthy food, etc. Just like our parents, God's heart is always good towards us.