

Topic: God is Living (Lesson 16)

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: "...the living God, who made heaven and earth and the sea and all things in them" (Acts 14:15b).

Focus: God is living and we can see this reflected in the living things He created. Because God is living, the earth is filled with many living things.

Practical Application: Consider having the children name ten things that are living or show pictures or short video clips of animals that are full of life, like a puppy or kitten.

Intermediate:

Verse: "... O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" (Daniel 6:20b).

Focus: God is living and because of this, He can hear us and help us. He is not a lifeless statue or picture.

Practical Application: Consider asking the children, "What if you were drowning? Would you call out to a robot or a doll (something man-made) to help you, or would you ask for help from a person?" In a similar way, some people worship idols and ask them for help, but idols could never help because they are not living. By contrast, because God is living, if we ask Him for help, He hears us and can help us.

Advanced:

Verses: "For they themselves report concerning us what kind of entrance we had toward you and how you turned to God from the idols to serve a living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9). (memory verse)

"But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15).

Focus: God is living and those who follow Him will be full of life to serve Him. We are drawn to what is living and should avoid what is dead.

Practical Application: What do we do when we see something dead? We avoid it. What about if something or someone is full of life? We go to it; that person or thing draws us. Consider telling the story of Lazarus from John 11. Lazarus was dead, but Jesus raised him from the dead because He was full of life. As a result of Jesus raising Lazarus, many people were drawn to the Lord Jesus. Because God is living, people are drawn to Him and give their lives to follow and serve Him.