

## **Topic: God Wants to be Revealed (Lesson 18)**

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 the invisible things of Him...have been clearly seen since the creation of the world...” (Romans 1:20a).

Focus: God has revealed Himself to us through creation. When we look at the things around us we can conclude that there must be a God who created all these things and what He is like.

Practical Application: Consider asking the children to name things in creation that reveal what God is like—what things are big, mighty, or beautiful; what things give light. Consider bringing in a real flower or plant to show the children what beauty is, or other real objects to show God’s attributes.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning me” (John 5:39).

Focus: God has revealed Himself to us through His speaking. What He has spoken has been recorded in the Bible so that we can know God.

Practical Application: By reading the Bible we can know God. Encourage the children to read the Bible every day with their parents. Reading a biography of someone in history lets us know that person. You may want to read a short biography (or portion thereof) of a famous person (George Washington, Johnny Appleseed, Helen Keller, etc.).

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh...” (1Timothy 3:16a).

Focus: God wants us to know Him. He firstly revealed Himself through creation. He then revealed Himself to us by His Word (the Bible). Then one day the invisible God became a Man so that people could see Him and know Him more. When we read about the life of Jesus, we see God being expressed in a Man and being so approachable.

Practical Application: To illustrate how God was expressed through Jesus, the children could read the story in Luke 7 where the Lord was moved with compassion and had pity on the widow. This story shows how the Lord was a real Man living on the earth, with real feelings and emotions, yet He was also God.