

Topic: Creation – Man Awesomely and Wonderfully Made (8)

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: “Who has...given understanding to the mind?” (Job 38:36).

Focus: God made man with a mind so that man can learn and understand things. Man is different from the animals in his ability to learn.

Practical Application: Talk about the different subjects that we learn at school. Although some animals can “talk” to each other by making different sounds, man is the only one in God’s creation who can communicate in words. We can learn how to spell, how to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers, how to read books, and how to paint or draw beautiful pictures. Consider bringing letter tiles and have the children put the letters together to form words such as “C-A-T,” “R-E-D,” and “C-U-P,” and point out that they are amazing because no other creature can make words like they can!

Intermediate:

Verses: “And I have filled him...with wisdom and with understanding and with knowledge and with all kinds of workmanship, to fashion skillful designs...” (Exodus 31:3-4a).

Focus: God made man with a mind so that man can learn and create many things. Man is different from the animals in his ability to invent so many different kinds of things.

Practical Application: Discuss how man has been able to make machines to make up for man’s physical limitations. For example, man has made submarines for going underwater, airplanes for flying, forklifts and cranes for lifting very heavy items, cars for transporting people or things at a rapid pace, binoculars for seeing things that are far away, etc. Man has an incredible brain that has the capacity to reason and understand how pieces of metal, plastics, glass, and other objects can be put together in such a way that enables him to perform beyond his physical limitations.

Advanced:

Verse: “Then He opened their mind to understand the Scriptures” (Luke 24:45).

Focus: God made man with a mind to know and understand things. The greatest thing that man could ever know about is God and God’s word.

Practical Application: Man's mind can apprehend not only the deep things of the earth and the universe, but also about God and the Bible. An animal doesn't have a mind to understand God. Man's mind is more advanced than that of animals because we can know God. God is not simple; our mind was created by Him to understand the mysterious and profound things related to Him and His word. Our mind proves to us that creation testifies of a Creator. With our mind, God can teach us about Himself, His purpose for man, His way for man to be saved, etc., as written in the Bible. Timothy was a young boy in the 1st century whose grandmother and mother taught him the things in the Bible. Because Timothy used his mind to learn the things in the Bible, he became wise unto salvation and was instructed in how to be a man useful to God (2 Timothy 3:14-17).