

Topic: Creation – Man Awesomely and Wonderfully Made (12)

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 there is a spirit in man...” (Job 32:8a).

Focus: God created us with a spirit to praise Him by singing. This is why we are happy when we go to the children’s meeting and why we like to sing songs to God. No animals sing or pray to God.

Practical Application: Ask the children what they like about the children’s meeting, e.g., the songs, the crafts, seeing and playing with the other kids, etc. Ask them what their favorite songs in the children’s meeting are. How do they feel when they sing these songs (e.g., joyful, comforted)? We feel happy when we sing at home or in the children’s meeting because God made us with a spirit that likes to sing and praise Him.

Intermediate:

Verse: “But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness...” (John 4:23a).

Focus: God created us with a spirit to contact (fellowship with) Him in prayer. All over the earth in different countries you can find people who are praying to the true God. Nowhere on the earth do we see animals praying to God.

Practical Application: Because man has a spirit, man knows deep within that there is a God. Because there is a God, man can contact God (talk to God) in prayer. Animals don’t have a spirit. Throughout the earth, you can find people praying to God no matter what language they speak or whether they are young or old, boy or girl. Praying to God is like talking to a friend. Discuss with the children different prayers that they can say to the Lord. Encourage them to practice praying to God every day, such as at night before they go to sleep.

Advanced:

Verse: “The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, / Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being” (Proverbs 20:27).

Focus: God created man with a spirit; the animals were not created with a spirit. It is the spirit in man that causes man to consider God and to know what God approves and disapproves. We should pray to God according to the sense within our spirit (conscience).

Practical Application: People pray to God all the time. Many times people pray to ask God for things that they want or need. Our prayers should not just be to ask for things. Sometimes in our prayer, our conscience might have the feeling that we need to confess something to God. We should then pray to God to confess the things that are bothering us and to ask Him to forgive us. Sometimes we might sense that God wants us to do something (to be nice to our siblings or to be kind to a new child at school). We can also pray to God to ask Him to help us do the things that we know we should do but sometimes are not willing to do.