

Topic: God is Faithful (Lesson 24)

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 the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one” (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

Focus: God is faithful to care for His people. God knows what we need and He is always faithful to provide us with what we need (not necessarily what we want). If we need something, we should ask God to provide it for us.

Practical Application: If we have a puppy we need to be faithful to feed and care for it. Sometimes we may forget to feed the puppy or take it out for a walk. We forget because we are not faithful. God never forgets because He is faithful.

A true story: A young boy was given the responsibility to feed the chickens everyday in the evening before he ate his dinner. One evening as the family sat down together for dinner, the young boy was asked if he had fed the chickens. The boy answered “no” because he had forgotten. His parents told him that he could not eat his dinner unless he fed the chickens. The boy had to leave the table and go outside in the dark to feed the chickens. From this the boy learned that he had to be faithful to do his chores when he was supposed to do them.

Intermediate:

Verse: “God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9).

Focus: God is faithful to His word. Whatever God promises to do He does it at the time that He promises.

Practical Application: How many times have we promised to do something and then forgot to do it or did it after the promised time? Do we always do our chores at the time they are supposed to be done or do our parents have to remind us to do our chores? In the Old Testament, God promised to bring His people back from Babylon after 70 years and He was faithful to do it. In eternity past God chose us to be His people. In time God is faithful to call out all those whom He has chosen.

Advanced:

Verse: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

Focus: God is faithful to His word. He can never change His mind and go back on what He has promised. Sometimes we will make a promise and then renege because we are not faithful.

Practical Application: God has made us a promise that when we confess our sins to Him, He will forgive us of every sin we confess. No matter how naughty we have been, or how many wrongs we have committed, as long as we confess to God, He is faithful according to His word to forgive us.