

## **Topic: God is Hope (Lesson 28)**

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: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing..." (Romans 15:13a).

Focus: God is our hope and He fills us with joy and peace in times of hopelessness.

Practical Application: Consider telling the story of Daniel's three friends. Describe how hopeless the situation was, and how Daniel's three friends trusted in God. Because God was their hope, they were joyful and at peace.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: "For I know the thoughts that I think about you, declares Jehovah, thoughts of peace and not for evil, to give you a latter end and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Focus: God gives us hope by having the plans for our future.

Practical Application: People make all sorts of plans for their lives, e.g., what classes to take, what sports to play, where to go for a trip. You could also talk about plans people make to try to be safe in times of hopelessness (earthquakes, fires, etc.). Many people try to plan for a secure future but do not have the ability to bring it about. However, God knows everything about our future and has planned it better than anyone else could, even ourselves. God gives us hope. You may also want to consider using the story of Ruth to illustrate how God gives us hope.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: "My soul, wait in silence for God alone, For my expectation is from Him" (Psalm 62:5).

Focus: When our hope is in God, we don't have to be anxious for tomorrow and we can rest in Him.

Practical Application: Consider asking the children what they may worry about when they go to bed at night (tests, performances, sports games, competitions)? How do they feel when they think about these things? When we realize the hope we have in God and trust in this hope, we know that God will take care of tomorrow. We can then find rest from our worries and anxiety. Encourage the children to pray to God with their parents or by themselves when they experience anxiety or worries.