

Topic: God is Impartial (Lesson 29)

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: "...He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45b).

Focus: God is impartial to all men; He does not play favorites. God loves and cares for *all* men. We should not judge people based on their appearance, speech, nationality, etc.

Practical Application: Illustrate how we all look a little bit different from one another. Some have short hair, some have blond hair, some have pale skin, etc. Although we all look different, that does not mean that we cannot be friends with each other. Since God does not judge people based on their appearance, we should be warm and friendly to those who appear to be different from us.

Intermediate:

Verse: "He who does not respect the persons of princes, Nor regard the rich man more than the poor, For they are all the work of His hands?" (Job 34:19).

Focus: God is impartial toward our social status, that is, whether we are rich or poor, or our position in society. Similarly, we should not judge people based on their social status.

Practical Application: Illustrate how we all have different backgrounds and upbringings. Use examples of different professions and common perceptions about them. For example, inquire how most people would disrespect a janitor or a custodian because of his/her job; then speak about how we should show everyone the proper respect. In Acts 13:1, we see that the church is composed of all races and classes of people, each having a different background, education, and status (note 9).

Advanced:

Verses: "Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4) AND "God so loved the world..." (John 3:16a).

Focus: God is impartial to everyone in the world and desires all people to know the truth. Impart the feeling that God desires everyone to be saved and to know the truth regardless of his/her apparent condition. (Can be used as a bridge to salvation.)

Practical Application: Illustrate that God wants everyone to know the truth. Have a discussion with the children regarding their friends and those they may not like. Do they think their friends deserve to know God and the Bible? How about the children that they do not like? In the Gospels, the Lord Jesus spoke to both a righteous man (John 3:1-13) and a sinful woman (John 4:3-42); He healed both a lowly beggar (Mark 10:46-52) and a ruler's daughter (Luke 8:41-56).