

Topic: God is Prudent (Lesson 35)

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: “Which He caused to abound to us in all wisdom and prudence” (Ephesians 1:8).

Focus: Prudence means acting with care for the future. In whatever God does, He acts carefully and thoughtfully.

Practical Application: We should act carefully when we do certain things. For example, in the kitchen, we have to be prudent or careful not to touch the stove. When we go up a long flight of stairs, we have to be prudent by holding on to the railing. When we cross the street, we have to be prudent and not run, but hold on to an older person’s hand.

Intermediate:

Verse: “Indeed, days are coming, declares Jehovah, when I will raise up David a righteous Shoot; and He will reign as King and act prudently...” (Jeremiah 23:5a).

Focus: God was prudent in the way He planned out our lives and then acted on that plan. He did not do things quickly or without forethought.

Practical Application: When we carry something out do we do it quickly, rashly, or do we do it carefully, according to a plan decided beforehand? Consider discussing with the children all that is involved in building something. What plans and preparations are needed beforehand? Our having forethought in how we do things shows prudence, just as God was prudent in planning our lives, carefully and thoughtfully planning out all the details related to us. We could also tell the story of Joseph prudently storing up grain to prepare for the famine in Egypt

Advanced:

Verse: “And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and prudent steward, whom the master will set over his service to give them their portion of food at the proper time?” (Luke 12:42).

Focus: Just as God is prudent in dealing with us, we also should be prudent in dealing with others.

Practical Application: We should be prudent in choosing our close friends and in deciding what to do with them. First, we have to consider who our close friends should be. We have to consider whether or not they are proper students, respectful to their teachers, and what kind of people they are. Then, we have to be prudent in what we do with them. If they ask us to do something or go somewhere, we should not immediately say yes. We should act carefully and check with our parents. Such action shows prudence in our relationship with others, just as God shows prudence in our relationship with Him.