

Topic: God is Kind (Lesson 36)

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: "Give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is forever" (1 Chronicles 16:34).

Focus: To be kind is to do good things for people out of our love for them. God is kind because He provides people with what they need whether they are good or bad (cf. Matthew 5:45).

Practical Application: Have the children list the things that God has provided for people to live on the earth: air, sunshine, rain, fruit trees, etc. God provides these to all people regardless of whether they are good or bad, or whether or not they deserve it, because God is kind. Have the children describe ways that they could be kind to a new boy or girl at school or in the children's meeting.

Intermediate:

Verse: "But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return... and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the unthankful and evil" (Luke 6:35).

Focus: To be kind is to do good things for people without being asked and/or without expecting anything in return.

Practical Application: Consider telling the children stories in the Bible where the Lord Jesus showed kindness to men without expecting anything in return. Some examples are His healing works and His feeding the hungry (Matthew 15:29-39). Have the children give examples of when they showed kindness to others or were shown kindness by others. Perhaps the children could be given an "assignment" of doing one kind thing for someone else in the coming week.

Advanced:

Verse: "Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

Focus: It is the kindness and the love of our Savior God that caused Him to save us from our sins, regardless of our condition.

Practical Application: Consider telling the story in Mark 5:33-34, where Jesus showed kindness to the woman who touched Him. If the children are ready, consider using this story to share the gospel with them, of how God in His kindness wants to save them from their sins.