

Topic: Character – Respectful (1) (Lesson 406)

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: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1).

Focus: A respectful person knows when someone is important and should be treated in an appropriate way. We need to be respectful to our family members (parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunts).

Practical Application: When anyone in our family (parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts) asks us to do something (pick up toys, clean up clothes, set table, clear dishes, etc.), we need to do so the first time we are asked without complaining. We should always address them by their title (mom, dad, etc.) and not by their first name. This is to show that we respect them.

Intermediate:

Verse: “You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the face of the old man...” (Leviticus 19:32a).

Focus: A respectful person knows when someone is important and should be treated in an appropriate way. We need to be respectful to those who are older (elderly).

Practical Application: When an older person walks into a room (or anywhere that we are), we should greet them with an appropriate greeting (Hello, Mr. or Mrs. _____, or Uncle/Auntie _____); if there are no seats left, we should get up and give them our seat so that they can be comfortable and are not forced to stand. We should allow them to go first through a door way and even open the door for them. This is to show that we respect them.

Advanced:

Verse: “...for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evilly of the ruler of your people’” (Acts 23:5b).

Focus: A respectful person knows when someone is important and should be treated in an appropriate way. We need to be respectful to those who are in positions of authority (principals and teachers, government officials, police).

Practical Application: People who are in a position of authority, such as principals, teachers, substitute teachers, policemen, firemen, etc., deserve our respect. Have you ever been in a classroom with a substitute teacher and misbehaved? How did you feel afterward? When you see a policeman or fireman, do you ignore them as you walk by or do you greet them in a respectful way? Even wearing your bike helmet while riding your bike (which is a law) is a sign of your respect for policemen, since they enforce the laws.