

Topic: Character – Broad (Lesson 409)

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: “I run the way of Your commandments, / For You enlarge my heart” (Psalm 119:32).

Focus: A broad person is someone who willingly includes or involves many different kinds of people. A person who is broad includes other people rather than leaving them out.

Practical Application: If you are playing at the playground and see a child by himself while everyone else is playing together, what would you do? A broad person would invite that child to play whether they are younger or older than you, or whether or not you think you may like them. Consider telling a story where you included someone in what you were doing.

Intermediate:

Verse: “And God gave Solomon wisdom and very much understanding and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore” (1 Kings 4:29).

Focus: A broad person is someone who willingly includes or involves many different kinds of people. They willingly include people from different cultures and who may speak different languages.

Practical Application: In school, you may have classmates who have just come to this country. Their language may not be as fluent as yours and they may still have certain aspects of their culture that they prefer, such as eating certain items at lunchtime. A broad person will not judge them because of their outward difference rather will include them in activities and help them while they are learning the new language and culture. A broad person will not make fun of others, but instead will accept people just as they are.

Advanced:

Verse: “But for a recompense in kind, I speak as to children, you also be enlarged” (2 Corinthians 6:13).

Focus: A broad person is someone who willingly includes or involves many different kinds of people. The church is a place where everyone should feel included and welcomed.

Practical Application: When new children come to the meetings, we should reach out to them and make them feel welcome. The church is God's family and we should love all people in God's family equally. If we have certain cliques, new children who come will feel unwelcome and excluded. Some children may have special needs that we do not have. Although we may not fully understand them, a broad person will accommodate them and embrace them not only with his actions but also in his heart.