

Topic: Character – Accommodating (Lesson 416)

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: “Let us make a little walled upper room and put a bed and a table and a chair and a lamp for him” (2 Kings 4:10a).

Focus: An accommodating person is someone who makes room for others. They make room for others to stay at their home and they make room to include others in activities.

Practical Application: Suppose you are with other children coloring or eating a snack at a table and another child comes to join you. To accommodate that person, you would make room for him/her to sit next to you or move over in order to make plenty of room. Sometimes your parents might have people come stay at your house and they might ask you to give your room to them. If you are accommodating, you would not complain about moving out of your room temporarily, but rather you would tidy your room and have it look neat so that others may have a nice place to stay.

Intermediate:

Verse: “Bear one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2a).

Focus: An accommodating person is someone who gives consideration to the requests and needs of others. They understand that others may have different needs than them.

Practical Application: You may be more athletic than another child and you are playing baseball. The game only allows everyone 3 swings but if you know another child needs 5 swings you would let him/her have the extra swings without complaining. You may want to eat your lunch quickly and run off and play but you know your friend does not eat as fast and also wants to play. To be accommodating to your friend, you would sit and wait patiently until your friend finishes, then the two of you can go play together.

Advanced:

Verse: “Be of the same mind toward one another, not setting your mind on the high things but going along with the lowly; do not be wise in yourselves” (Romans 12:16).

Focus: An accommodating person is someone who is willing to adapt for others. They understand that other people may have a different way of doing things or may have different needs. They are also willing to accommodate for those who are younger or lowlier than them.

Practical Application: You may be playing a game that is complicated and has a specific way to play. However, a friend plays it another way or perhaps a younger sibling cannot play it like you do. To be accommodating, you would go along with your friend by playing it his/her way or change the rules to make it easier for a younger child to play. Consider telling the gospel story of God accommodating man by coming down to our level to care for our needs.