

Topic: Proper Humanity – Kind (Lesson 109)

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: “And be kind to one another” (Ephesians 4:32a).

Focus: We should be kind to our siblings, friends, and classmates.

Practical Application: We should be kind (nice) to those around us. Discuss with the children what types of behavior show kindness and what types do not. Our words can show kindness as well as our actions. For example, when we include others in an activity we are showing kindness. Discuss with the children how they feel when someone is kind to them versus when someone is mean to them.

Intermediate:

Verse: “And the natives showed us uncommon kindness, for they kindled a fire and took us all in because of the rain coming on and because of the cold” (Acts 28:2).

Focus: We should be kind to others without expecting kindness in return.

Practical Application: Share the story in Acts 28:10. Discuss with the children how the passengers of the capsized boat did not have anything to repay the natives’ kindness. The natives showed kindness to them in spite of the low likelihood of being repaid for their kindness. Consider illustrating with a personal experience of when someone was kind to you and you did not have anything to repay the kindness. Share how you felt when that happened.

Advanced:

Verse: “Now therefore do not be afraid; I will sustain you and your little ones. And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them” (Genesis 50:21).

Focus: We should be kind to others even when they are not kind to us.

Practical Application: Share Joseph’s story in Genesis. Emphasize the evil that was done to Joseph by his own brothers and the kindness that Joseph showed to his brothers. Reflect with the children how they would have acted in such a situation. Discuss with them how we often repay kindness with kindness and repay evil with evil, but that is not what the Bible teaches us.