

**Topic:** Proper Humanity – Loving (1) (Lesson 112)

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 you shall love Jehovah your God...” (Deuteronomy 6:5a).

Focus: A proper person is one who loves God. God gave us the ability to love so that we would love not only our parents, friends, and pets, but also Him.

Practical Application: Have the children list the different things they love and write the list on the board. After writing the list, put God’s name at the top of the list to show that we should love God first and love Him best.

**Intermediate:**

Verse: “I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me” (Proverbs 8:17).

Focus: A proper person is one who loves God. We need to be careful to guard our heart so that nothing would take away our love for God.

Practical Application: In light of the lesson, ask the children why it is important for us to come to children’s meeting every week. Coming to the children’s meeting shows that we love God. Ask the children what are some things that might distract them from attending the children's meeting. We should guard our children’s meeting time by not going elsewhere or doing other things on the Lord’s Day.

**Advanced:**

Verse: “And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength” (Mark 12:30).

Focus: A proper person is one who loves God with their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We should love God not just a little, but with our entire being.

Practical Application: Consider telling the children the story of the woman who having an alabaster flask of ointment of great value, poured it on the Lord's head (Matthew 26:7). She loved the Lord with her whole being. When we come to the meetings we should sing with our whole heart and soul to the Lord, we should use our mind to listen to the lesson, and we should use our whole strength to sit properly and not be distracted by other things. This is how we can love the Lord according to Mark 12:30.