

Topic: Proper Humanity – Not Proud (Lesson 114)

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: “O Jehovah, my heart is not proud” (Psalm 131:1a).

Focus: We should not be proud about the things given to us by our parents. The things we have do not make us better than other people.

Practical Application: Consider having two children come up to the front of the classroom. Give one child an item of lesser value and give the other child an item of greater value. Then ask each child how they feel about the item they received. Explain that the child who received the better item should not be proud thinking that he is better than the other child, rather he should be thankful and grateful to the person who gave the item to him. Also, point out that the child who received the more valuable item is not better than the child who received the item of lesser value.

Intermediate:

Verse: “Hear and give ear and do not be proud, For Jehovah has spoken” (Jeremiah 13:15).

Focus: We should not be proud about our ability or talent to do things, because they were given to us by God. The things that we are able to accomplish do not make us better than other people.

Practical Application: Consider playing a series of games that require different abilities such as math questions (math), Simon Says (listening), etc. Ask the winners if they feel that they are better than the other children. Ask them how they feel when they lose at a game. Do they like it when the other person speaks in a proud way?

Advanced:

Verse: “But He gives greater grace; therefore it says, ‘God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble’” (James 4:6).

Focus: Do not be proud of yourself, otherwise you will look down on others and think of yourself as more highly than them. Pride causes people to despise others and resist being with them.

Practical Application: Consider using the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:29-37 to show how the proud priest and Levite both walked on the other side of the road from the beaten man. The priest and Levite despised the beaten man and resisted (avoided) contact with him, whereas the Good Samaritan who was not proud came to the beaten man to help him. Also, consider illustrating by using experiences from the school playground showing how children who are good at a game eventually do not like to receive those who cannot play the game very well.