

## **Topic: Proper Humanity – True (Lesson 117)**

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: “But Jehovah is the true God; He is the living God and the eternal King...” (Jeremiah 10:10).

Focus: A person who is true does not hide any wrongdoing. If you are a true person, you do not hide your wrongdoing and you do not hide from your parents or other authorities when you have done something wrong.

Practical Application: Consider asking the children: What if you break something at home and try to hide it from your parents by putting it under your bed and pretending that nothing is wrong? Are you being true? How would you feel if you saw your mom going into your room? A true person does not hide any wrongdoing and does not hide from facing parents (teachers, authority, etc.) if they’ve done something wrong.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “...Teacher, we know that You are true and that You teach the way of God in truth and do not fear anyone, for You do not regard the person of men” (Matthew 22:16b).

Focus: A person who is true does not pretend to be something they are not, even if others may not accept them for who they are. We need to be true in the way we live and speak with others. Others should know who we truly are.

Practical Application: There might be a group of children at school that other children consider to be “cool” or “popular.” Sometimes if kids want to be with the “cool” group, they start to talk, dress, and act like the kids in that group. They pretend to be like them with the hope that they would be accepted by them. To pretend to be someone you are not, so that others might accept you, is not to be true.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “Finally, brothers, what things are true, what things are dignified, what things are righteous, what things are pure, what things are lovely, what things are well spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Focus: To be true is to be genuine (real) and to not do anything with pretense. Whatever we do should be genuine and without any pretense or false impressions.

Practical Application: Consider presenting the following situation to the children: During recess at school you notice that a new student is sitting by himself; he is completely alone. You are having fun playing with your friends so you ignore the new student. Then you notice your teacher walking towards you and the new student. You want to make a good impression on your teacher so you stop playing with your friends and go to talk with the new student. What you really want is praise from your teacher by pretending to care about the new student. A person who is true would care for the new student even if no one else notices.