

## **Topic: Proper Humanity – Grateful**

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: “Give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good, / For His lovingkindness is forever” (Psalm 107:1).

Focus: To be grateful is to be appreciative of what we have received from others. We should not only be thankful with our mouths but also grateful in our hearts for the things that we have been given.

Practical Application: Let the children list the things that others do for them or give to them (e.g.: read them books, buy them clothes, take them to places, etc.). Are you grateful to your daddy and mommy for preparing your meals and giving you toys? Or do you sometimes complain about what they prepare or wish that you had the toy that your sibling or friend has? Instead of complaining, we should be grateful in our hearts for what others do for us and give to us.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Enter His gates with thanksgiving, / His courts with praise; / Give thanks to Him; bless His name” (Psalm 100:4).

Focus: To be grateful is to have an appreciative attitude for what someone has done for you. We should not only be thankful with our mouths but also grateful in our hearts for the people whom the Lord has given to us.

Practical Application: Tell the story of David’s kindness towards Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9. Even though Mephibosheth could never repay David, his heart was full of gratitude towards him (2 Samuel 9:8; 19:24-30). In like manner, parents do so much for their children. Even though they expect nothing in return, as children we should love them and be full of gratitude to them in our hearts. Ask the children to list other people who help them and to whom they are grateful (e.g.: teachers, older siblings, grandparents, etc.).

### **Advanced:**

Verses: “For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little” (Luke 7:47).

“And He fell on his face at His feet, thanking Him” (Luke 17:16a).

Focus: To be grateful is to have a deep appreciation of the great salvation that the Lord has done and given for us.

Practical Application: Tell the story of the sinful woman being forgiven of her sins in Luke 7:36-50. She was full of gratitude to the Lord for the forgiveness she received. Or tell the story of one of the ten leprosy in Luke 17: 11-19 who was grateful to God for being healed (vv. 15-16a).