

Topic: Proper Humanity – Joyful

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: “Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth” (Psalm 98:4a).

Focus: We should love to sing and make a joyful noise to God. In all things and in all activities, we should have a joyful attitude.

Practical Application: During opening time in children’s meeting, we should sing loudly and happily. God loves to hear us. At home, sing some songs to Him. When you see people during the day, it is good to smile, showing that you are joyful to meet them. At school, be joyful while learning new things.

Song: “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

Intermediate:

Verse: “Always rejoice, / Unceasingly pray, / In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Focus: Children of God should be happy children. Even when difficult situations come, we should be thankful to the Lord and learn to take care of things joyfully.

Practical Application: Have the children think of things they can always be thankful for, even in difficult times. For example, when the power goes out, they could still have fun with candles and flashlights. This could become a joyous occasion. In our daily lives, things may not always go our way, but we should still rejoice and be cheerful.

Song: “Always rejoice”

Advanced:

Verse: “Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts” (Jeremiah 15:16).

Focus: The real joy can be found by reading about God in His Word. His words should become our joy.

Practical Application: Real joy comes from God and from the Word of God. We can do many things with the Bible that cause us to be joyful. Ask the children what we can do with verses (sing, read, memorizing, reciting, etc). We can sing, memorize, and recite verses in the Bible. We can also read the Bible every day. Consider asking the children which Scripture songs they remember and which ones they like.

Song: “The joy of the Lord is our strength”