

Topic: Character – Exact (Lesson 404)

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: “You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah and a just hin” (Leviticus 19:36a).

Focus: An exact person is someone who is fully and completely correct and precise in the work that they do. An exact person will do their homework or assignment the way the teacher asks them to do it without leaving anything out or taking shortcuts.

Practical Application: Ask the children what would happen if a carpenter built a table or a chair with one leg that was not exactly the same height as the other three, or a seamstress who made a shirt with sleeves of different lengths. What if the teacher asked them to write 10 sentences neatly? Would they follow exactly what their teacher said and write the sentences neatly, or would they scribble and do only half the work?

Intermediate:

Verses: “But let your word be, Yes, yes; No, no” (Matthew 5:37a).
“All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; / There is nothing twisted or crooked in them” (Proverbs 8:8). (*Memory verse*)

Focus: An exact person is someone who is fully and completely correct and precise in the words that they use. An exact person does not exaggerate or dramatize things.

Practical Application: Create scenarios such as accidentally spilling some water or tripping while you walk. Ask the children to describe what they see. An exact person will describe what he or she sees without missing any details, over-exaggerating, or giving imprecise information. How about when the children talk about their accomplishments or experiences, or other things related to themselves? Do they precisely convey their abilities?

Advanced:

Verse: “Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished, and the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses; so they did” (Exodus 39:32).

Focus: An exact person is someone who is fully and completely correct and precise in following instructions. An exact person does not do things so they are just “close enough” or “good enough” but will follow instructions closely.

Practical Application: Ask the children what would happen if people are not exact in doing their job, e.g., a doctor administering medicine, a construction worker building a house, a cashier dispensing change, etc. Consider giving the children some detailed instructions like measuring ingredients for a recipe, or drawing a road map, and seeing what would happen if they follow directions exactly, or experiment with not following exactly. Have the children share any experience they have of being “close enough” yet realizing that being close enough is not good enough, e.g., math computations, science experiments, giving someone street directions or phone numbers, etc.