

Topic: Proper Humanity – Lovely

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: “At this time Moses was born and was lovely to God...” (Acts 7:20a).

Focus: To be lovely is to be loveable, endearing, and agreeable. How we are on the inside makes us lovely.

Practical Application: Though people think of beauty as something that is outside of us, something based on our outward appearance, our personality and how we treat others can make us lovely. When our parents cannot make our favorite dinner and we do not complain, that is being agreeable and lovely. If our best friend cannot come over to play because they are sick, we can, with our parents, call them to see how they are doing and ask them if they need anything.

Intermediate:

Verse: “...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 4:8b).

Focus: Being lovely is something worthy of praise and worthy of our attention and aspiration. To be lovely, we should take care of who we are inwardly.

Practical Application: Ask the children what they would like to be known for (strength, intelligence, outward beauty, riches, popularity, etc.). Share with the children that the Bible highly regards someone who is lovely. Being lovely is an inward quality that is very attractive. We should not focus on something outward but we should take care of who we are inwardly. When we talk to our parents, do we care more about being right or more about being lovely while we are talking to them? When we talk to our friends, do we care more about coming off as superior by showing off what we know or more about being lovely? Often, this is more related to our attitude than to what we actually say with our mouths.

Advanced:

Verse: “...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 4:8b).

Focus: Being lovely is an expression of the inward virtue; it is not an act.

Practical Application: Sometimes we do things just to please others when we really dislike doing them. This is to be lovely only on the outside and is a kind of pretense. We should not be lovely only partially; we should be lovely both on the inside and on the outside. Ask the children how they would feel if their friends only pretended to be nice to them. In the same way, we should not pretend to be friends with someone while harboring evil feelings against them or talking about them evilly behind their backs. Our inward feeling and response should match our outward lovely demeanor and expression. This does not mean that we should stop being lovely outwardly, but it does mean that we need to take care of our inward feelings so that they are lovely as well.