

## **Topic:** Creation – Man Awesomely and Wonderfully Made (3)

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: “Hear, my son, the instructions of your father, / And do not reject the teaching of your mother” (Proverbs 1:8).

Focus: God made man with ears to hear. We should learn to use our ears to listen to our parents from a young age.

Practical Application: Ask the children to give some examples of what their parents ask them to do and whether or not they listen, e.g. looking both ways before they cross the street, going to bed when it is time to sleep, eating their vegetables and whatever is served, cleaning up their toys, wearing the appropriate clothes, etc. Ask them what would happen if they did not listen to their parents. God gave them their father and mother for their best interest so they should listen and obey.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “He who heeds instruction is on the path of life, / But he who forsakes reproof goes astray” (Proverbs 10:17).

Focus: God made man with ears for listening. Our listening implies our obedience. We should learn to listen and obey our parents and teachers. Also, we should be careful in what we choose to listen to.

Practical Application: Give examples of people who were obedient to authority when they were young like David (1 Samuel 17:12-20a), Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-18), etc. We should also be careful in what we hear. Ask the children the different things they hear in school and how they feel when they hear those words (e.g.: gossips and criticisms versus complements; kind words versus harsh; nice music versus screams and noise; etc.)

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “...He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear / To hear as an instructed one” (Isaiah 50:4b).

Focus: Our ears enable us to hear what others have to say. It is important to be one who can listen to instructions and follow them. We should also be careful to whom we listen.

Practical Application: We should listen to God’s word and obey His word. It is one thing to know God’s word, it is another thing to listen and obey God’s word. Give examples of events and/or of people who listened to God’s word in the Bible like Naaman (2 Kings 5:9-14), the blind man (John 9:1-11), etc. In contrast, give examples of events and/or of people who did not listen to God’s word like the first fall of man (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-19), Saul (1 Samuel 15:1-11), etc.