

## Character – Lesson 19

### Submissive

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.

#### **Lesson:**

**Verse:**     “Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work” (Titus 3:1) (underlined portion for memorization).

*Alternate verse:* “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” (Ephesians 6:1).

**Focus:**     A submissive person is someone who obeys those in authority. They willingly do what is asked of them by those who have been placed over them.

**Practical Application:** Who are the people God has placed over us in positions of authority? Ask the children to name some people who are in charge of them. E.g., parents, grandparents, teachers, serving ones, policemen, crossing guards, leaders. A submissive person obeys those in authority, and they willingly do what is asked of them or assigned to them. At school, perhaps all of your friends are at a specific table, but the teacher asks you to sit at a different table. At home, maybe your parents have assigned each child in your family a particular chore. Perhaps your family has been invited to someone else’s house, and you are asked to sit at a kids’ table instead of with the grown-ups. A submissive person accepts the arrangement willingly and does what is asked of them by their teacher and parents.

**Suggested Songs:** #1614 (“C-O-O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N”); #3719 (“Jesus was a child like me”); #3722 (“Jesus I am listening”); #7603 (“We love to please” *to the tune of O We Will Praise*)