

Topic: Creation – God’s Authority Seen in Creation

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: “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).

Focus: Creation reveals that there is authority in the universe. Authority refers to someone who has power, who gives the command and takes the lead in a group. God is the authority in the universe and we should follow God.

Practical Application: Sheep show us the matter of authority: 1) In a flock of sheep there is a lead sheep that the other sheep follow no matter the outcome. When one sheep moves, the rest will follow, even if it is not a good idea. If there is a ram in the flock, he will usually lead. 2) Sheep also follow their shepherd because the shepherd tends to their needs and keeps them from harm.

Intermediate:

Verse: “The swarming locusts have no king, / Yet all of them go out in ranks” (Proverbs 30:27).

Focus: Creation reveals that there is authority in the universe. God is the authority in the universe and we should do things according to God’s way and not according to what is right in our own eyes.

Practical Application: Honeybee colonies consist of a single queen, who is the authority, along with hundred of drones and worker bees. Queen bees are the most powerful in their society, followed by the drones and worker bees who perform their own specific tasks. With the locusts, even though there is no leader or “king,” each one knows there is a proper order in the swarm. They form swarms which are nomadic and are able to rapidly strip fields in a short amount of time. Baby ducks walk in line behind their mother. The ducklings know their place and none of the ducklings would ever try to take the lead or wander off out of line.

Advanced:

Verse: “The lion, which is mightiest among beasts, / And does not turn back before any” (Proverbs 30:30).

Focus: Creation reveals that there is authority in the universe. God is the authority in the universe and we should honor and follow God as our king.

Practical Application: Among the animals on the earth, the lion is known as the king of the animal kingdom. It is respected and feared by all the other animals. As the dominant predator in its ecosystem, the lion exerts considerable top-down influence to keep the entire ecosystem in check. Then, within his own pride, the male has the authority – he eats first and rarely shares with others the food that he has killed. The male also takes the lead to ward off any predators that might harm his group.