

## **Topic:** Creation – Man awesomely and wonderfully made (10)

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: “A man’s heart devises his way, / But Jehovah directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).

Focus: God gave us a will for making choices. We need to use our will for making the right choices.

Practical Application: God created us with a will so that we could make choices and decisions. We use our will all day long, like when we pick out which shirt to wear, when we decide what to eat first in our lunchbox, when we choose to obey our parents. We should use our will to make choices that are right, and we should not make choices simply based on our feelings, likes, or dislikes. For example, your mother leaves you a bowl of oatmeal on the table for breakfast. You also see a chocolate cookie on the table. No one tells you that you cannot have the cookie for breakfast, but you know that it would not be healthy or the right thing to eat in the morning. What choice do you make? Discuss other situations that may present children with choices that are “right” versus what they would rather do.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Who then is the man who fears Jehovah? / Him will He instruct concerning the way that he should choose” (Psalm 25:12)

Focus: God gave us a will for making choices. We need to use our will for making the right choices. We need to be strong (stand firm in our will) not to be forced or persuaded by others to do things we know are wrong.

Practical Application: With our will we can choose what is good/right and refuse what is wrong/bad. We need to use our will to choose proper friends and activities. When others are doing something wrong or bad, we need to make the choice not to go along with them. For example, if your friends are having fun teasing someone or saying “dirty” words, you should choose not to participate. We need to have a strong will to do what is right and not change our position, even if our friends make fun of us or try to convince us to join them. Consider coming up with scenarios for the children to make a good decision and then try to persuade them against their good decision. Illustrate how we need a strong will to make and maintain the right choices.

### **Advanced:**

Verses: “...But as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah” (Joshua 24:15b).  
“Then Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen Jehovah on your own, to serve Him. And they said, We are witnesses” (Joshua 24:22).

Focus: God made us with a will to choose Him and to reject Satan. We need to practice using our will to choose God and the things of God, and to reject the temptations from Satan.

Practical Application: We should use our will to choose God and the things of God. We should choose to read the Bible, participate in the children’s meetings, and talk about God to our friends. Sometimes we may be tempted to do something that we know God would not be happy with, e.g., yell at our siblings, talk back to our parents, watch an inappropriate TV show, play violent video games, or say something mean or

unpleasant. These are temptations from Satan, God's enemy, and we need to use our will to reject them. The more we use our will to choose God and the things of God, the stronger our will for God becomes and the easier it is to reject the temptations from God's enemy.