

Life Applications

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,
he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.
For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres,
being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts,
he will be blessed in his doing.*

James 1:22-25

Life applications put Sunday school lessons into practice. With these as part of the lesson plan, teachers and students make a commitment to live God's word every day. In many respects this is what Sunday schooling is about. It is what life is about. And it is not as hard as it sounds.

Chose one thing that is related to the lesson.
Talk about it. Pray about it together.
Try to do it in the week ahead.
Encourage each other in the doing.
Be blessed in the doing.
And share the outcome with everyone next week.

**"Saul ... attempted to join the disciples.
And they were all afraid of him ...
But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles" – Acts 9:26-28**

Friendship, Fellowship

- Plan a welcoming party or visit a new Sunday school family for the purpose of getting acquainted and making them feel at home.
- Have your students write welcome cards or do some act of kindness for a new family or a new Sunday school student.
- Identify a child who could use a friend or a bit of encouragement (e.g., someone in the Sunday school or in the neighborhood around your meeting place). Plan something that you can do as a Sunday school class to reach out to this child. Do it.