

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.

"Lord, what do you want me to do?" – Acts 9:6

Conversion

- Invite a brother or sister to tell your Sunday school class how he or she came into the Truth. This will be especially relevant to a lesson on Saul of Tarsus if the brother or sister was first opposed to the Truth before accepting it.
- Have each student interview a brother or sister to find out how he or she came into the Truth. Brainstorm a set of interview questions with your students beforehand. For example, did the brother or sister have to overcome any obstacles in order to come into the Truth, and how did the Truth change their life? Share the results in class after the interviews have been carried out.
- *Obedience* to God was the vital response of Saul of Tarsus in his life-changing conversion. Talk frankly with your students about the kinds of attitudes that produce obedience to God and the kinds of attitudes that do not. Also help them identify practical ways that they, at their age, can obey God. Baptism into Christ is a crucial act of obedience, but there are other things they can begin to do even if they do not yet feel ready for baptism. Obedience to God does not automatically turn on at baptism. As a follow-up discussion, identify some ways to be more obedient to God in the week ahead, select something to try, and share your successes and failures next week. Be supportive of each other's efforts.