

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.

The Rescue of Lot – Genesis 14

Abram did not abandon Lot, even when Lot made decisions that got him into trouble.

- Life presents many big decisions that have unforeseen and lasting consequences:

Choice of friends and why.

College or not; where and where not to go.

What job to take; why, when, and where.

Who to marry and why.

Have your class define their own priorities relative to these issues. Do they see themselves more like Abram or Lot?

- What responsibility do we have to help others whose choices in life have gotten them into trouble? What kinds of the things can we do to help? When is it time to pray? When is it time to act? Abram did both on behalf of Lot and his family. Why? Develop an action plan.

Can you think of someone in your Sunday school, CYC, or even in your neighborhood, who is in difficulty by choice or not? Use your action plan to reach out to them. Help the children develop a sense of responsibility for each other.