

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.

Abram, Melchizedek, and the King of Sodom – Genesis 14

Abram brought benefits to the world around him. In addition to rescuing Lot, he recovered and restored the goods of Sodom – Genesis 14:16. At the same time he avoided compromises with the world – Genesis 14:17-24.

- As a teenager, you have a driver's license and the use of a car. This lets you run errands and provide transportation for others, but it also puts new demands on you. Some friends – and some who have suddenly become your friends! – want you to take them to all kinds of places, including places that are questionable. Where do you draw the line and why?
- You work in a store that is popular with young people. You get an employee's discount on the things you purchase there. All of a sudden you have friends who want you to buy things for them at your discount. Some even offer to split part of their savings with you. What will you do and why?
- Abram's meeting and worship with Melchizedek came at a critical time, just when the king of Sodom wanted to bargain with him for personal advantage (Genesis 14:17-24). Was the timing of Melchizedek's appearance a coincidence, or does God take care of us like this when our priorities are right? Have your students identify the key principles that kept Abram from compromising himself with the king of Sodom? Have them identify life lessons to take from this?