

# Simple DOCTRINAL OBJECT LESSONS

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## Hair

**OBJECT:** Heads of hair.

**LESSON:** To show God's care for each of His own, Matt. 10:30.

**PRESENTATION:** How many hairs do you think are in your head? Well, if you have red hair you have about 90,000. If you have black hair, there are 103,000. Those who have brown hair have about 109,000, but the blondes have most of all, having about 140,000 hairs in their heads. I confess that I didn't count these hairs for it would be a lot of work, wouldn't it?

But say, do you know that God knows how many hairs are in your head? Listen, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:30). What does this verse show? It simply shows how minute is the care and provision of God who numbered all the hairs of our heads. There's no detail in your life that He doesn't know, there's no problem that He can't solve, there's no need that He can't meet in your life. If He knows how many hairs are in your head, He certainly knows when you need strength to overcome temptation, or when you need help in telling some other boy or girl about the Lord Jesus.

So remember this little lesson, you boys and girls that are Christians. Whenever you are tempted to doubt that God cares for you, remember that "the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

## Proofs of Life

**OBJECT:** A young child.

**LESSON:** To present a warning to professing Christians.

**PRESENTATION:** I want one of you to be the object today. Who would like to help? Now boys and girls, our little friend here looks very much alive, doesn't he? But you know that even if he were dead he would look very much like this also if he were lying down and very quiet. As a matter of fact it is sometimes very hard to tell if a person is sleeping or dead.

Well, how do you know that the object here today is alive? First of all you saw him walk up here and move around, didn't you? In other words he acts as if he were alive. Now boys and girls there are a lot of people who say that they are Christians but who don't act like it, and the Bible tells us that Christians ought to act and walk as Christians if they are really saved. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6). If our friend here didn't move at all you would wonder if he were alive, and just so, if you aren't living as a Christian should, then maybe you haven't eternal life which comes by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

How else can we know that he is alive? Can you talk? Certainly. Hear that? That shows he is alive, doesn't it. Now if you say that you are a Christian you should be talking for the Lord Jesus no matter how small you are. Every time our friend opens his mouth he lets everyone know he's alive, and every time you open your mouth if you're really saved, you should let everyone know you're a follower of the Lord Jesus.

What about it? Do you have life today? If so, are you acting and talking so other boys and girls know you're a Christian? But if you aren't saved you can be by simply accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour from sin. If you aren't sure, then make sure today by opening up your heart and letting Jesus come in.

## My Glasses

**OBJECT:** A pair of glasses.

**LESSON:** To show the need of the Holy Spirit in understanding the Word, John 16:13.

**PRESENTATION:** Today I'm going to use my glasses as the object for the lesson. (Of course a pair of glasses may be borrowed, but they should have optical lenses.) These glasses are going to represent the Holy Spirit. Do you know why I have these glasses? Simply because I need them to see with. Do you know what is one of the important things the Holy Spirit is doing today? He's here to help Christians understand the Bible for without Him we can't fully understand it. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). I can't see well without my glasses and you can't see the truths in the Bible without the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Now boys and girls, wouldn't I be foolish to leave these glasses at home in my dresser drawer when I know very well that I need them? And yet that's what some Christians do—they never avail themselves of this work that the Holy Spirit will do for every Christian, and yet they wonder why they can't understand the Bible.

Boys and girls, these glasses were especially made for me and they aren't much good to anyone else. If my eyes were weaker they would need stronger glasses; and if they were different in some other way, then the lenses would have to be changed. Just so the Holy Spirit will meet whatever need you may have when it comes to understanding the Bible. He is for each one of you a very special pair of glasses to help you see the things that are in God's Word. Isn't it wonderful that God has given us this help? None of you need ever think that the Bible is only for a certain group to read and understand.

All of you should read it and if you



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ask God to help you understand He surely will through his Holy Spirit. Listen to our verse again—"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth."

## Dark Glasses

**OBJECT:** A pair of dark glasses.

**LESSON:** To point out that sin colors spiritual perception.

**PRESENTATION:** Last week we had a lesson about my regular glasses, and today we're going to have another object lesson with a pair of glasses. But look at these glasses. They're different from the ones I had last week because they have colored lenses in them. What did the clear glasses represent? Yes, the Holy Spirit illuminating the Word of God. What do you suppose this dark pair represents? Well, I'll tell you. It represents sin that gets into the life of the Christian and colors his vision so that he can't see things as they really are. These are Satan's glasses which he tries to get you to put on. Let me give you an illustration.

You know that God doesn't want His children to lie. But I've known boys and girls to get into trouble and do you know what they do to get out of it? They tell a lie, only they don't call it a lie. It's called a "white lie." But it's just like any other kind of lie. What's happened is that the devil has put a pair of dark glasses on that boy or girl and he can't see what the Bible clearly teaches. Do you see now how it works? I hope that you Christian boys and girls don't do things like that.

When we do let sin come into our lives like that we are grieving the Holy Spirit, and God tells us in His Word that we should "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God" (Eph. 4:30); so we should be careful about this matter. What about you today? Are you wearing some dark glasses that are coloring your ability to understand spiritual things? Perhaps your dark

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