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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language:
Lesson 22g

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Series: Smurfs

Episode: The Root Of Evil

Topic: The Chlorhydris Files VII—This Is
The Day That The Lord Has Made

Introduction:

We are also talking about unity and rejoicing, but this time it is different because in this lesson our characters in the Smurfs episode **The Root Of Evil** forget what side they are on. We discuss how God will design leaders in the face of such adversity to command His own. Through this last part of the Chlorhydri study, the theme that runs through it is this: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it... Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.**

Scriptures Used Include: I John 4: 7-8, 16; Psalms 118: 17-24;

Matthew 21: 33-46; Galatians 5: 1-15; I Corinthians 14: 20;

Proverbs 16:4; Psalms 118: 1-16, 25-29

As Christians, we must remember Psalms 118, which is the crux of the last part of this lesson set on Chlorhydri.

I) Opening Prayer

II) Remember Our Bible Point: Does

everyone remember our Bible Point for this

Chlorhydris themed set of lessons? To

emphasize this Bible Point, let's read I John

4: 7-8, 16.

This is the last study on Chlorhydris. To

end this lesson set, we are talking about the

difference between Chlorhydris and

Christians. We are discussing backbiting vs.

rejoicing. This appears and is obvious,

however, this will give a strong refresher to those who need to do more of the latter.

III) Discussion Question And Cartoon

Show: Before we get to our cartoon, what have we learned besides our Bible Point so far? And now the Smurfs episode **The Root Of Evil**

IV) Bible Study I, Analysis And Discussion

I: We are in the book of Psalms and will be looking at the whole of chapter 118.

However, we are going to take this a piece at a time. We will actually start in the middle

of this chapter to start this study. We will look at other scriptures that back this psalm up. Lets read Psalms 118: 17-24 and to back it up let's read Matthew 21: 33-46. As

Christians, shouldn't we know that "This is the day that the Lord has made? Shouldn't we as Christians "Rejoice and be glad in it"?

For this lesson, all of the characters of this show who turned evil because of

Chlorhydri's Root Of Evil symbolize

Christians who forget this fact of why we rejoice and start fighting. Why do you

suppose that Christians can become this way
sometimes and forget which side their on?

The seeds of discord are everywhere

because, of course, the Devil (symbolized by

Chlorhydris) will try to bury these kinds of

thoughts in us deep. How can we get back

the freedom of being in Jesus Christ if we

are victim of this?

V) Bible Study II, Analysis And Discussion

II: We must realize what the Bible says

about the above thoughts of getting back the

freedom in Jesus Christ. Let's read

Galatians 5: 1-15 and I Corinthians 14: 20

(in this order). What do you see in the cartoon that links with these scriptures and using the cartoon what does this mean to you?

In the cartoon we see Baby Smurf is the cure. He turns Papa Smurf good again.

Baby never turned evil (completely innocent). Furthermore, Baby has command over this evil root. Baby is our God/Jesus character in this lesson. Baby brought the Smurfs back to the basics of the love they

share because Papa (with Baby's help) was able to help the other Smurfs (even selfish and evil as they were) to kill the evil root.

The Smurfs affected by the root still in their hearts had love or they wouldn't have been loyal to Papa's plan. Papa symbolizes a man who is now redeemed and who is of God. Furthermore, Papa symbolizes a man of God who has a gift of commanding authority and respect even of people that may not want to fall in line. Of this cartoon

the scriptures are very true. Proverbs 16:4 states:

The Lord works out everything for his own ends— even the wicked for a day of disaster. Jesus is the cure for what ails us and will design leaders to achieve those ends through His Holy Spirit. How can we remember this and rejoice? What about our villain; aren't the scriptures true of her too? The Devil will get his day of disaster along with anyone who doesn't fall into line with the commands that God gives. When we do

what the Galatians passage tells us not to do, we weaken our witness and cause more division. Soon if that keeps up, we won't have much of one or any at all. I am talking about the lack of denominational cooperation in some Christians. What do you think can be done to cooperate more and not fall victim to the figurative Root Of Evil in this cartoon?

VI) Closing Bible Study, Analysis And

Discussion III: What do you see in this

cartoon that shows God is Love? Other than

our main point, what have you gotten out of this study on Chlorhydris? We need to remember one last passage for this lesson set. Let's read Psalms 118: 1-16, 25-29 together. Linking to the cartoon, what does this mean to you (hint: remember especially the beginning of the cartoon and somewhat at the end when everything is normal and happy)? How will you show that **God is Love** and remember that Jesus is the way and that we are on the same team if we truly have our Lord and Savior with, in, and

working through us regardless of any **Root of Evil** that the Devil (symbolized by Chlorhydris) can conjure up? This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it... Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.

VII) Closing Prayer