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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language:
Introduction

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Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language”

Welcome to my web site. I am glad you stopped by to say hello.

Now, you might be wondering what this is all about. Well, really this ministry site started all of a sudden. I never considered myself a writer before, but I suppose the “out of the blue” calling can come to any person that is of the Lord Jesus Christ.

First off, I want to explain why I call what I do “Toonspirit Ministries” (plural). I teach with cartoons and gaming (Yu-Gi-Oh!).

Since this would be considered two kinds of

things, I call it ministries. However, I understand that it is still teaching and is still interpretive in nature.

Now, for the part where I explain how the lessons are created. God gives me a topic, shows me to the best cartoon in my archive or the best cards (Yu-Gi-Oh!) for the topic, I analyze the cartoon or cards (with God's help), God gives me the words to write (analysis included of course), shows me to the best possible scriptural match for the principle of the cartoon or cards or even the

circumstance of the cartoon or cards, and gives me the proper discussion questions and web information to help the lessons to sink into people's hearts.

Sometimes, I make lessons solely with Bible and that is it. This means no cartoons or cards.

These are a few questions that people might have before they see or experience one of these lessons. These are actually questions I have experienced in some way or another (of course these may not be exactly worded).

All of them that I have experienced so far have been fair honest questions. Here they are:

1) Q: What age group are these lessons geared for?

A: These are mostly geared for (I believe) High School and College age people, however there are many lessons that I believe will work with just about any age bracket (even if some of these are not in the “For The Kids” subset of lessons.

2) Q: How much spiritual meat is in these lessons apiece? This is my interpretation of the actual question that was experienced which was: *Are they good?*

A: This depends on personal opinion somewhat as far as one's satisfaction goes. These cartoon lessons are obviously not going to make everyone happy because they will step on people's toes (philosophies and ideas) sometimes. I have had this happen somewhat already. However, if one is open to a different kind of ministry (Bible

analysis using secular cartoon works) and can use imagination for some of the symbolism that God has given me, then I personally guarantee a good meal. In other words, you can't be afraid of a change of pace or change of spiritual venue for learning the Bible and how to know our Lord Jesus Christ.

3) Q: What kinds of cartoons are used?

A: I use a variety of cartoons. They include: The Smurfs, Tiny Toon Adventures, Tom and Jerry, Looney Tunes,

Chip N' Dale Rescue Rangers, Mighty
Morphin Power Rangers, TaleSpin, Prime
Cuts (These are cartoon music videos) Acme
Hour (usually an old MGM Short, or
Looney Tune), Cartoon Network Skits, (A
lot of times Cartoon Network would play
one of these funny little things after one of
their programs—they teach well), Garfield
And Friends, Superbook (This cartoon series
actually teaches the Bible. I use one of these
when I am covering about three or more
chapters of the Bible in one lesson. I will

use a secular work in each one of these for comparative analysis.), Batman: The Animated Series, Animaniacs, Digimon, GI Joe, Cartoon Specials (like “A Charlie Brown Christmas), The Flintstones, The Simpsons, The Popeye Show (Cartoon Network’s Popeye compilation show complete with some archival information about the series, writers, etc.), Power Rangers Zeo, Pinky And The Brain, Power Rangers Lost Galaxy, and Where On Earth Is Carmen Sandiego?. This is the complete

list of series used. This will change in numbers (increasing) as time goes on.

4) Q: How do you organize all of those lessons?

A: This is very interesting. The lessons that you see today on my web site are not in the order that God gave them to me. My collection of these lessons got so huge that I was forced pretty much to put them into four subsets and even they will probably have to be put into subsets. This is how it broke down.

Subset A (GS): “And God Said...”—These

deal mostly with commandments that God (OT) Jesus (NT) gave in Biblical accounts.

Make no mistake; God’s name is Jesus.

(Father, Son, Holy Spirit are all one and the same—In “Other Writings”; see the Trinity

Lesson). Some of these lessons are general

scriptures and teachings, but a lot of them

work with more “hard core” Bible

scriptures.

Subset B (CME): “We Need Christian

Morals And Ethics”—Most of these lessons

have more generalized scriptures. This means that these lessons serve as reminders of things we should already know as humans. I use a lot of the Proverbs in this set. Sometimes things can get a little more “hard core” but not as much as the first set.

Subset C (SOC): “Sing A Song Of

Christians”—These lessons focus more on living the faithful life of a Christian. These can take a general turn, but a lot of these lessons are harder than one would think to put into practice. I know the one entitled

“The Azraels Of Life A, and B (the lesson set on loving your enemies) has exposed some bitterness at least once.

Subset D (FTK): “For The Kids”—These are mostly so simple that children can understand them. This is an extremely short (at this time subset) because the others are generally going deep into everything. There are other lessons inside the other subsets that would fit this category, so I might eventually change these lessons over to this set, but at this time seems unlikely, because everyone

needs some lessons to be simple. I plan to make more of these children's lessons to increase their numbers.

5) Q: Do you take lesson requests?

A: Yes, I do. Currently, I have one request pending. Someone has asked me to make a Voltron (a cartoon series from the 1980's) lesson. I am currently making this lesson in my heart (soon to become a Toon Language lesson—To A Computer Or TV Near You!!) with God's blessing. Any more

requests are very welcome. Remember though, I have to have the series in my archive or I won't have access to it to make any lessons. If anyone requests an episode in a series (or even just the series in general) that I don't have, this person would need to get a copy from a retailer or something like this, loan it to me and be patient. I might be able to buy it out of a store myself for my archive (still be patient). It would then be part of the Toon Language curriculum. If loaned the copy, will make a personalized

lesson for that individual who lent it to me.

It would be a true Bible analysis and

discussion like everything else, even if the

individual doesn't like what the cartoon and

Bible combination teaches.