

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Jesus and God’s Law” the High School Sunday school lesson for June 17, 2018. The lesson is found on page 17 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

It seems like it’s hard to define words these days. Even the dictionary has been thrown out as an expert in favor of personal interpretation. The latest instance of this came as I listened to the reports about the summit between President Donald Trump and the leader of the North Korean people. *Denuclearization* was heard a lot in the news, but people debated over what each leader meant by that high-scoring Scrabble word (and if you’ve ever managed to use that word on a Scrabble board, you should tell me, because that in itself is pretty impressive). Some reports said it meant the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the means to make them again. Some reports said it just meant the removal of the weapons. Some people suggested it might just mean the disabling of the weapons without taking them out of the country. Certainly, the reports from the two leaders themselves were not much help in targeting a particular definition. While President Trump tweeted out that it meant no more nuclear scare from North Korea at all, the North Korean leader’s reports to his people were pretty quiet on the subject.

Seems like it’s a pretty important word to get right. What do you think?

*As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the article. Then discuss in this way:*

**What do you think about the idea that people prefer their own interpretations of words instead of referring to a dictionary? Do you think that’s true? When is it most true?**

**Why are people motivated to tweak the definitions of words?**

**What can be a problematic consequence that arises if two people have different definitions for the same term?**

**Jesus thought words were pretty important too. He said that He had not come to get rid of even one letter of the Law of God, but rather He had come to fulfill them. The idea is that we can only fully understand God’s Law if we also get to know Jesus. Sometimes we want to change the words of laws to make them fit better with what we want to do. But rules give order and create standards. Let’s examine Jesus’ perspective on the words of God’s Law.**