

Use “The Scene” to introduce “True to God’s Design” the High School Sunday school lesson for March 12, 2017. The lesson is found on page 11 of *High School Teacher*.



Certainly, you could see how they’d want to test these things. I mean, it’s no use having such substantial items if you don’t know if they work, or how well they work. And isn’t the point of having these things the idea that, if needed, they would actually function? That they would do what they were designed to do? So yes, it’s understandable and not really alarming that practice would be required. Or, it *would* be not alarming, if the “they” in question weren’t North Korea, and the “things” weren’t ballistic missiles.

The funny thing about practicing is that people generally don’t practice for stuff that they plan on never doing. Football players don’t practice ballroom dancing choreography in preparation for their games. Engaged couples don’t practice going to divorce court. Elite fashion designers don’t practice shopping at Walmart.

And governments don’t practice using weapons that they don’t, on some level, think they might have cause to use.

So when North Korea began shooting missiles into the Sea of Japan, the whole world paid attention. Some analysts say it looks like North Korea was firing off the missiles as a kind of retaliation for the U.S. joining with South Korea in annual defensive military exercises. Others say it looked like North Korea was practicing to hit real U.S. bases in Japan.

But whatever the reason, it seems there is really no good that can come of it. But then again, one might wonder, isn’t that what these missiles are designed for? To create no good? And if what the world really wants is peace, shouldn’t we be practicing that?

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

**What do you think when you hear about countries practicing the use of missiles that are designed to go long distances and attack other countries? Is it a necessary thing for countries to have these weapons and test them?**

**What do you think about the idea that you only practice actions that you intend to use in some way? What activities do you practice regularly?**

**It makes sense that you’d want to practice using tools to see if they do what they are designed to do. God designed humans to do certain things and live in certain ways. What do the activities we regularly engage in show about us? Do they reflect God’s design?**

**All products, even weapons of war, are designed with specific purposes in mind. God designed men and women with specific purposes in mind, and He designed them to interact together in specific ways to reflect God’s love and goodness. But humans have chosen practices that go against those purposes. Homosexuality is just one of those practices that has arisen out of humans’ desire to act in ways that go against God’s design. Today we’re going to look at God’s perspective on homosexuality.**