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Use Your Imagination!

As Mr. Sprunt indicated— Posters are of great assistance as, with even just a passing glance they are reminded that there are reasonable standards of behaviour.

Now make that work for you— we have so many ways of printing and using posters with graphics etc that were not available when in Mr. Sprunt's day.

For example—a very easy thing to do would be to add an emoticon "Happy Face" to convey your pleasure and appreciation for some job well done. Or conversely, an emoticon portraying a look of disappointment to express the opposite.

With some thought you could probably find some picture to include that would make certain their eyes would find the message you want to convey.

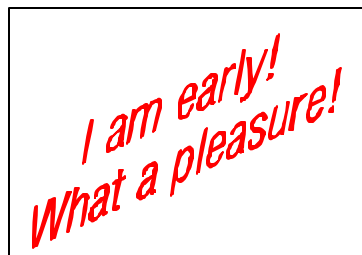
Some lines from the past on Punctuality and Reverence

God is a God of order. All His created works manifest that order and care. He has not changed—and He will not change though the mountains be removed! We need to order our lives and efforts—even with the young, in keeping with His Character. Order is the basis of expectation. Here, once again, are a few lines penned by Ormer G. C. Sprunt. Some of the expressions may be old but the truths are timeless.



Punctuality is the soul of business—in the work of the Lord and elsewhere. Punctuality on the part of the superintendent and the teachers greatly helps toward retaining good order. If they fail, nothing else need be expected from the students. Teachers should be in their places ahead of time to welcome the children upon their arrival. Opening and closing times should be carefully adhered to.

Here is a suggestion to help prevent tardiness. Hang a sign on the entrance door or at the front with these words in Bold Letters.



When the opening exercises begin then the card is turned over to read:



This has had a decided influence to get the children there on time.

Reverence—It is important that reverence during prayer should be demanded, the children bowing their heads and closing their eyes while God is being addressed. However prayers should not be too long nor rambling but right to the point.

A final word of advice on this subject: A Sunday School is full of life, like a team of frisky horses, ready to go! You must keep a snug rein on them, so you can check them when you wish.. They can frequently be controlled by the eye. When you speak, say what you mean, and mean what you say. Remember, you cannot sow seed in a whirlwind. Freedom with control and liberty with order is the Lord's way everywhere, and the Sunday School is no exception.

Ho - Ho - Ho..... Hosannah!

After hearing the Christmas story and the singing of Christmas carols like 'Silent Night', a Sunday School class in Sao Paulo Brazil was asked to draw what they thought the Nativity Scene would have looked like... One young fellow did a good likeness of Joseph with Mary and the baby, but off to the side there was a roly-poly figure. The teacher was afraid that the boy had somehow worked Santa into the event, and he asked him about who that figure represented. The teacher wasn't sure whether to be relieved or even more concerned when the boy responded, Oh, you know, that's Round John Virgin!"