



THE ENCOURAGER

Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere



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How many times have I heard a fellow Christian say,

"Oh, you mean you teach a class of little kids? Oh, you poor thing. You are a glutton for punishment."

My mental reaction to such a statement is, "YOU poor thing. If you have never tried it, you don't know the wealth of blessing you are missing."

Poor thing, indeed! There are few moments so precious as seeing the dancing eyes of a little child as he sees the big fish (made up of a bleach bottle) literally swallow up Jonah (a puppet), and then to see relief come and his whole body relax and settle against his chair when he sees that "God took care of Jonah and He will take care of me, too, if I listen to Him." Or, the excited voice of a little one tugging at Mother or Daddy to "Come and see the 10 lepers that Jesus made well."

Me a poor thing? When I hear from three rows back the loud whisper, "Mommy, that's my teacher." Or when I receive the most moving, most enjoyable, most blessing-filled hour of the week, no, I wouldn't trade all that for a comfortable chair in a quiet adult classroom. Who knows, that Bible class I teach may lead someone to heaven who otherwise might not have known the way.

Sorry friend, that poor thing isn't me!



Sunday School Bloopers

Some bloopers of biblical proportions written by Sunday School students.

In the book of Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

* Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.

Sampson slated the Philistines with the axe of apostles.

* The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.

Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

* The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The Fifth Commandment is humor thy mother and father.

* The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in the biblical times.