



THE ENCOURAGER

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

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WHAT'S MY JOB?

A Sunday School teacher's primary function is to teach the Child so that the Spiritual needs of the learner will be met. He plans his objectives and lesson with each student in mind so that he can further the spiritual understanding of each class member. Yet there are many basic needs existing in the lives of the child that must be satisfied also. Unless these are adequately met, a child can be hindered from taking in the truth that we consider so vital.



He draws out & affirms each student

What needs? 1. Physical Needs—warmth, comfort, and all other physical necessities. For instance, a child who comes to Sunday School hungry will find it hard to concentrate on learning. A hot stuffy room is nearly unbearable and restricts the ability to concentrate.

2. Security Needs— a sense of belonging to a group, abiding by a few recognized rules, being allowed to disagree, not being afraid of being put down or having to be 100% perfect all the time.
3. Social Needs— sharing, conversation, helping each other, work groups, accepting others and being accepted. A teacher can plan and promote group spirit within the class.
4. Self-Respect Needs— involves knowing and understanding the facts, courtesy, acceptance, understanding and praise. An understanding teacher will plan activities in which research, brainstorming and discussion, problem solving play a part. He provides the platform for Self Respect and then draws out and affirms each member of the class.
5. Achievement Needs—to see that their abilities are used, discovering and trying out ideas. The perceptive teacher will organize activities and help the children set and reach realistic and meaningful goals.
6. Spiritual Needs—They need to hear the Word of God (Romans 10:17) - they need God's great gift of Salvation (Eph. 2:8-9) - identifying with Bible Characters similar to themselves (1Cor.10:11-12) After salvation they need to experience the changes that accompany that new life, to understand how to overcome temptation (1Cor.10:13), to grasp the importance of practicing the Word of God (2Tim.3:16-17), and to see their lives transformed into that which proves God's Will (Romans 12:1-2).

In conclusion, the responsibility to meet those needs is great, but the resources in our God are sufficient.



"Accepting others and being accepted"

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SORRY THIS ISSUE IS LATE

Seems that I had too much taking place to get this off on schedule. Please accept my apologies. Some of you may be aware that our son and one of our daughters were married in the month of May. It was a wonderful but very busy time! Then with our annual conference the weekend following our daughter's wedding, it was more than I could do to fit everything in.

Hopefully we are back on track and the June issue will follow this one very shortly, DV. Meantime, we trust your efforts are being rewarded and that the summer months will see you refreshed and ready to give your Children's effort your very best.