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In all labour there  
is profit!



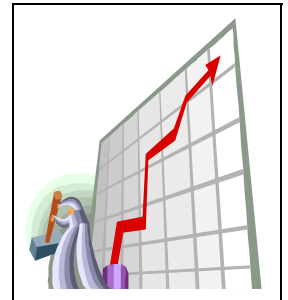
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## TRIED AND PROVED HOW-TO'S

*A good mix of activity and content seems to bring results. Look at these useful ideas sent along from an old friend who has taught for many years.*

I have the 11-14 Girls Class and I use a Sunday School Lesson Set coordinated along with other teachers in our Sunday School. I tend to aim my teaching towards building values that are biblical even if the girls are not yet saved. I feel the world no longer offers any values from God and feel responsible to bring His values before them. I usually bring in applicable current events that relate to the principle of the lesson. In this day and age there is a lot to talk about. I like to use audio-visual aids as well as newspaper and magazine clippings. To display some of these we have a bulletin board which the girls help with. Recently we made a chart of the "holy week" taken from Mr. Paisley's volume in 'What the Bible Teaches'. That seemed to really help them make sense of the last part of the life of Christ. These things have resulted in some really good questions from the girls which is most encouraging and helps me know what they are thinking.

As for extracurricular activities: we set up a point system at the beginning of the SS year. Points are given for attendance, bringing Bibles, saying verses, completing a worksheet that relates to the lesson, and doing the quiz on the SS Papers. Every 5th Sunday the girls have a chance to say all five verses and get a chance at a prize box. They seem to like that even though the cost of those rewards is quite low. We also keep a running total for class points. When they reach a certain plateau we have an outing. The plateau is chosen according to the outing they choose to aim for. If there is a lot of expense involved due to fees or transportation then the point goal is higher. Those who attend have to be present at least 4 times to qualify. Suggested outings include a day trip to a state park with hiking and a picnic, paddleboats and possibly swimming and even a stop for ice cream enroute home. More often the choice is for an evening or afternoon outing for pizza and games at our home. In the summer, I like to take them biking or swimming and do as much outdoors as possible. We do one outing each fall as our birthday party for all. Everyone gets to come no matter how little they attend. We have supper, birthday games, then have birthday cake and do a craft. The other regular outing is our Christmas get together. The girls do a gift exchange as well as receive a gift from the teachers. Along with our craft we also work together to create a food item of interest to them. Sometimes they come to our home for a sit down meal—at which we rehearse proper etiquette and they get to help prepare and set it up as well as enjoy the meal. I used to take them caroling to a nursing home and where they helped distribute goodies to the residents. I tried to make each event have a double intent—to give them a fun time and to get them involved more and more.



We made a chart of the "Holy Week"

### THOU SHALT NOT ....

My ten year old daughter was working on her memory work and wanted to rehearse what she had been practicing to me. She started out quite well as she recited the 'Ten Commandments' but became stuck after 'Thou shalt not kill'

'Thou shalt not steal'

'Honour thy father and thy mother'

There was a pause as she struggled with it and finally she continued, 'Thou shalt not drink and drive.'

- Patricia Hunt (Willowdale, ON)