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

GOD CAN USE YOU!

There are many reasons why God shouldn't have called you. But don't worry.

You're in good company . . .

Moses stuttered.
David's armor didn't fit.
John Mark was rejected by Paul.
Hosea's wife was a prostitute.
Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.
Jacob was a liar.
David had an affair.
Solomon was too rich.
Jesus was too poor.
Abraham was too old.
David was too young.
Peter was afraid of death.
Lazarus was dead.
John was self-righteous.
Naomi was a widow.
Paul was a murderer. So was Moses.
Jonah ran from God.
Miriam was a gossip.
Gideon and Thomas both doubted.
Jeremiah was depressed.
Elijah was burnt out.
Martha was a worry-wart.
Noah got drunk.

Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse? So did Peter, Paul -- well, lots of folks did. But God doesn't require a job interview. He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced or partial, not judging, grudging, sassy, or brassy, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our need.

Satan says, "You're not worthy." God says, "So what? . . . I AM."

Satan looks back and sees our mistakes. God looks back and sees the cross.

He doesn't calculate what you did or didn't do in '98.

Sure. There are lots of reasons why God shouldn't have called us.

He can use us in spite of who we are, where we've been, or what we look like.— anon



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KIDS TODAY

Finding one of her students making faces at others in class, Mrs. Smith went over to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, one day it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up into her face and replied, "Well, Mrs. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned!"