



# THE ENCOURAGER

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

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## CHALLENGE DAYS

*Adrian also writes about 'something extra for the children':*

I was and still am concerned that 1 hour a week is a very short amount of time of influence.

It seemed that the answer was to hold a 'Children's Challenge Day' - to challenge them with the gospel and to include some sports & crafts.

On the day, we had 3 messages, 2 quizzes & periodic singing. We also completed crafts and had a multi sport in the afternoon. In some locations we have also included some other adventures and activities depending on the site used. Challenge Days are an excellent complement to regular SS & Weekly Meetings for Children.

If interested in further information or Flyer Samples for advertising,

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## GODLY ENVY

**B**ritish Schools are legislated to include 'Christian' Content! That makes me envious. That legislation presents such a wonderful opportunity to those who are able to supply a very real gospel message to the students.

Sometime ago I received the following from Adrian Ferguson of Scotland, and I have permission to share it with you. It will help us to pray for those who have this privilege and perhaps also stimulate others to find a way for something similar in North America.

*He writes:* Traditionally in Scotland every school has had a school chaplain (a minister of religion for the local 'parish' church). When we were students we were made to endure their dreadful messages, as they managed to transform 'interesting' Bible Stories into the most painful 30 minutes of the week. The Scottish and English curriculums now by law must include 'Christian' content. With the prominence of non believing teachers in the UK—many of the teachers have no idea what to teach when it comes to Christianity, therefore of late, schools have welcomed members of the community to present a Bible Message!

Several people in the UK have taken advantage of this open door to proclaim the Glorious Gospel in the schools. With the support of the saints at the Perth Gospel Hall, I have been to attend several schools in Perthshire to tell a Bible Story. Many Christians have offered excellent advice, so when I speak at schools I also relate the message to me e.g. "I was saved", "I was a sinner", "Christ died for me", etc. This avoids the criticism of trying to make converts of children at school.

When we conduct these sessions the format is usually singing, a text, and a Bible Story. When there is time we also have a quick quiz about what has been taught. The messages are usually well received especially by the pupils. Just two weeks ago, I was in a school with over 200 children present at the school assembly and it was a real joy to tell the story of Blind Bartimaeus. Seldom, if ever, does a Gospel Hall in the UK ever get 200 at their Children's Meeting. So this is an incredible opportunity!

As the Lord has graciously opened the door, we as His People should take these opportunities to visit the schools in our community. We believe that God is the One who brings forth the fruit—so it is left entirely in His Hands.

If anyone would like further information on these opportunities—Adrian has offered his services and helpful information—contact [adrian.ferguson@bigfoot.com](mailto:adrian.ferguson@bigfoot.com)

## Messages - To & From Heaven?

A mother had been teaching her three-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the girl repeated it after her. One night the three-year old said she was ready to solo. Her mom listened with pride as her little daughter carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer.

"And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail."

