

THE ENCOURAGER

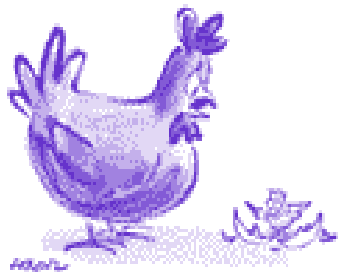
Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

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**'it was
all done
unto the Lord
and
for these
precious souls'**



*"Cluck! Now—Look at
what you've done!
Cluck Cluck Cluck! "*

ETERNITY IN MY HEART

Doreen Buck, Jackson, MI continues to impart highly important principles and practices that our sister used effectively in her Teaching

ETERNITY must be emphasized. It must be in my own heart to teach them.

CRAFTS and CARING

I had craft times with them. Particularly at Mother's Day time, they made little things to take home to their Moms. I made samples of things ahead of time for them to choose. Took pictures of them doing this, gave to each one, and would pin a picture of them on the SS wall. Also pinned Bible hero pictures up, as well as The Ten Commandments, this they had to learn, and I always left that posted. Pictures of them playing games at the SS picnic.

I would look for new scholars, go to areas where children were playing, talk to them, ask if they went to Church anywhere, then knock on parents door, would have SS paper in hand to show them. Sometimes I would get invited in to explain the importance of learning from the Bible, (I would have a little Bible in purse) and asked the parent if they ever went to SS when young. Do you know, "Jesus Loves Me" or "Rock of Ages", that seemed to warm them up. Then I would offer to pick up their child or children. They would think about it, so I would return in a couple weeks, and got several children that way, plus sometimes the parent would come along, and sit in the class.

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

If I was away for a week or so, I would send each girl a card. If a child was missing a single Sunday, I would visit. Sometimes if there was sickness, I would take food and / or flowers. I would give them homework looking up a certain word, eg. how many times 'SAVED' was mentioned, Eternity (an easy one) how many miracles, etc. As the girls got older I gave each one the opportunity to have the lesson the next Sunday. My reason—to see what had taken in. I learned areas to discuss.

Several of the girls were saved and are now in assembly fellowship. One of the girls paid little attention, but after NYC's disaster on 9-11, she was so shaken she truly did get saved. At present she doesn't live around here, but takes her children to SS and her husband shows interest. Another girl professed, became a nurse and owns a lovely nursing home in the area. She asked me to visit and have Bible readings with the older ladies, which I did for sometime, and found some saved ones amongst them. Another young woman professed—an unusually sweet person, but so shy and afraid of her parents, she didn't tell them. She then found a fine young man (unsaved) and decided to go ahead to marry him, even though I counseled her it was wrong, showing her from Scripture. She moved so far away, but have always kept in touch, she wrote me a few years ago, now, she knows how wrong it was and wished she had heeded the warnings of a mixed marriage. She asked me to please pray for Craig. I just got a letter the other day from her saying Craig is very concerned about being saved, so we pray and I am waiting to hear the good news! (They are going to a church where the Pastor is truly saved). **Whatever course they take, we must be faithful** about their sinful condition, need of salvation, of turning to Christ, to teach them proper Christian living, to choose the right saved partner, and sometimes plain ordinary manners. I still continue to visit homes from where children came from and invite to gospel meetings. They always welcome me and seem glad for the visit. I am sure we will meet some of these parents as well in Heaven.

CONTINUING ON

I just now had a phone call from a gal who came so many years ago, now with 6 children. I am going out there to visit. I have been invited to many of the former SS students' weddings. Gary, I feel rather braggy and even embarrassed about some of these experiences, but **it was all done unto the Lord and for these precious souls** that prayed for, and still pray for, Even now, still hearing from some of them makes it worth it all, as you know there are always lots of disappointments. The Lord gave me this responsibility, and I have failed many times and missed opportunities. I still love them all, and will keep at it as long as physically able.

If, in all this, there is anything helpful, then use it. I realize that my efforts are nothing really more than what others have done. Anyway, here it is— with my continued prayers for 'The Encourager' to continue.

With my humbled prayers in the Lord, Doreen

