

THE ENCOURAGER

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

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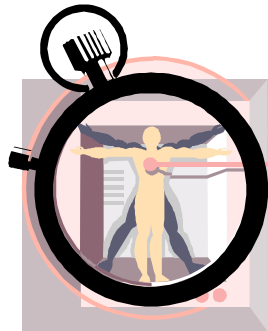


The ENCOURAGER wants you!

Help us steer the ship. Got any great teaching ideas that are suitable to share with others? Let us know. We'll be happy to pass them along.

Eternity in their hearts!

ONE THING



is certain—and that is, that if you, as the teacher, have Eternity in your heart, then they are far more likely to think about their own. We are living in days when there seems to be a concerted effort to block out anything that gives serious thought to Eternity, and there is a constant and continual barrage of events, sports, and entertainment to fill the 'now' of life without any consideration of the great eternity!

O to give them a little look at something that cannot be viewed with the eyes! I well remember the Sunday School Treat program when I was given (along with some Scripture Verses) some lines to memorize from "Eternity, Time soon will end, It's fleeting moments pass away, O sinner, say, where wilt thou spend Eternity's unchanging day?" I trembled even as I rehearsed it, and shuddered to think of it, and perhaps received a reminder that I needed to prepare for it.

Nothing wrong with fun and activities. But let us make sure that we get across the importance of Eternity. When all the rest is over, Eternity is there waiting for us.

Just wondering..... What if?

We know that memorizing Scripture is of inestimable value and of the greatest importance. Many of us look back even to the day of our salvation and some verse we had learned years before was brought to the mind with saving result.

Remember how you used to try (often at the last minute) to memorize your verse because there was a deadline and you were motivated by the thought of obtaining some little prize or distinction? Have you been learning any verses lately? Those of you who are teachers, do you make the effort to learn all the verses that you assign? Wouldn't it be a good idea? I think I hear you say, "Well, sure!"

Well, what if.....

...all the adults were expected to learn a verse each week?

...there were a couple of verse checkers waiting for everyone to say their verse each week?

...there was an assembly oversight or SS Superintendent who was brave enough to initiate such a thing? Now wouldn't that be a good idea?



Lookit !

One summer weekend a Toronto Sunday School group went camping. Late on the first night, one mother in the group was walking back to her tent with a young girl who had lived all of her young life in the big city.

"Wow, look up there," the girl cried as she stared at the sky in amazement, "it's just like the planetarium!"