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Down with Bare Walls

The truth is that those walls need to be used. I've been on this theme before. But it is so important to use every advantage. Why not use the opportunity. Perhaps you only have ONE WALL available—then use every inch of it. Just stick it to those bare walls! Now a minor word of caution—if your SS classroom happens to be recently renovated in the finest of fashion—you may have a little difficulty with those who are responsible. And we wouldn't want to see you get into *too much* trouble! So it may be necessary to place a temporary wall (in front) so that you can use it with impunity and without risking your good reputation.



In fact, if such is the case—you could make a class occasion of building it—but please no hammering or sawing on the Lord's Day. You could make a field trip occasion of it on a weekday or Saturday combined with cookies and cold drinks. It could really inspire a sense of belonging in your students. You could even give it a name!

I was recently in a SS Classroom in Marion, Iowa. The walls were being used. One neat idea was a billboard that had "Bible Heroes". Under that heading there were a number of cardboard slots. You could probably come up with other ways. In the slots were cards (like Collector Cards) of Bible Heroes—a storybook picture of the hero, a few pointed colourful details about them and their major attainments printed on back and front. These could also be done in a larger form. Perhaps one of the details could be the way in which they were examples to us. You could even suggest or apply a favourite verse or truth that their lives reveal.

Just like people tend to look in the Store Windows—and sometimes enter to buy—so we should keep something before the eyes of those who come along to our classes. They need to know that people in all ages learned of a Saviour's love and lived lives that count for Eternity. As well, if they have heard Bible lessons about some of those Heroes, a wall like that could serve as a visual reminder of the truths that have been taught.

Just Loafing around !

This one was sent to me recently by Linda Bowden of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. It is called Favourite Parable.

"What is your favourite parable?" the Sunday School teacher asked little Johnny. He thought about it for just a second before answering.

"I like the one where everybody loafes and fishes!"

Hmmmmmm! I suspect he wouldn't be the only one.