



THE ENCOURAGER

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

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Eternal Matters

The clock is ticking. Time is passing. Souls are perishing. Let us do what we can.

The preparation of souls for Eternity is the most important business in the whole world. Investigations have determined that 75% of all conversions take place before 20 years of age. In a broad spectrum poll of 6,194 believers it was found that the peak of conversions was found to be 13 years of age. Some have even said that those who trust Christ in their childhood are more consistent throughout their Christian life, than those saved when life habits and character are fully formed.

Perhaps these things are surprising but let us remember that the Lord Jesus placed tremendous value upon a child's life when He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." On another occasion he stated to an adult audience that "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart — And love that soul through me —
And may I ever do my part
TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE.



THINGS WE WOULDN'T KNOW WITHOUT THE EXPERIENCE

- * With eyes closed for prayer, ANYTHING can happen in a room full of preschoolers.
- * Prayer requests reveal a lot of unexpected things about parents.
- * A fire extinguisher is a handy device.
- * Cheap glue adheres to skin.
- * Kool Aid and song motions do not mix.
- * Grand pianos are not as durable as you might think.
- * Church maintenance men do not have a sense of humor.
- * A coin will always roll to the other side of the room when dropped.
- * There IS a doggie Heaven.
- * Parachute games should not be used in a room with a chandelier.
- * Animal crackers can be sneezed out the nose.
- * Girls are superior to boys.
- * There are good reasons why pastor's kids have a bad reputation.

APPLES AND CHOCOLATE AND A CHILD'S LOGIC

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, "Take only one: God is watching."

Moving through the line, to the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A boy wrote a note, "Take all you want: God is watching the apples."