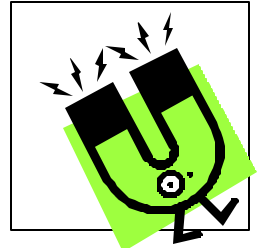


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Help for Sunday School Teachers—Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

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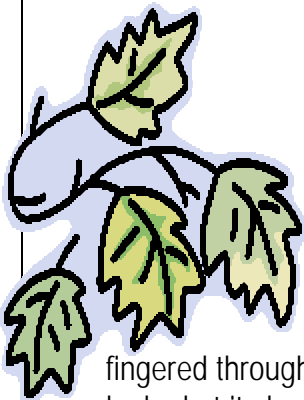
To be truthful I was taken by surprise that you thought I was a "people magnet", writes Gloria Hanna from Chile.

The Choice Gleanings calendar really spoke to us on June 11. We didn't know what the word 'winsome' meant, so we looked it up in a Spanish-English dictionary. The Spanish translation gives the idea: cheerful, pleasant, to have attractive or persuasive manners that win the heart. We truly have to ask the Lord continually to make us 'winsome' that we may win more for His honor and glory. I believe that in reaching children, it's important to be really interested in them, and listen to them, and not be afraid of getting down to their level. And a smile goes a long way. Sorry - I'm not good at writing stories for The ENCOURAGER.

Ever since the middle of May it has hardly stopped raining here with some days of below freezing temperatures. You would hardly believe that any vehicles could get through the roads we have to go over. There is not a quarter kilometer of road that isn't either under water and/or full of pot holes. We live in a very rural area called Peñaflor.

Everyone arrived at the meetings soaking wet today. Last Sunday I had 17 in our pickup, but this week there were only 9. Last week there were about 40 sitting back at the Breaking of Bread and 11 in the circle. Today there were 2 sisters missing, and only 25 sitting back. That is because we are having a good old-fashioned winter storm with LOTS of rain and wind. Dennis was amazed at what the bus went through today. Other cars got stuck, so when he was taking the people home with the bus, he had to push the cars out of the lakes that crossed the roads.

Editor: I well remember when Gloria was a teacher in the Midland Sunday School and she always had a group of children around her. Four things should be considered from this brief note of Gloria's. 1. Humility—she didn't think she was a 'people magnet'. 2. Prayerfulness—a desire to be effective. 3. Manner—the importance of pleasantness. 4. Stick-to-it-iveness! Through thick and thin, in all kinds of weather. Sometimes I think we need a refresher course in these qualities that draw others! Do you know a 'people magnet' ? - if so—write the editor and perhaps we could highlight the qualities that make them what they are.



Leaf that alone! A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it closely. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I THINK IT'S ADAM'S UNDERWEAR"