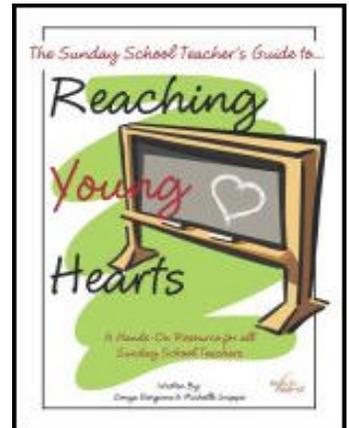




# THE ENCOURAGER

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

## REACHING YOUNG HEARTS



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**T**he Sunday School Teacher's Guide to REACHING YOUNG HEARTS has been written by Michelle Snippe and Zonya Bergsma based on the teacher training classes they have taught. This book will benefit all teachers who take the privilege and responsibility of a Sunday school class seriously, whether new to the ministry or whether they have taught for years. The information is presented in a hands-on format providing many opportunities for practice. Use this book for individual study or for interactive teacher training classes. Equip yourself or the teachers you know with a solid resource to help them fulfill their responsibility of reaching hearts for eternity. 'Great Sunday school teachers are not born - they're taught!' - Elmer L. Towns. The SS Teachers Guide can be found at [http://www.reachhearts.com/teachers\\_guide.php](http://www.reachhearts.com/teachers_guide.php)

### REACHING YOUNG HEARTS Sunday School Lesson Plans

Most Sunday school curricula has a wrong focus. Instead of presenting the gospel message clearly to the needy hearts of unsaved children, the writers assume that their hearers are Christians. This is a major mistake. Children are not automatically Christians because of their upbringing or as a result of a recited prayer. Recognizing this biblical reality is of utmost importance. Mark 16:15 commissions us to spread the *gospel*. This is what reaches hearts.

Therefore, the central theme of all the primary and intermediate lessons on this site is the gospel. Children at this age, even if they profess Christ as their Saviour, need to hear this message repeatedly. The teen lessons, because of an often combination of saved and unsaved students, seek to encourage spiritual growth as well as to present the message of salvation when possible.

Each lesson plan includes:

- ? lesson point
- ? list of advance preparation necessary for the lesson
- ? follow-up activity that reinforces the lesson
- ? memory verse
- ? list of props/materials needed for the lesson
- ? teacher's script written out in suggested exact words
- ? suggested wall display material where applicable

### Free Printable Resources — GO ONLINE to DOWNLOAD Any of the Resources Below

The following resources are good motivators and rewards for verse memorization, good behaviour, student participation, and for the accomplishment certain goals. Kids thrive with encouragement. They need to know they've done a good job and these resources let them know!

#### Bible Bucks

These are great motivators for verse memorization, inviting a friend to class or other behaviour you want to encourage. After the students have gained a certain number of Bible Bucks, let them "buy" something by trading in their Bucks for something in the class prize box. You may want to include some better prizes that "cost" more than others but always have something available for a few Bible Bucks to avoid discouragement and for those kids that want immediate gratification!

#### Bookmarks

These awards are great ways to say thank-you, encourage class participation and reward good behaviour. Just print, cut apart and add a ribbon! If possible, laminate for greater durability and a more professional look.

#### Award Certificates

Accomplishments need to be recognized! These awards can be filled in with the child's name and date and the goal that has been met. That goal may be 5 verses memorized and recited all at once, the books of the Bible or the 10 commandments - the possibilities are endless! Encourage your class to make goals and better yet - reach them!

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