



THE ENCOURAGER

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

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DO YOU THINK THEY....

UNDERSTAND?

Dear God
In bible times
did they really
talk that fancy?

Jennifer

Dear God,
I am American
What are you?

Robert

Dear God,
Thank you for
the baby brother
but what I prayed
for was a puppy

Joyce

Dear God,
I think the stapler
is one of your
greatest invention

Ruth M.

Dear God,
I think about
you sometimes even
when I'm not praying

Elliott

Dear God,
I bet it is
very hard
for you to
love all of
every body in the
whole world
There are only
4 people in our
family and I
can never do it.

Nan



Dear God,
If you watch in
Church on Sunday
I will show you
my new shoes
Mickey D.

Dear God,
If you give me
genie lamp like Alladin
I will give you anything
you want
except my money
or my chess set.
Raphael

Dear God
Maybe Cain and Abel
would not kill each so much
if they had their own rooms.
It works with my brother
Larry

We read Thos. Edison
made light.
But in SUN. School they said
you did it.
So I bet he STOLED
you r Idea.
Sincerely,
DONNA

After years of teaching.... It seems harder than ever! But 'Be of good courage!
Do you need encouragement in these difficult days?

Let us learn to lean even more upon the Lord. There is nothing impossible with Him. The following story comes to mind as I think of how difficult it is to reach the lost.

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It was a hot summer evening in Hamilton. The little hall was crammed with carefree children of all ages. One solitary grown up—a Christian engineer, who loved boys and girls for Jesus sake—preached the message and tried to keep order.

Off in one corner of the room sat a notorious young ruffian named Bill. He had come early to take a seat where he could make the most trouble with the least restraint. Playing, poking, giggling, he did his best to interrupt and keep the others from listening.

But strange to tell, at the close of the meeting, as the restless crowd burst out into the street, Bill lingered behind. Bad though he was, God had spoken to him that night. With eyes fixed on the floor he stood before the somewhat discouraged speaker and addressing him by name said:

"Mr. Willis, are there any prayers in the Bible—short prayers? I think I need a prayer."

"Yes, Bill," replied Mr. Willis as he opened his Bible, "here are two prayers. Neither are very long, and they're both found in Luke 18." Quickly finding the place he began to read from verse 11:

"God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are..."

"What does that mean?" interrupted Bill.

"It means that you are better than all the others boys."

"O that prayer won't do. I'm the worst! What's next?"

"I fast twice in the week..."

"What does that mean?"

"It means that twice every week you go without your breakfast, dinner and supper."

"O, I can't say that! I never went without a meal in my life. What's next?"

"I give tithes of all that I possess..."

"What does *that* mean?"

"It means, that if you have a dollar, you give ten cents of it away."

"O sir, I've never given ten cents away. I never give *anything* away. That prayer won't do for me. Besides it's too long; I couldn't remember it all. What's the other one?"

"Well, Bill," continued the speaker, "the other one *might* do, and it only has seven words."

"Read it!"

"*God be merciful to me a sinner.* Would that prayer suit you, Bill?"

Bill's answer was a flood of tears. It was just the prayer he needed. It is just the prayer *every* sinner needs, and just the prayer that God loves to hear and answer!



Keep praying and working and expecting! God still works His way in the hearts of sinners. May you get a surprise like 'Bill' soon!