

TEACH ME LORD

“Start children off on the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6). “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you” (Psalm 32:8).

I’m glad that my parents lived by these principles and started me in Sunday school at an early age. It gave me the “firm foundation” that I needed for life, although I didn’t realize it at the time. For me, it was just part of family tradition — we dressed in our finest, attended church and Sunday school, and then went to Grandma’s for Sunday dinner. Habit and tradition powerfully influence our actions and beliefs.

I have attended Sunday school all my life; however, it wasn’t until I was asked to teach, that I found a true understanding and importance of Sunday school. It was very challenging at first to study the Scriptures and Bible stories and then present them in simple ways so that little children could understand. It was a lot of work; but grew to be a labor of love.

“The hard thing to understand is that faith is the one area in our lives where growing up means we must grow to be more like a child, trusting simply in the goodness and complete knowledge of a Father who has our best interests at heart,” Colleen Townsend Evans.



Many years have passed and now I find myself doing similar studies for a group of older and disabled adults. I'm reminded of a cute story by Florence Littauer in which a little 98 year old lady always studies her lessons well to prepare for Bible study, knowing all the answers. When asked why she worked so hard on these lessons, she exclaimed; "I'm cramming for my finals." The same principle remains no matter your age.

All this studying has lead me into another activity that I love as much as Sunday school: my daily devotional time or quiet time. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God" reminding us of the necessity to take time to focus on the Lord. I'm so glad that God has given us the resources we need to study, learn and know him better. Thanks to Jesus, like Mary, we can sit at His feet and learn from Him (Luke 10:39).

I love Sunday school, too; no matter on what day of the week it falls. "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah" (Acts 5:42).

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.

THE B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E
Yes that's the book for me,
I stand alone
on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E.

Dear God, teach us in the way we should go; council us and guide us in the path you have chosen for us; and watch over us as we try to live our lives according to Your Word. Amen.