



Do you have Beautiful Feet?

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You say what a title for an article in a Children's Ministry Newsletter? Well, as you recall the last article in the newsletter talked about our motivation for being in Children's Ministry. This article ties in with us (as Children's Ministry Volunteers) having beautiful feet.

As I was having my devotions one morning, I was studying Romans chapter 10. Verses 14-15 really made an impact on me. I have read these verses many times in my years as a Christian but never before had they spoken to me like they did this morning. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

First of all, ARE YOU SENT? Most importantly are you sent to minister to Children and not for your own self satisfaction or ego? Review the article from the last newsletter. Every Christian, who accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, now has the privilege of salvation. Along with a privilege comes what? Yes, responsibility. We are now responsible to develop and use our beautiful feet to plant, sow, and sometimes reap. Then teach Children to grow in their faith and go forth to plant, sow, and sometimes reap.

Second, God gave us an awesome privilege and responsibility to minister to Children. Children's Ministry must be God-centered, Bible-saturated, Gospel-driven, and Family-oriented. Children's Ministry is about serving Children. In other words, we must emphasize the greatness of God (Psalm 34:8), God's Word must be used in everything we do and in each and every classroom (II Timothy 3:15), we must give the gospel in each and every class (Romans 1:16; Mark 16:15), and we need to encourage and support the parents/grandparents/caregivers (see Teacher Expectations for what is the minimum requirements to the family unit).

Yes, Ministering to Children and their families is very time consuming. As volunteers in this ministry, we have the awesome task of putting their ultimate spiritual needs ahead of our comforts, TV, overtime, or whatever our "idol" might be. Isn't that what Jesus did?

"Today's Children are the future Church, are precious in God's sight, and are a major responsibility for parents and teachers to prepare them for the task of leading others to Christ and to live a Godly life."

Tips for the Classroom

“GOD HEARS US”

Start out by Blindfolding one child.
Have other children come up behind him/her and say,
"I am a burning bush".
The speaker can disguise his/her voice a bit.
The blindfolded child has to guess which child spoke to him/her.
For each right answer, award a point.



After every child has been blindfolded and gathered points, explain:
You were able to guess your classmates because you know the sound of
their voices.

In the same way, God knows the sound of our voices.
We all have different voices, but God knows them all.
He even knows when you're pretending to be somebody else.
And guess what...He never gets it wrong!

From Mary Kate Warner

Teacher Recommended Reading

*The Prayer that Changes
Everything*
by Stormie Omartian

*“When we walk close to God in
praise and worship, He shines His
light on us and we can see our
own sin more clearly (1 John 1:7).
God wants to teach us His ways,
show us our purpose, provide for
our needs, and deliver us from the
enemy’s plan for our lives. He
wants us to acknowledge Him as
God in all that we do, and serve
Him according to His will and in
whatever way He calls us to do
that. Respond to the greatness of
God by worshiping Him and living
in obedience to His word. ”*

-Stormie Omartian

A Bit of Humor...

Tech Support on the Ark

A preschool teacher asked her
class, “How many animals went
into the ark with Noah?”

Four-year-old Molly answered,
“One mail and one e-mail.”

