

THE NETWORK

NURTURING EDUCATORS, TRAINING WORKERS, AND ORGANIZING RESOURCES FOR THE KINGDOM

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(Committed, Unashamed and Really Excited)



Children's Yearly Meeting
August 6-9 Grades K-6th
College Avenue Friends Church, Oskaloosa

\$40 per child: includes trips & lunches if registered by July 18

\$100 for 3 or more in a family

After July 18, \$50 each or \$125 for 3 in a family

One Day Fee: \$15 if registered by July 18

\$20 after July 18 or drop off

Schedule: Wed. 1:00-5:00; Thurs. 9:30-5:00

Friday. 9:30-5:00; Sat. 9:00-2:00

(Times may need to be changed)

Becky Barber, director Spencer Thury, music

Jacque Lake, crafts Bill Roach, games

Sam Barber, lunches

(Snacks will also be provided)

Field Trips, Crafts, Fun Activities all included

Mission project, Lugulu Hospital Adopt-a-bed

Register using the form from the IAYM Office or contact your church pastor

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Training & Dealing with Today's Child



Saturday, October 4, 9:00
Grinnell First Friends



Parents, Sunday School teachers, youth workers, Grandparents, aunts and uncles, babysitters - mark your calendars for the workshop on Saturday, Oct 4, 2003, 9:00-2:30. It will be held at Grinnell First Friends, and we'll be learning effective ways of working with today's children.

Our speaker will be Linda Wilkerson, a Christian educator with 25 years of experience, who has been a teacher, and is now principal with the Mt. Pleasant Community Schools. Her helpful perspectives and insights will give you an encouraging look at ways to love and help the children in your sphere of influence. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your knowledge and skills. More information about cost will be available at Yearly Meeting sessions, and in the September *Iowa Friend*. Plan now for a group from your church to attend!



Teacher Training Suggestions



Why not hold your own church Sunday School Teacher's Retreat?! Consider a creative name "Teacher Fitness Day" or "Blueprint for Teachers" or "Teacher Basic Training." Use a weekday evening or a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Or you could rent a meeting room in a motel with dining facilities for a full Saturday get-away! Charge teachers a nominal fee, say \$10 or ask your church to pick up the bill. Arrive at 9:30 and begin with some fun group building activities. Then give a training session before lunch and another afterwards. The rest of the afternoon could be spent in brainstorming and visioning. A time away to concentrate on your SS program would be a great group bonding experience!

Short on time? Hold a "training dinner." We all like to eat especially when it's free! Invite all of the teachers of your Sunday school to a free dinner as a way of thanking and honoring them for their work. Following the meal, have a speaker or other special presentation that will give ideas & information that they can use in their teaching.

The 6 E's for Successful Teacher Training

- * Encapsulate - have a time limit and stick to it. Let the teachers know ahead of time that the meeting will be over at a certain time.
- * Encourage - let teachers know what an important part of the church's mission they are. Give an encouraging bookmark, small gift or card.
- * Energize - give a vision of what is to come in the SS program. Let teachers see the big picture.
- * Equip - teach a skill. Storytelling, a new game or two, how to encourage children to pray, a new craft technique, or scripture memorization.
- * Empower - use a short inspiring video clip, or a moving Sunday School story.
- * Evaluate - give teachers a chance to discuss or jot down the needs of your SS program and ways they feel it is doing well or might be improved.

Ask other church members to pray for each Sunday School class and its teachers. Tell each teacher who will be praying for them. There's no better encouragement than knowing someone is regularly lifting you up in prayer!!



In the church bulletin or newsletter ask the following question. "What are your kids (or your neighborhood kids) under the influence of? Their friends, television, comics, computer games, movie stars, MTV or the Bible? At Sunday School we'll get kids into the Bible so kids can get the Bible into their lives!" You might want to make a bulletin board and add pictures for effect.

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Sunday School Theme Days

Theme days capture the interest of children while giving teachers an opportunity to contact absentees with fun news. They also provide for better teacher/child relationships. But they are not just for the kids, involve the **whole** church!



It's Apple Picking Time!



The apple is a familiar fall theme. Branch out with it to include a lesson on the fruit of the spirit from Galatians. Cut out a tree shape from brown & green construction paper and attach to a bulletin board. Add apples (or other fruit if you wish) and label them as the 9 fruit of the spirit. And you could add your children's names as well.

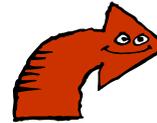
Carry out the theme by dressing in casual apple picking coveralls and farm clothing. Ask families to bring their favorite apple salad or dessert to share following services. Have sliced apples with dipping sauce and apple juice as treats during SS. Take a poll of attenders favorite apple variety. Make apple prints on paper or fabric with paints & cut apple halves. Use your own creativity to adapt songs and games to the theme. Or go to the following sites for many activity, craft and lesson ideas.
<http://msscrafter.com/newtestament/fruits.htm>
<http://www.teachinghome.com/supplement/summer00/yearlong.cfm>

This site is more for youth and adults:
<http://www.coc1.com/Fruits%20of%20Spirit.htm>

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Teacher Recruitment Poster

Become a part of our Sunday School team...
your efforts will have a lifetime effect!



Outreach Ideas

Draw kids into your program with these fun activities.

- Game Day - Have kids bring their favorite table games. Hold a tournament and give prizes in each age category. Or make your own games. How about a huge Twister using various colored paper plates taped to the floor?
- Sidewalk Circus - Have children make puppets and create a puppet show. Take your puppet team to the city park and hold a sidewalk circus. You can also have circus-type acts, clowns, and balloons.
- Music Day - Have kids bring their own instruments for a band. Or have a kazoo marching band.
- Cookie Bake-Off-With adult supervision, have children bake cookies. After the cookie party, have kids seal the extra cookies in plastic bags. Take children to give the cookies to a shut-in, nursing home resident, or sick child.
- Animal Crackers-How about a petting zoo or a parade of your favorite stuffed animals? Maybe a live pet show? Kids could pretend to be animals in the zoo. Or you could re-enact Noah's collection of animals. Set up in a neighborhood on Saturday morning and watch kids flock to you.

After each event pass out attractive written invitations to families to come to your church on Sunday.

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Net Support



http://www.childrensministry.com/volunteer_management/training/4teacher.asp Easy teacher training ideas

http://www.childrensministry.com/volunteer_management/training/goteamgo.asp Encouragement for CE teams

<http://www.sundayschoolhelp.com/herald/bh052.htm> Suggestions for reaching babyboomers

<http://www.youthspecialties.com/articles/Yaconelli/idea.php> Creative Youth Ministry ideas

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Sunday School Breakfasts

Here's an idea that we've seen work as both a fellowship builder and an attendance builder. Hold regular Sunday School Breakfasts. Most hold them once a quarter. Invite everyone to a breakfast at your church and then to stay for Sunday school to follow. Ask everyone to bring an item, sausage, biscuits, orange juice, etc. or go to McDonalds and buy breakfast sandwiches for everyone! Enjoy the fellowship!