

NEED FOR GOOD BIBLE CLASSES

Int.

1. Aim: To show the basic needs to be accomplished in our Bible classes!
2. Deut. 6:6-9
 - a. God commanded them to teach their children
 - b. Parents are to guide and train their children in God's message
 - c. Religious education is to be diligent.
 - d. The Bible = the family book
3. Eph. 6:4
 - a. Bring them up
 - b. Nurture and admonition -training, education
4. Pro. 22:6 - II Tim. 3:15
 - a. Child is undeveloped - untrained
 - b. Childhood is best age for training.
5. Great need for Good Bible Classes in our educational program
 - a. Sin on every hand - temptations are great
 - b. Need to teach them the right way to conduct their lives
 - c. Ps. 119:104,128 - Hate every false way
6. There is a great need for good Bible classes in our services.
7. We need to accomplish these two things in our classes.

Discussion

I. NEED TO LEARN [Bible facts & knowledge] learn about:

A. **GOD**

1. There is a God who is our creator - Gen. 1:1 Jn.1:1
2. Characteristics of God:
 - a. Eternal - self existent
 - b. Love - justice - holiness - mercy
 - c. Almighty - all powerful - omnipotent
 - d. All knowing - omniscient
 - e. Unchangeable - immutable
3. We must understand the characteristics to understand God

B. **BIBLE**

1. Inspired Word of God - II Tim. 3:16
2. Infallible - no mistakes, inerrant
3. God's message to man - II Pet. 1:20-21

C. **CHRIST**

1. Son of God - Christ is the redeemer - Acts 17:3
2. Built the church - Mt. 16:18 - Lk. 19:10
3. How to be members - Mk. 16:15-16 Acts and the conversions

D. **CHRISTIAN LIVING**

1. Home Life - Eph. 6:1-3 - honor parents
2. Morals - I Jn. 2:15-17 Col. 3:2
3. Goodness - Gal. 6:10 Rom. 12:17-21

E. **ETERNAL MATTERS**

1. Death and Resurrection - Heb. 9:27 Jn. 5:28-29
2. Judgment - II Cor. 5:10
3. Heaven or Hell - Mt. 25:46 Rev. 20:12-15

II. NEED TO APPLY BIBLE KNOWLEDGE TO THEIR LIVES

A. **Belief in God**

1. Faith - Heb. 11:6 God Does Exist
2. Come to know that God is real and He does Exist
3. Belief comes by hearing - Rm. 10:17

B. **Bible - own Bible - read - memorize - love**

1. Give them a Bible of their own - Read from their Bible
2. Love the Bible - Ps. 119:161
3. Memorize the books of Bible
4. Memorize select passages
5. The Bible should be the greatest book in the world to every child

C. **Christ**

1. Know that Jesus is the Christ - Acts 17:3
 - a. Prophesied from O.T.
 - b. He is the promised Messiah
 - c. Jesus Christ is the Son of God
 - d. Jn. 8:24
2. Christ built his church
 - a. Pentecost - Acts 2 Mt. 16:18
 - b. Body, church - Col. 1:18 Eph. 4:4 Eph. 1:22-23
 - c. Not a denomination - but the church that Christ built - Christ's church
3. How to Become Members
 - a. When old enough to understand
 - b. Encourage to obey
 - c. Teach them about conversions and plan of salvation

D. Christian living - Home morals

1. Home life
 - a. Obey parents - Eph. 6:1
 - b. Honor parents - Eph. 6:2
 - c. Respect for authority - law and order
2. Morals
 - a. Consequences of sin - Rm. 6:23
 - b. Examples of wrong action
 - (1) Lying
 - (2) Cheating
 - (3) Stealing
 - (4) Murder
 - (5) Marriage Laws
 - (6) Drinking of Alcoholic beverages
3. Goodness
 - a. Gal. 6:10 - do good - not evil
 - (1) Help the needy
 - (2) Teach the gospel
 - (3) Abundance of Good works
 - b. Rm. 12:17-21
 - (1) Be honest before all
 - (2) Vengeance is God's
 - (3) Overcome Evil with Good Hi

E. **Eternal matters**

1. Death

- a. Need to talk about death - fact of living upon earth - Heb. 9:27
- b. Understand a lot more about death earlier than we think
- c. Soul - that part of us that never dies

2. Resurrection

- a. Jn. 5:28-29
- b. Christ was the first Resurrected to die no more
- c. New Body - I Cor. 15

3. Judgment

- a. II Cor. 5:10
- b. Give an account of our life
- c. No chance to change after death

4. Eternal destiny

- a. Heaven - righteous
- b. Hell - sinners

Conclusion

1. These are the two basic needs

- a. Bible facts - God, Bible, Christ, living, eternity [learn these facts]
- b. Application to their lives

2. How do we meet these needs?

a. Good Bible class Teachers

- i. Good Character - II Tim. 2:2
- ii. Dedicated - Hard workers - prepare their lessons
- iii. Love the children
- iv. Love the word

b. Pupils who attend

- i. Who attend on regular basis
- ii. Interested and pay attention
- iii. Try to learn and desire to learn

c. Parents who care

- i. Make sure children attend - have lesson ready
- ii. Thank the teachers for their work
- iii. Read and study the Bible with your children

d. As goes the Bible school, so goes the congregation.

3. Growing a Strong church - involves good teaching

a. Good teachers + good lessons = good students

b. Goal of Bible classes:

i. Not:

- (1) To baby sit for 30-45 minutes
- (2) To fill up 30-45 minutes
- (3) To just fill out the answers in a work book
- (4) To just teach facts

ii. But - to produce Christian boys and girls who will be Christian men and women!!

4. Formula for teaching Children —

- a. $[C + 2L + (E+I)^2] G = B.C.$
- b. C = children - start at early age
- c. 2L = Double portion of love - it shows
- d. $(E+I)^2$ = Enthusiasm + imagination squared - that means the teacher will be well prepared and love for children and God's Word
- e. G = God [all of these things must be multiplied by God]
- f. B.C. = Bible Classes that will instill the hearts of children with God's word - this will be the result or answer.

5. We need good Bible classes !

- a. Everyone is needed
- b. Will you help?

6. What can I do?

- a. Teach a class
- b. Help someone teach a class
- c. Be a good student in a class
- d. Invite others to be in class
- e. Encourage the teachers