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Stranger or Angel? by Horane Smith, Ontario

TEEN INSPIRATION

by Amy Jantzen

During the Feast of Tabernacles 2006, a little boy charmed us with his presence on stage at talent night. He sang "This Little Light of Mine". It reminded me of a quote—

*"How far that little candle
threw its beam!
So shines a good deed in
a weary world!"*

(William Shakespeare)

I was also reminded of my own light. I have to power it and use my energy to keep it glowing. Since the Feast I have paid closer attention to things I can help with and have become more aware of the difference I can make.

Who knew such a simple song would shed so much light?

*"I am only one
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do
The something I can do."
(Edward Everet Hale)*



For me, that little boy's example still shines today!

"*It is a strange world we live in,*" is a comment often heard in casual conversations. And strange, it is, because so many terrible things happen in our society today.

Because people continue to break God's laws,

*"The whole world lies in
wickedness,"*

says 1 John 5: 19. Yet God expects us to show love for one another, by helping people, even strangers, when they are in need.

But how do we help people we don't know when they could harm us? Children can be kidnapped or murdered by evil people.

The fact is not everyone is bad. The stranger you meet could need your help and mean no harm.

God's people should not allow the evil in society to prevent us from do-

ing good. However, we must always pray to God for guidance in helping those in need, and take the necessary precautions when we try to offer help. For example, children can participate in volunteer work by signing up with a trusted local organization that offers adult supervision.

In the parable of *The Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:30), the priest and the Levite, the one you would have expected to help the wounded man, passed on the other side. It was the Samaritan, a stranger, who helped the wounded man.

We, as Christians, should try to

"do good unto all men."

Hebrews 13.2 tells us

*"do not forget to entertain strangers: for
thereby some have entertained
angels unawares."*

The person we refuse to help could very well be a messenger from God.

Remember Paul says in 1Cor. 13:1 that *if we don't have love, we have nothing.*

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:35
*"for I was hungry and you gave me
food; I was thirsty and you gave me
drink; I was a stranger and you took
me in."*

Pray to God always to guide you in whatever you do, especially when you meet a stranger in need.

Game Resources by Lissa Palmatier, Ontario

I work with 2 to 12 year old children on a daily basis. I also have two children of my own. This is the work that God has called me to do. Some days I feel worthy of my calling and other days I just need some help. I am sure that we have all felt this way at one time or another.

When you see children together, you will notice that the first thing they begin to do is to play. This is the nature of children. They are joyful, silly and curious. Often times it can be quite a challenge to direct their energy in a way that benefits your Sabbath class or family bible study at home. Why not play games with them to help them learn? It is, after all, a proven fact that children learn more effectively through play!

I began my search for games on the internet. I went to www.Google.com and typed in the words children's bible games. As you can well imagine, hundreds of web sites appeared. They featured various ideas and games, such as Bible Jeopardy, Bible Bingo, word searches, mazes, etc... My local bible store could not provide a catalogue with a list of resources, but the internet could, and most of the activities are free and ready to print out. I have compiled a list of sites that I found rather interesting. I will leave it

to your discretion to decide which games you find age appropriate, biblically correct and inspiring.

I will however, take this time to endorse one particular web site. I have always been a fan of the *Veggie Tales* series of movies. I find their approach to teaching biblical knowledge and virtues to young children very appealing. You can find many resources on their website: www.bigidea.com and more at www.bigideafun.com. If you loved the Veggie Tales movie *Duke and the Great Pie War*, you will really enjoy the catapult game at www.qubo.com/. My high score is 450. I challenge you to beat that!

www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Games/gameindex.php

www.dltk-bible.com/games.htm

www.childparenting.about.com/cs/k6education/a/vacationbible_2.htm

Teacher to Teacher Project: Let's Participate Update -by Lu Copeman

The Project: Let's Participate program got off to a slow start in 2005, but picked up momentum as the year went on. Students participated in 3 craft projects over a two year period.

Currently we have two large CGI classes exchanging projects regularly. They have shared photo's, stories, cultural differences and similarities, and are well on their way to forming a lasting friendship bound by God. There are other small groups and families that have connected and are exchanging letters through the Pen-pal Program.

The safety of the children is a priority, so the projects and pen-pal letters are received and forwarded through the Canadian Office.

I want to thank the students who have supported the Project: Let's Participate program and urge other classes to get involved. The enthusiastic interaction between classes has been encouraging and rewarding.

SNEAK PEEK



PROJECT: LET'S PARTICIPATE

Good Shepherd Bible Trivia

Create & Share:

- multiple choice questions
- box cover art
- game cards & pieces

To be assembled and distributed by STN team.

Our next project will launch in the May issue of 2007. If you would like to get your class or family involved reply to either address below with the following information:

- mailing address of contact and congregation location or family name and address
- number of children participating in each age group (juvenile 5-7 yrs, youth 8-12 yrs, teens)

Have you got a story or some interesting tips to pass along to fellow teacher's? Email your ideas and stories to Lu at: ldcopeman@sympatico.ca or mail them to either address below and we will publish your article in the next issue.

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