

## Sunday School Ministry Testimony:

I remember when I finished college how excited I was to start teaching preschool children. Like every young educator, I had a whole plan of all the wonderful things I would teach them; things I considered to be the important fundamentals. Yet within a month I felt that something was missing. Sure, I was covering abc's and 123's plus crafts and games etc. but somehow it seemed that the program was lacking. I kept thinking to myself, why does this all seem to empty? But after a few more weeks I realized the missing part was not being able to teach about Jesus. I began to realize that my version of the fundamentals very much includes teaching and sharing about God. Having been raised Catholic, I guess I just assumed that the discussion of Jesus would occur naturally. When it didn't, I started praying for something to fill the void in my own teaching. That Sunday, the bulletin put out a request for Sunday School teachers and I signed up immediately.

The Sunday school program has enriched my life by letting me share my time and knowledge of Jesus with children. During my Sunday class, we take time to share our experiences of what God means in our life. I always ask the question "Has anyone seen God this week?" and despite their young ages, the children always give rather profound answers, from seeing God in the beauty of nature to seeing God at the Mall. The thing that brings me the most joy is just getting to experience their lack of doubt and confusion surrounding the presence of God.

As adults, most of us question God's presence at various points in our lives. Yet these children never hesitate in their belief that God is with them. They never answer with "I don't know" or "maybe sometimes" but instead answer "Oh yea, I saw God when I was eating my breakfast" to "even when I can't see him, I know He's here because He lives in the air". It is in the simplicity of their answers and the conviction in their beliefs that continues to inspire me in my own everyday faith. I feel truly blessed to be a part of the program because I now feel, that instead of teaching the children about God as I had intended, the children are teaching me what it really means to trust in God in our everyday life.

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