

Expressions!!

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Editorial

All glory, honour and thanks be to God our father and Lord Jesus Christ for his love, guidance, and blessings throughout these eight years of Sunday school.

Sunday school started on 18th feb., 2001 with two teachers and 37 students, all in one classroom. It was a fresh and humble beginning. Every Sunday the children met in the office room of one of the church elders for worship, story time, sharing refreshments tea and snacks fellowship, etc.

Every year was a year of great joy, challenge, and learning experience for both teacher and children. Presently we have 5 classes and 9 teachers with around 100 children.

We thank God for all the church members and parents for their constant support and contribution for the growth of this Sunday school ministry to help, teach and nurture the children to love our Lord Jesus Christ and become children with a difference. We are happy to bring out this first edition of **Expressions!** Sunday school department, City Church. Many of these writing are straight from the heart of the children. We hope everyone enjoys reading and be blessed.

We come to Sunday School to learn the Words of Jesus the perfect word of God. We learn songs, some bible verses, some prayers and some stories. That's all!

--- Apuvi

“Children are a gift from the LORD, they are a reward from Him.”

Psalms 127:3

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH

(Phil 4:13)

Through God's help I want to be good in studies, obedient to my brothers and parents and I don't want to steal, tell lies or do anything bad, or get angry.

— Esterine Jamir

I want God's help to go to Tokyo and study when I grow up. I want to follow the steps of God through God's help.

— Vivo

God, I want you to help me learn my piano and help me speak the truth.

— Whuto

I want to help and respect my elders, I want to obey and follow God and love everyone in the same and equal way.

— Ajung

I want to be good in my studies and live long through Christ who gives me strength

— Meribeni

I want to be obedient, good, helpful, very good at writing stories, essays and good handwriting.

— Sasha

I want God to help me be obedient and do well in all the task we take in school.

— Tiatuba

I want God to help me be a good pianist.

— Sujasula

I want God to help me obey my parents and become a pianist expert.

— Vitsou

Guide to TIME WITH GOD**Just God and Me**

In your Quite time...

- Decide and get up early
- Take your Bible, note book and pen.
- Talk to God.
- Read verses from the Bible. Ask who? What? How? When? Where?
- Think about what you read
- Write down questions or thoughts
- Pray again for different needs



Psalms 119:15 "I spend time thinking about your rules; I consider how you want me to live"



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! My name is Theja, a senior Sunday school student of City Church. I thank God for giving me this time to share

the blessings I have received by attending Sunday school.

Like every Naga I was born in a Christian family. However, it was only this year that I became a born-again Christian by accepting Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. I had the privilege of attending City Church Sunday school for the last four years because of my family's association with the Church.

In Sunday school, with the guidance of my teachers, I have come to learn stories and lessons in the bible, songs of praise, and other church activities which has helped me in my personal life as I grow older and mature spiritually. I have also learned about the life of a true Christian, and the personal fellowship of reading the bible and praying to God.

May God bless our Sunday school teachers who has taught us to be an obedient child of God!

Today as I stand before you and God to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is my personal Savior and Lord, please pray for me so that I may continue to grow, pleasing in the eyes of the Lord.

Humble yourself, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
(1st Peter 5:6-7)

Theja Sale

Funny but True classroom incident

Teacher: Whoever remembers last Sunday's memory verse will get sweets.

Student: 'Miss, I don't want sweets. All my teeth is spoiled by sweets.'

BIG QUESTION??

- Teacher telling the story of Jesus turning water into wine.

Student: what is the difference between wine and alcohol??

- Teacher sharing on creation of the world, and looking out of the window said, "God created the trees."

Student: But, Miss, we plant the trees.

- Teacher narrating a story on Noah's Ark, with pictures in hand, explained that Noah's Ark had only one window.

Student: But, Miss, the ark on the picture has lots of windows. (noticed the error on the picture. Very, very observant. Be careful!!)

New Bible translation

Genesis 4:7 SIN WILL EAT YOU.

Sin is crouching at your door. It desire to eat you (instead of have you) but you must master it.

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Senior and Junior Class, 2008



Beginners Class, 2008

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Primary Class, 2008



Beginners Class Singing and reciting memory Verse during Talent Show

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Talent Show



Sunday School Picnic



WHO IS A FATHER? (Junior class)

A father is a special human being created by God for us, care for us, teach us and scold us because he loves us. —Akivi

A father is a strength, character, discipline and personality. —Visar

Father plays with us, does many exciting things for us, works so hard for us, tells us what is right and wrong, buys us what we need and sometimes beats us when we do wrong. — Junior class students.

WANTS FROM MY FATHER (Primary Class)

I want my father to do work nicely in the office and I want my father to be happy and also love our family and I really love my father so...much. —Elilo

I want my father to stay at home. —Seso

I want my father to take me to the park. —Limasanen

I want my father to pray for me and I want to go with my father for shopping and I want to play with my father. —Vikithe

Please make my father love my mother. —Primary student

I want my father to take me wherever he goes. —Primary student

What Sunday School Mean To Me - by former Sunday school students

Kezevinuo: Sunday School was not the first choice as a teenager but today I can say it gave me everything I needed and I don't regret joining Sunday school. It is so precious, no regrets. It gave me an opportunity to prepare myself. I am who I am because of Sunday school.

Onen: Teenage is a stage, either you build it or break it, and Sunday school taught me the practical part of life. I miss the days in Sunday school. Students from S.S are good in their academics.

Nivi: I always liked to come to S.S. I learnt how to live a good Christian life. It's a good opportunity.

Asen: Sunday school is not just about friends but more than that it is about knowing God, having a personal relationship with God. It's here I cleared my doubts, built my foundation, learnt to flip my bible. I miss Sunday School. "It is better to be silly now than to be silly later."

To the children from teachers...

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

You are being followed... (A message to parents)

Dr. Black was a highly respected doctor in his community. He was also a devoted husband and father, especially close to his young son Bobby. The boy was never far from his father's side when the doctor was at home. Sometimes he even went along on rounds when the doctor visited patients much to their delight.

But there was one place father and son never went together, Each Sunday morning Bobby went with his mother and sister to church, but the doctor never went with them. Bobby enjoyed Sunday school, and he liked his teacher. One Sunday's lesson, entitled "Our Heavenly Home," interested the children greatly, and they asked many questions.

"Bobby, when you get to heaven, what will be the first thing you see?" The teacher asked. Bobby hesitated for a moment, then calmly replied, "I'm not going to heaven."

The teacher was astonished. "Bobby, surely you want to go to heaven. Everyone wants to." "I don't," Bobby responded matter-of-factly. "My mother and sister are going to heaven, but I'm going with my father *we go everywhere together!*" His answer deeply hurt the teacher.

A few days later, during an appointment with Dr. Black, the teacher told him what his son had said. The doctor tried to laugh it off, but was plainly shaken. "That's just like Bobby always wanting to go wherever I go." "And where are you going, doctor?" The teacher's question hit its mark. The physician could not escape his son's comment about heaven. It haunted him until Saturday night when he fell to his knees in repentance toward God. As he prayed, he received Christ as his Savior and became a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The next morning, he shared his new-found faith with his family, and joined them in Sunday school. Now he was a safe companion for Bobby to go with even to heaven.

Parents, how about you? If your children follow in your footsteps, where will you both end up? Whether you like it or not, you are leading your children either toward heaven or hell, because *you are headed for one or the other.* Whether you know it or not, you are the greatest influence in their lives.

To lead your children to heaven, the Bible says you must first confess your sins to God and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior (1 John 4:14-15). Then God can say that He knows you and knows you will direct your children in the way of the Lord (Genesis 18:19). If you reject or ignore God's free salvation, the results are fatal: "The...unbelieving...shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). Wouldn't it be sad if God had to say of your child, "He did...evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother" (1 Kings 22:52).

The choice is yours: Where is your path leading you? Where are you leading your children? Turn to Christ now for your eternal good and that of your family as well!

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