



A Teacher's Vision

Why do you teach children and youth? Here's one person's vision.

WHY WE TEACH

Adults send messages to children and youth all the time—by their behavior.
And sometimes these messages discourage people,
Demean their worth, or diminish their hope.

A Sunday school teacher who arrives week after week
To faithfully love and look at, smile, and listen to children and youth,
Sends messages through behavior, too.

THOSE MESSAGES SAY:

"You are important to me and to God. I choose to spend time with you"
"Your opinions and feelings matter to me because who you are matters to God."
"You are valuable—not someday, but now. You are not a problem to me."
"You are God's gift. I am glad you are here!"

This is how God's kingdom comes—week after week, building life upon life.
To become faithful givers of such loving and patient teaching,
We must surrender ourselves to the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Only He can empower us to love unselfishly, consistently, and genuinely—
So that what we do sends the message that is truly from His heart.

Then our behavior will say that—even without monetary compensation,
Without applause or appreciation—we choose to love our students
Purely because we value them for who they are.
Because we know Jesus loves them
And because we know
Eternity would not be complete without their shining faces.

Spend some time thinking and praying. What is your vision for why you teach Sunday school?