



The Partnership

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Working with the local church and the Christian community
to share the Gospel with children throughout the Empire State



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The Value of Good News Club

The Gospel Message

I recently read of a young child who had started attending a Good News Club. He was asked by the teacher, "How do you think we can live forever with God?" His reply...

***I think when we die, we go up to a big pair of gates.
Then we beg with God to let us in!***

Unfortunately, answers such as this are all too common among children, when more than 80% of those under the age of twelve in America do not attend church on a regular basis. In addition, research conducted by the Barna Group indicates that a child's spiritual perspective is set by the age of nine.

Our message is the truth of the Gospel from God's holy Word - the Bible, which states in I Corinthians 15:3-4:

***How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day
according to the scriptures.***

No begging required! The only requirement is simple faith in the Lord Jesus and His finished work, along with confession of sin to our heavenly Father who loves each one.

Practical Application for Living

We teach real life applications, drawn from the lives of people in God's Word - this year the lives of Elijah and Elisha. Principles like doing the right thing - even if no one else does, showing kindness, serving God, being a friend to those who need one, honesty to others, trusting God in tough times, and being content.

One young boy recently "caught" the application for the week after listening to a lesson about friendship. The next day he said to his mother...

***Mommy, I got to tell you something very important.
You know how some kids don't have friends?
Well, Jesus is their friend.***

The Gospel and practical application for the Christian life. The value of Good News Club is that these principles are taught each week, leading to some children having a personal relationship with Jesus and each one growing closer to Him!

Ministry in Motion

Dee and I look forward to teaching Good News Club each week at Williamson Elementary School. Our primary focus is of course the teaching of the Gospel, along with Biblical principles for living - and the children really seem to get it.

Sometimes at the end of club, we are able to check their retention through a review game and often the answers reveal a surprising depth of knowledge.

Recently, I taught the lesson about Elijah and Naboth's vineyard. The memory verse for the week was from Hebrews 13:5: "Be content with what you have."

Later during the review game, I asked, "Why did King Ahab want Naboth's vineyard?" Renee, a Kindergarten student raised her hand and then explained...

***He was the king and he had the best,
a big house, and everything.
But he wanted more and more -
He was not content!***



Mr. Jeff and Renee at the Williamson club

It's great to see children listening carefully to God's Word and our young Renee provides a wonderful example!

A Look at Good News Club

From the Williamson club...



Reinforcing the lesson and the verse during craft time: Elisha raises the Shunamite woman's son... "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear what man shall do unto me."



Listening and responding - at the Williamson club



Good News Club - Rochester

Our after school Good News Club in the city of Rochester - Public School #19 - has seen a great increase in attendance in recent weeks.

Club leader and teacher Kim Roth recently wrote about how things are going...

I just wanted to share some neat things that happened yesterday at Good News Club! Our group is expanding (for the first month or so we had 3 to 7 kids at most). Yesterday we had 22 kids! God is so good! Since our group has gotten bigger we are now more small group focused which allows the kids to have more one-on-one interaction with one of the leaders! Very cool!"

Kim also shared about the positive impact that the school nurse and the principal observed in the life of one child who attends the club and then concluded her report by stating,

God is doing some awesome things in the lives of his precious children!

We continue to be grateful for each person who gives time to reach children in the public school and invite you to join with us in this great outreach. Please call us or send an e-mail if you would like to have a part in reaching your local school...

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