

# THE NETWORK

NURTURING EDUCATORS, TRAINING WORKERS, AND ORGANIZING RESOURCES FOR THE KINGDOM

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## LESSONS FROM CEREAL COMMERCIALS

The more advertisers know about their audience, the better they will be able to reach them with their message. So find out as much as possible about the children in your program. What new toys are they into? What is the biggest competition for their time?

Learn a lesson from Tony the Tiger. Kids respond GREAT to animals, so why not tell a Bible story from an animal's point of view? Tell the story of Palm Sunday from the donkey's perspective or the story of the lost lamb as if you're the lamb that lost your shepherd.

Want to make a message stick in a child's mind the way Cap'n Crunch does to the roof of your mouth? Bring a visual. Even something you find under your car seat in the church parking lot can work wonders. For instance, use a happy meal prize to talk about the "prize" of salvation.

Advertisers know children influence over 70% of snack food purchases. But even more important than that, children are the key to bringing new families to church. If a child talks favorably about your program, his 2.4 siblings will be curious to try it as well.

So learn a lesson from those commercials and grab a child's attention. They are sure to ignite that snap! crackle! pop! creativity God gave you!

## NET SUPPORT



Some Teaching/Learning Ideas of CE workers  
<http://www.gbod.org/education/articles/tips.html>

Curriculum resource and articles worth reading  
<http://www.christianedwarehouse.com/>

Teaching Adults in Various Generations  
[http://www.lifeway.com/teacher\\_a020228.asp](http://www.lifeway.com/teacher_a020228.asp)

## EMAIL DISCUSSION GROUP CETALK



We have started an email loop for the purpose of encouraging CE workers and discussing Christian Education. A topic will be shared at the each week for everyone's input. If other questions or concerns come up during the week, they will be open for comments as well.

As with all new programs, we will try to be flexible and see how it unfolds. If you wish to be included in the sharing, send your email address to Margaret Good, [goodhome@adiis.net](mailto:goodhome@adiis.net)



## "LIVING FOR JESUS"

is the theme for Children's Yearly Meeting held during Iowa Yearly Meeting July 31-Aug. 3

K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade children may join us at McGrew Arts Center William Penn University, Oskaloosa

Bible learning, fun crafts, music, games & snacks!  
Afternoons will include swimming and other fun activities!

\$40 per child for 4 days if registered by July 15.

(Lunch provided Thursday, Friday & Saturday.)

After July 15, \$50 per child.

\$100 for 3 or more in a family for 4 days.

After July 15, \$125 for 3 in a family.

**One Day Fee:** \$15 if registered by July 15.

\$20 after July 15 or drop off.

Schedule: Wed. 1:00-5:00; Thurs. 9:30-3:45

Fri. 9:30-5:00; Sat. 9:30-2:00

Director: Gayle Mortimer Music: Spencer Thury  
(If your child plays a musical instrument, please bring it along!)

Register using the blue form from the IAYM Office or contact your pastor.



## REACHING THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY



Several churches will be sharing their experiences regarding reaching children in your community at a forum Thursday, August 1st at the Iowa Yearly Meeting sessions. This would be a wonderful time for anyone involved in Christian Education to ask questions, share, and learn from one another.

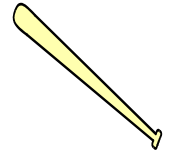


**NOTICE!**

If you have SS or Vacation Bible School curriculum you're not using & would like to pass it along to someone else, bring it to IAYM. We will have a table available for free materials to be displayed & shared. Be sure to check it out!



**BASEBALL  
THEME DAY**



Take a break from your regular SS books and have a theme day centered around baseball! Using a Bible trivia game you can play Bible baseball either in a fellowship hall or outside in the church yard. Either toss or kick a ball as kids move along the bases. Adults participate with questions at their own level. Or adults could gather to study Spiritual Gifts and the roles we all have been given to play in the church.

A perfect theme song would be Geoff Moore & the Distance singing "Home Run". Encourage everyone to wear T-shirts or uniforms and baseball hats. Talk to the kids about teamwork and how it is necessary in the church as well as during the game. If you have a book about a Christian baseball player you could share some of his experiences and wisdom with the group. For lunch offer hotdogs, fresh lemonade and popcorn.

If you want to tie in a teacher appreciation time, you could display photos of teachers on cutout stars posted on a bulletin board entitled "All Star Team". For gift suggestions: Cracker Jacks, sports drinks, bubble gum or baseball cards. (See your last NETWORK for other ideas.)

Close the day with a real game of softball, weather permitting. Include all ages and skill levels, again enforcing the importance of teamwork.

Following are some baseball activity websites that you might find helpful. Enjoy!

- <http://biblebaseball.com/index.html>
- <http://www.ebibleteacher.com/game.html>
- <http://www.songs4teachers.com/bballpuzzle1.pdf>

**STORY TELLING:**

**AN IMAGINARY JOURNEY  
TO EDEN**



Okay everyone, stand up! Let's pretend we're no longer in this room, but that we're walking along a trail in the jungle. Boy, it's hot here!...Swat some of those mosquitoes away!...Look up there in the tree! A snake! Oh, no, it's slithering down and landing on your head! Throw it away! Let's walk again...What kind of sounds would we hear in this jungle? ... Good! Let's keep walking...

The underbrush is very thick, push it to the side and ...uh oh...You're sinking. It's quicksand! Grab that vine and pull yourself out!...Good. Now, we're coming to the edge of the jungle and I think I see something. Push those shrubs to the side...Look over there, at the end of the meadow...Do you see that lady standing by the tree? Who is she talking to? It looks like a ... (gulp) A snake. I wonder what they're talking about. Let's sit down and listen, maybe we can hear what's going on.....



**ON THE ROAD SEMINARS**

Members of the Christian Education Board are willing to come to your church or quarterly meeting to share ideas about:

- \* Creative Sunday School Program
- \* Incorporating Music into Your Children's Program
- \* What's New in Vacation Bible School

If you are interested in these contact Margaret Good (486-5977) with your open dates. [goodhome@adiis.net](mailto:goodhome@adiis.net)

**MATERIALS FOR LOAN**

Lynville Friends have added several items to our CE Material to Loan List. Check out the list at IAYM Sessions on the table with curriculum to share. If no one in your church is able to attend the sessions, contact Margaret to have a list sent to you.