

We're A Part of Something Big!

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You may have heard stories about the Sunday school teachers of little Billy Graham or Billy Sunday, or even those who had a part in nurturing Mother Theresa as a little girl. Nobody knew who those special children would become. You've probably heard people tell you that you may have the next Billy Graham or Mother Teresa in your children's ministry class. Although that is true, I'd like to challenge you with a more realistic thought.



The children you care for, and teach this week, will most definitely grow up to be somebody's father, mother, husband, wife, or boss. The children to whom you minister will definitely have an impact on others. What you do this week will make a difference in tomorrow's world.

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When you check in that little baby in the nursery, you are not just checking a child in...

You are passing on God's peace to the parents

You are giving the child a sweet taste of trust in Jesus

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When you hold the child who cries, you are not just reducing the noise in the room...

You are being a conduit through which the comfort of the Lord
can flow into that troubled soul.

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When you greet a child at the door of your classroom, you are not just saying, "Hi"

You are affirming the personal connection and care that God promises to all His creation.

You are teaching the child that God will always be close no matter what.

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When you tell a Bible story, you are not just doing what your teacher's guide says...

You are passing on eyewitness accounts of God's dealings with people since the beginning of time.

You are connecting the God of creation with the child's world today in such a way that will make a difference in all of his or her lifestyle choices.

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When you take the time to talk with a child about life and God, you aren't just wasting time that you should be spending on the lesson...

You are helping the child prepare for his or her dating relationships

You are healing the wounds of his or her childhood past

You are making marriage easier for his or her spouse

You are affecting his or her grandchildren's self-concepts

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When you walk into your classroom, you aren't just a children's ministry team member, you are an ambassador for God. **You are about something very, very big!**