

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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All I Really Need I Learned in Vacation Bible School

In the vein of Robert Fulghum's best-seller, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, I offer some thoughts on the basic truths that our children can learn at VBS. Fulghum observed that the basic rules of life are learned at that lowest level of education. Things like: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you find them.

I never went to kindergarten, but I learned those things anyway. I only attended a VBS once as a child, but it is my observation that principles that will make us what God desires are abundantly taught during such weeks. Think, for example, of the songs that are sung.

“Cause God told him to.” That's why Noah built a great big ark! That's why he put the animals in! Wouldn't it be great if we all did what God told us to do? Wouldn't it be wonderful if all understood that this is reason enough to do a thing? If God tells us in His word to do it, that should settle it (Matt. 7:21).

“This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!” Jesus told us to let our light shine before men (Matt. 5:14-16). Marshall Keeble used to say, “Now, you may not be a 100 watt bulb. You may just be a 40 watt, or a 25 watt. But you can shine.” Our sphere of influence may be small. But wouldn't it be great if we all did our part to light up this old dark world? We need to let our light shine all around the neighborhood! We must not hide it under a bushel. We must never let old Satan blow it out!

“My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!” Oh how we all need to know this! All things are possible with Him (Luke 1:37). He owns it all. He made it all. “The mountains are His. The rivers are His. The stars are His handiwork too.”

“Jesus loves me!” No more profound thought has entered the mind of the deepest scholars. Even in my sins, He loves me (Rom. 5:6-11). How can I know He loves me? “For the Bible tells me so!” He reveals His love in His word! If we do not know this, nothing else that we know matters.

“The B-I-B-L-E. That’s the book for me.” It is *the* Book. It is the only book God ever wrote. All other books are as nothing, compared to His Book. Oh if all would take their stand on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

“He’s got the whole world in His hands.” God ultimately controls it all. But it is difficult to grasp the concept of the whole world. We must make it personal: “He’s got the little bitty baby in His hands! He’s got Mama and Papa in His hands! He’s got you, and me and sister in His hands!” What a faith building thought!

“The wise man built his house upon the rock!” Jesus taught that those who hear His words and do them are likened unto this wise man. Those who do not obey Him are likened unto the foolish man who builds on the sand. The storm will come. The rains will fall. The waters will rise. Will our house, our work, our lives, survive or be washed away? It depends on where we build. Oh that all would learn this truth!

“Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!” What our eyes behold and what they long for will largely determine our direction in life. How needful that these “little members” be careful. That the “little ears be careful what they hear”; that the “little mouth be careful what it says”; that the little feet be careful where they go”; that the little hands be careful what they do!”

“Roll the gospel chariot along.” The Great Commission is in force until the Lord comes again (Matt. 28:19-20). When we meet the sinner in the way, let’s “Stop and pick him up.” When the devil gets in the way, don’t let him stop us. Let us “roll right over him!”

Wouldn’t you agree that all that we really need to know about the basics of our relationship with God can be learned in (Vacation Bible) school?



**Westlake church of Christ
Vacation Bible School
July 27 – 31, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16