

Busy Bee - Basic - Responsibility

Requirement

Repeat from memory and accept the Adventurer Pledge.

THE ADVENTURER PLEDGE

Because Jesus loves me, I can always do my best.

Goal of this track

To ensure that the children have the background necessary to receive maximum benefit from the Adventurer program.

Concept Included in This Component

Commitment to the common goals of the group.

Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

Know: the meaning and purpose of the Adventurer Pledge and Law,

Feel: a sense of determination to make the Pledge and Law a part of their lives, and

Respond: by living by these principles.

Background Information

The Adventurer Pledge will serve as a regular reminder of the importance of striving for excellence and as a spoken commitment to work toward this goal. The words, "Because Jesus loves me," provide the children with the ultimate reason for doing their best. "Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for Him. It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talent and aptitude for the work" (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 129). Each child's best is different and valuable to God.

"Never underrate the importance of little things. Little things supply the actual discipline of life. It is by them that the soul is trained that it may grow into the likeness of Christ, or bear the likeness of evil" (*Child Guidance*, pp. 129, 130).

"Be faithful. Put your heart into your work. Imitate none who are slothful, and who give divided service... So long as you undervalue the importance of faithfulness in the little duties, your character building will be unsatisfactory" (*Messages to Young People*, page 148).

Teaching Tips

- Introduce the pledge in a way that will inspire the children to understand it and strive to fulfil it. Several related Bible stories and texts for discussion are suggested below:
 - Joseph and Potiphar (Genesis 39-41)
 - Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30)
 - Eccl. 9:10 - "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do . . ."
 - Luke 16:10 - "He that is faithful in that which is least . . ."
 - Colossians 3:23 - "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily . . ."

- The techniques for learning Bible verses that are listed under the Bible I Award on page 42 can be used for learning the Adventurer Pledge as well.
- Repeat the pledge at every Adventurer meeting.
- Refer to the pledge at appropriate times during the course of other activities. Thus it will not only become a part of the children's rote memory but also of their daily thoughts, actions and choices.

Norm's Notes

The requirement is to learn and accept the Pledge. In order to accept the Pledge the children must understand it. This pledge is quite simple, but an expansion of the ideas in the pledge might help make the principles behind it clearer.

The material here is taken from pages 14, 16 and 30 - 31 of the printed manual.