

Busy Bee - My World - The World of Other People

Requirement

Tell about the work people do in your church. Find a way to help them.

Goal of this track

To enable the children to encounter God's world with confidence and compassion.

Concept Included in This Component

Serving the church, community, country, world.

Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

Know: that they are a part of the wide variety of people and groups in God's world,

Feel: a respect and compassion for individuals and groups, and

Respond: by becoming a model of God's love, and living God's plan for His people.

Background Information

Six-year-olds can begin to understand the purpose of the local church (to worship Jesus, to love and care for each other, and to tell others about Jesus). They should recognise the importance of each member in the work of the church. If children begin to learn these principles at a young age, they may take church responsibilities more seriously as they grow older. They need to know that they can contribute to their church even when they are young.

The tasks in the local church may be explained by dividing them into categories, such as:

1. Leaders: pastor, elders, church board members, Sabbath School Superintendent, division leaders, Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders;
2. Caretakers: deacons, deaconesses, treasurer, clerk, secretary;
3. Teachers: Sabbath School teachers;
4. Church Ministry Workers: personal ministries, community services, musicians.

Teaching Tips

- Ask the pastor or one of the above people to come and talk to group about what they do.
- Talk to them about the Biblical example of Moses delegating responsibility.
- The children can do a survey of members in their church to find out what offices people hold.
- Talk about the different church jobs they might like to do when they are older.
- The children could draw a picture of a person showing them actively involved in one of the above categories of 1 to 4 above; they might choose for example Primary Sabbath School leader or pastor preaching.

- Bible stories, texts and quotes:

Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)

Psalm 73:16, 17 - "It was too painful for me until I went into the sanctuary."

Isaiah 56:7 - "My house shall be a house of prayer. . ."

Matthew 18:19, 20 - "Where two or three are gathered. . ."

Hebrews 10:2,5 - "Not forsaking the assembling. . ."

"The Lord desires us to understand that we must place our children in right relation to the world, the church, and the family." (*Child Guidance*, page 99)

Norm's Notes

Note that there are two aspects to this requirement:

- What people do in your church
- What you can do to help them.

Through this requirement children will recognise themselves as part of the church family as well as a part of their biological family. Others care for and serve us in the church. The children also have our part to play in helping the church the function properly.

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