

you have been in leading your students to a saving faith in Christ.

2. Identify in your mind those students which have not yet received Christ as Saviour and begin a special effort to lead them to the Lord. Such effort may require time with the student beyond class time.

3. Watch for evangelistic emphasis in the lesson materials and endeavor to make maximum use of these opportunities.

4. Stay alert to the movings of the Holy Spirit so a sense of students' conviction will be recognized.

5. Participate in workers' conference or local training sessions on such subjects as (1) leading a person to Christ; (2) how to evangelize children; (3) how to reach unconverted teens; (4) creative teaching for evangelistic emphasis, etc.

6. Pray daily for every member of your class, especially for those who are yet unsaved.

While God alone can perform miracles of grace by saving and regenerating sinful persons, yet He gives us the privilege of

having a part in these miracles. As a Sunday school teacher or worker, determine to be a part of some miracles of grace. Teach, pray, counsel, and witness that God may be able to lead your students to receive Christ. This is your number one task!



# TEACH for! MIRACLES!

MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN IN YOUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

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### Are Your Students Finding Christ?

Elizabeth, a little lisping girl in Louisville, wandered out of her home while her mother cared for some household duties. Away from her immediate neighborhood, Elizabeth lost her bearings and was suddenly overcome with that frightening sense of being lost. The more she tried to find her way home, the more she became frustrated. Finally, in exasperation, she began to cry.

A fine businessman, coming along at that hour inquired of her, "My little girl, what's the trouble?" "I'm lost," she answered. "Well, what is your name," he asked. "My name is 'Lithbeth,'" she replied. She couldn't remember her last name, nor could she recall her house number or street name. The kind man, wanting to help, asked further, "Well, if you cannot tell me your name nor where you live, how am I going to help you to find your way home?"

Just then a bright idea occurred to Elizabeth. Shaking her golden curls and wiping away the tears, she began to smile and said, "If you'll just take me to my Thunday Thchool, I can find my way home mythelf." "Where is your Sunday school?" asked the man. Though she didn't remember the location, the gentleman took her by the hand and they began walking down the street. He was sure that her Sunday school must be in that area. Just then she spied the familiar

steeple of a nearby church and tearing away from the man and throwing out her arms, she said, "That's my Thunday Thchool!" Getting her bearings she ran home into the arms of a concerned loving mother. By finding the way to Sunday school, she had found the way home. Is your Sunday school helping its students to find the way to the Father's House and into His love and grace?

### Are You a Soul-Winning Sunday School Teacher?

Too often, a dubious assumption is made by Sunday school teachers and Christian education workers. It is frequently assumed that all persons finding their way to the Sunday school automatically find their way to the Father's love. Yet, a recent survey made among Sunday school teachers by a major curriculum publisher revealed that the average Sunday school teacher failed to lead even one student to salvation through Christ during a twelve-month term of service. Such teachers apparently believed their role was simply to teach — not to win souls. Evidently they thought that evangelism occurred only in the public services of their church or in the Christian homes of their students. While much evangelism should and does occur in these locations, yet an evident mark of effective Sunday schools is the continuous addition of new people to the church fellowship who have found their way to personal Christian experience through the Sunday school.

### Are You Aiming for Your Student's Salvation?

All unconverted persons need to be "born again" through the Spirit. As teachers recognize this fact and teach to meet it, the majority of their students will respond positively by coming to know the Saviour.

In Sunday schools which have a strong evangelistic tone, teaching has a life-changing aim. Lesson content and teaching methods are focused toward personal application and decision-making. Though the application and response each person makes will vary among the individuals, depending upon their spiritual state and needs, they should certainly leave each class session with motivation for turning to Christ and for taking definite steps toward the goals of Christian experience and maturity. A teacher's aim thus, must be high and Spirit-directed.

Every person is unique and spiritual awareness of need varies among students. Students in the early childhood ages need to feel that God is and that He loves them. They need to sense Christ as their friend and helper. But most children, primary age and above, can understand enough about their sinfulness and God's plan of salvation in order to believe upon Christ for their personal salvation.

In a recent series of Christian education seminars conducted by Wesleyan Church

Headquarters personnel, around 3000 participants were asked to indicate the age at which they made their first real commitment to the Lord. The results showed the following:

### Percentage By Age Group

Up through 12 years of age	55%
Between age 13 and 19	35%
Between ages 20 and 29	6%
Between ages 30 and 39	3%
40 and above	1%

These findings are in agreement with many similar studies. There is no reason, therefore, to doubt one writer's assertion that 70% of all conversions occur before age 15.

Sunday school teachers, therefore, have a major opportunity and responsibility for leading students to Christ and for helping to establish them in the Christian faith. If we do not evangelize those reached by our Sunday schools, we will eventually lose our opportunity to evangelize them.

### Are You Ready to Be A Part of a Miracle?

Surely every concerned Sunday school teacher wants to know how to effectively evangelize his students. In keeping with this desire, may we suggest the following steps?

1. Examine the records periodically to discover the number of your students recently converted. Find out how effective