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Workshop Title: 'Reaching Children'

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Children are human beings between THREE and TWELVE

OUR GOD and FATHER has special interest in ALL children

JERIMIAH 1:5; PSALM 8:2; Deut 6:6-7; Mark: 10:14; Matt: 18: 5-6; 2 Tim 3:15

SOME KEYNOTE THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND INFORMATION AOUT CHILDREN John Mark Eager, The Mailbox Club International Director

Children are the greatest harvest field in the world. Adults have great difficulty bending the knee and coming to Christ in simple childlike faith. Adults often become proud from success or broken from the tragedies of life but children are pliable and simply take God at His Word.

Children, if won to Christ and properly discipled, can lead long, fruitful lives for the Lord. Pastor Charles H. Spurgeom, Bible Comentator, Matthew Henry, teacher, John Calvin, preacher, Edwards, Isaac Watts, Missionary, Jim Elliott, Evangelist Leighton Ford, evangelist's wife Ruth Bell Graham, Teacher Stephen Olford, Rd. James Dobson to name a few, were saved as children and each served the Lord for Decades

Charles Spurgeon wrote in the WORDS OF COUNSEL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS:

"The earlier a soul has light the shorter is the night of darkness, so the earlier in life salvation comes to the heart the better and greater is the benediction. To receive the dew of grace while we are yet in the dew of youth is a double boon...! hope that you pray for the conversion of children and are working to that end by the Spirit's gracious aid. If you are doing so I know not of any service more fit to engage the angels of heaven if they could be permitted to undertake it." (Words of Counsel for Christian Workers .92)

Children make great Missionaries – NOW Children overflow with excitement as they eagerly share the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ with their family members and friends! The Mailbox Club has received many testimonies from around the world of adults who came to Christ because of the influence of newly converted children.



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Some things children must KNOW, APPRECIATE and ACT upon:

- (a) GOD MADE US GENESIS 2:7
- (b) GOD LOVES US **JOHN 3:15**
- (c).God has an enemy (named Satan) whose job it is to keep us from God (John 10:10)
- (d) God's Son, The Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross to save us (Romans 5:8)
- (e) The LORD Jesus sent The Holy Spirit to BRING US to Jesus (John 6:44)
- (f) The Holy Spirit is available to LIVE in our lives to Guide us in TRUTH, PROTECTING US FROM SATAN (John 16:13)
- (g) The Holy Spirit tells us who to talk to about Jesus and what to say to them (Matt:28:20)
- (h) The Holy Spirit "gifts" each child who makes Jesus his Lord and Master (1 Cor 12:11)
- (i) The Holy Spirit takes the believing child (and all Christian men and women) to Live in God's Home forever
- (j) To refuse to let Jesus be the LORD and MASTER of your life means you are claiming God's enemy as your master...You will live with him forever.

SOME THINGS TEACHERS MUST UNDERSTAND ABOUT CHILDREN AND THEIR BEHAVIOUR:

ADHD

What are the presentations of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)? According to the DSM-5 (*The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 5th edition), ADHD is typically diagnosed as one of these 3 presentations¹:

- Combined (Inattentive/Hyperactive/Impulsive)
- Inattentive only (formerly known as attention-deficit disorder)
- Hyperactive/Impulsive