



Everyone needs encouragement, especially children who are *learning how to learn*. When students are working hard to learn take time to encourage their efforts. Besides teaching Bible truths use lesson time to teach students how to be attentive and actively learn.

### *Materials*

A pad of self-adhesive notes, smiley stickers, a box with lid, permanent markers, 10 resealable plastic bags, small prizes and treats.

### *Directions*

Label the box "You Make Me Smile." Number bags 1 to 10. Place prizes and treats in the bags according to their value. Place least valuable item in the lower numbered bags. Place a self-adhesive note for each student on a poster or table. Ask each child to autograph his note when he arrives. During the class

hour, quietly reward a student's attention and involvement by placing a smiley sticker on his note. By the end of class be sure you have given each student at least one smiley.

Before the child leaves, he can decide if he wants to save his note and collect more smileys at the next class to get a better prize or trade it in at the You-Make-Me-Smile box for the number of smileys he has that day.

*-Kathy Downs*

