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## **A CALL TO GROW IN FAITH**

Christ-like maturity should be the goal of every Christian. A growing faith is the mark of a growing Christian. The Bible calls Christians to grow in their faith that they may mature to the full stature of Christ. As Christians, we must continually rediscover the biblical teachings concerning faith, because as we grow in faith, we move closer to our goal of Christ-like maturity.

Since the COVID restrictions have been in place, and after what we have gone through with social distancing so far, how has your faith been growing? One thing that was made abundantly clear during COVID restrictions is that when we do not have the opportunity to connect with others, our faith dwindles.

### **WHAT IS FAITH?**

The writer of Hebrews defines faith as follows: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith, therefore, is confidence that God can and will keep his promises.

The story of Abraham exemplifies man's confidence in God. Genesis 12 records God's instruction to Abraham to leave his country and go to a new land. Abraham did not know exactly where he was going, but had confidence that God would lead and guide him. God also had promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation, and Abraham believed that God could be trusted.

All this time, with strict guidelines in place, restricting the ability we have to perform what would be our usual outreach to children and Bible teachers.... At times like this, it is so easy to focus on the negatives — on the things we cannot do. It has been a testing of our faith in the King — our Sovereign God. As such, our faith dwindles.

### **GROWING FAITH**

It is difficult to overcome doubt in our lives. In his letter to the Philippians Paul said, "and to be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith" (Philippians 3:9). However he went on to say "Not that I have already obtained all this, or already have been made perfect, but I press on .... one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." (Philippians 3:12-13).

Paul had questions for which he did not have answers, but he still had confidence in his Lord. All of God's people at one time or another have doubts. As we grow in faith, however, we realize that even when we do not have all of the answers, we can trust in our God.

Job discovered this truth. As he dealt with all the uncertainties of his tragic losses, he said, "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him." (Job 13:15a). That is confidence in the midst of doubt; faith in a growing experience. We never reach the point where we can stop growing in our faith. God is always leading us to a greater awareness of who he is and what he will have us do. It has been surprising for us as to find out how much we can do.

Uncertainties have driven us to get onto our knees and depend on God even more. Our workers have risen to the challenge of continuing to reach children with the gospel using the various means that are possible, and to equip and empower Christians like you to bring the gospel to children. The internet has become our main method of communication. There have been children's club and camp conducted online, with children and parents tuning in. The response was amazing! There have been recordings of and virtual teaching of Bible lessons for church children. As restrictions started to ease, we started holding on-site teacher's training and children's camps, programmes, and even re-launching our Good News Club! We have been updating, uploading, translating and printing resources and literatures, as well as sending on requests materials to support churches and individual ministry workers for reaching out to children. God has stretched and grown our faith all the more during this past year .

### **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

The Bible not only calls us to grow in faith but also to respond in faith. Do you respond with faith in difficult situations in life? Do you have confidence that the God who calls you to reach children for Christ will give you the ability and resources to accomplish the task?

When we encounter difficult situations, we may be tempted to look to the past rather than to step toward the future. As the children of Israel were getting ready to leave Egypt, they experienced great joy. When the chariots of Pharaoh were at their heels and the only way to survive was to enter the sea, they began to panic. Their first words were, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die?" (Exodus 14:11). Faith would have led them confidently into the future and should lead us also.

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As a servant of Christ, your attitudes of faith and confidence may make the difference in whether you and your church or Sunday school and children's clubs become what God intends. Your confidence and faithful response to life is the example that other Christians need.

We grow in faith when we study God's Word daily and prepare to lead other people to Christ each week. We grow in faith when we pray each day for the needs of people in our churches and clubs. We grow in faith when we make a phone call to the children or visit them at home. We grow in faith when we are willing to learn new ways of teaching at weekly Sunday school classes and/or children's club meetings. We grow in faith as we re-affirm our two pillars of ministries in CEF(S) – children reaching and teacher training. We reassert these with hope and are moving forward with vigour as we look forward to things getting back to normal at church and schools, when we can have regular Sunday school, small groups, Children's Church and children's clubs.

We praise God for the commitment and ingenuity demonstrated by our workers and volunteers and supporters like you to enable this generation to be evangelized and discipled during this past year. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to reach and teach the children in these abnormal days. As we grow in faith, we become more and more the persons that God wants us to be.

Are you hoping for a great year of teaching and reaching children for Christ? Faith is the confidence in the things hoped for. God is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). *(Adapted from CEF News, July/August 1984)*

## THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE TRUTH CHASERS CLUB (TCC)

The Truth Chasers Club is a correspondence programme for children. We have a series of lessons for different ages. It can be a good complement serving as a follow-up and discipleship tool. The Truth Chasers Club has been proven effective and we believe that it will be an effective tool to disciple children both inside and outside the Church.

Besides the correspondence programme, we organise Truth Chasers Club Meetings for children to gather together and have fun learning together either via virtual or on-site meetings.

Since the start of year 2021, we have held two virtual Truth Chasers Club meetings for our Club members and friends on 6 February during the Lunar New Year period, and on 20 March during Easter. We had more than 10 club members and their friends join the meetings over a time of learning Bible truths through lessons, games and crafts. Seeing children's eager responses throughout the Club time is the biggest joy and reward to our labour.

Since its institution, we have been experiencing God's power and blessings through not only the heartening responses from children and parents, but also the increase in number of children joining us! Each time, we see Club members and their parents bringing guests and friends along, tuning in for the meeting time. We see this as God's affirmation for us to continue developing our TCC ministry.

This year, despite our limited manpower and resources, we at CEF(S) have decided to rise up to the challenge with faith and have planned a total of 10 Club meetings for our children and their guests throughout the year – a two and a half fold increase as compared to the number of Club meetings held in the previous year. We pray that you will consider signing up your child or charge to join us for a fun-filled fruitful learning journey!



## EASTER OUTREACH 2021



We are humbled to see how God worked everything out this Easter, during global pandemic, for us and Emmanuel Assembly of God to bring the message of His love to the children, and to teach them through craft to share this love with others. Once again, we are convicted to press on in reaching out, for God's work cannot be stopped, no matter what, not even by the pandemic.

*Sofei*

K2 students from Edelweiss Kindergarten were so blessed to have a very special Easter Bible lesson from CEF National Director, Pastor Rachel. They were so engaged and participative throughout the whole lesson. It was heart-warming to see our students' eagerness to learn about Jesus' love and sacrifices at their very young age. They were able to receive the message of salvation and have realized the real meaning of accepting Jesus into their lives as their personal Saviour.

Teacher Richelle



## TRAINING CHILDREN EFFECTIVELY LEVEL 1

The TCE1 course was very insightful. It has taught me effective methods to share the gospel to children by using the wordless book, as well as by planning bible lessons in such a way as to bring out the gospel. It has equipped me with the knowledge that I need to teach effectively in my Sunday School classes. There were also practical tips taught such as how to use visual tools, how to teach songs, teach memory verse, and manage a classroom. The practicums were useful in helping us to put into practice what has been taught, which can be applied when we teach in Sunday School. Overall, the course was enlightening and effective in equipping me with the necessary skills needed to serve better in my capacity as a Sunday School teacher.

*Jeanette Ong / Cairnhill Methodist Church*

I registered for TCE1 course because I wanted to learn how to share the gospel effectively with unsaved children outside of church. TCE1 instructors convicted me that even amidst my Sunday School children, there might be kids who have always been in church yet they have not been saved. That really opened my eyes and made me think of how to incorporate the gospel message into my Sunday School lessons. TCE1 course equipped me with the knowledge and also the methodology of incorporating message of salvation into my bible lesson. It was taught in a systematic and step-by-step approach so that I did not feel overwhelmed with the course. The instructors were knowledgeable, caring and committed in coaching us and helping us to learn. The course is well-paced and well-structured. I would definitely recommend it to my fellow Sunday School teachers or any Christians who want to work with young children. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

*Toh Soo Hui / Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel*

"Living through 8 weeks of Teaching Children Effectively (TCE 1) with our course-mates, we were all exhilarated to be rewarded with an armoury of new skills for our children's ministries. We came from different churches, instructors and students. Yet, the Lord melded us together to learn the best from one another.

TCE 1 presents a total curriculum, covering every aspect of teaching the Word of God evangelistically to children. We had 6 super-dedicated and fun instructors, who poured their lives into our lives. Their love and zeal in reaching children for Christ definitely rubbed off on us!"

*Jessie Koh / Cairnhill Methodist Church*

I joined the TCE1 course to equip myself with the necessary knowledge in Sunday school teaching. I was glad to find that CEF has developed very effective ways of evangelizing children, and the practicums we had were so interesting and engaging. We were assigned with instructors helping us with the assignments, and they were all very dedicated and committed to the work of the Lord. They spent a lot of their personal time following up with us after class to make sure we understand. Definitely, I would like to recommend this course to more brothers and sisters.

*Nichole Zhong / Sembawang Presbyterian Church*

This was an excellent course, delivered by trainers who were real disciples of Jesus and experts in the field. The participants were given an engaging course that not only looked at different methods but also the practical aspects of evangelizing children. Through group discussion, sharing and role play, we were able to get a deeper understanding of what was being taught, and how to put the newly acquired methods and skills into practice.

A very practical and relevant course for anyone who is interested in evangelizing children and teaching children bible lessons. This was the best and most concise course I have ever taken. Having attended a number of similar seminars, I was amazed by just how practical this course was. Not only were the course modules relevant and the information presented up to date, so that all the attendees could relate to what was being discussed, but also that the course was well-structured in its approach in teaching and evangelizing children effectively. I would recommend this course to anyone who is interested in teaching bible lessons and evangelizing children. Thank you Children Evangelism Fellowship.

*Fion Poh / Cairnhill Methodist Church*

I find the whole course very exciting even though I missed some parts. The instructors were fantastic in delivering the lessons so well. I really enjoyed their teaching and their kind help. I have a vivid and great impression on one particular presentation about an invitation to a child. It was so mesmerizing to see how the instructor led the child to know Christ. I learnt such fantastic things like how to start a GNC, how to weave the message of salvation into a bible lesson, how to invite a child, how to counsel a child, and lastly, how to prepare for a bible lesson. I give a thumbs-up to all the instructors and the entire course. I would definitely join TCE2 when the course is offered.

*Ang Ching Ting / The Bible Church*



## LITERATURE

Statistics show that we remember:

10% of what we hear.

50% of what we hear and see.

80% of what we hear, see and do.

Therefore, you need to use visuals to teach your children. By using visuals you will be able to capture the interest of your children and they will remember better.



CEF has a wide range of CDs available for your use in your Sunday Schools and children ministry. Your children will be able to learn Biblical truths through these visualized materials. Depending on your ministry needs and themes, in these CDs, you will find text and visuals for teaching Bible lessons, Bible verses, discipleship, missions, and prayer. Some CDs also include sheet music, master planning chart, and even Bible maps, lesson reviews, quiet time sheet reproducible, bookmarks, Wonder Time™ teaching, Word Up! Visual, Bible timeline, Book of the Bible poster, PowerPoint games, preschool helps, colouring sheet and VBS theme helps. So make it a point to include these visualized helps in your teaching of Bible truths!



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reaching tens of millions of  
children each year!

### UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAM IN 2021

Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 (in Chinese)

3 Jul, 10 Jul, 17 Jul, 24 Jul, 31 Jul, 7 Aug, 14 Aug, 21 Aug, 28 Aug, 4 Sept & 11 Sept

\*Training dates are subject to changes. Please call us in our office or check our website for updates.

### 2021 TRUTH CHASER CLUB PARTY

6 Feb, 20 Mar, 29 May, 26 Jun, 31 Jul, 4 Sept, 13 Nov, 11 Dec

Children between 5 to 12 years old are most welcome to participate in our party.

\*Please call our office for registration.

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