WHY LEARN AND TEACH?

Mrs. Harrison was a Christian teacher. Everyone could tell she was different. She was loving and caring toward all her students. She was devoted to helping them grow and develop academically physically, spiritually, and socially. She wasn't afraid to step in and defuse tempers or put her arm around a child who needed a hug. She would really listen to her students and would do what she could to help solve whatever problems they brought to her. She orchestrated recess to include all children so none were left out, and she made sure no child was bullied. She organized tutoring to help students who were struggling with reading or math so they wouldn’t fall behind. And, most important, one day she prayed with me. She taught me that I wasn’t alone—that the Holy Spirit would help me. She showed what loving, Christlike service is all about.

Mr. Scott opened the doors to learning through nature. He showed us the connection between creation and a loving God. By having us explore, investigate, and test, he expanded our world to include an awesome universe. Many of us left behind fear and uncertainty for adventures in learning about nature, how things work, and how we fit into God’s world. He took us on nature walks and taught us to be silent, patient, and watchful. To find and observe the animals in their habitats. It is an amazing thing to wait quietly, patiently, and have an animal come up and eat out of your hand. He showed, by example, how to care for our environment and for the creatures around us. In every lesson he told us about a loving God who created all—for us!

Mrs. Smith would look beyond students’ shyness and help them to feel confident and unafraid of the future. She spoke caring, encouraging words, and explained that everything would be OK as long as they trusted in God. She helped them focus on what was important—their relationship with God. And today her students are successful and have a strong faith in God and in their future.

The person that impacted my life the most was Mrs. Cardy. She loved Jesus! Her life was a reflection of God. She wasn't afraid to step in and defuse tempers or put her arm around a child who needed a hug. She would really listen to her students and would do what she could to help solve whatever problems they brought to her. She showed us about Him. Texts are from the New King James Version.

Sunday

RESPONDING

» Read Titus 2:7.

A classmate has just received a bad grade for a class test. They are quite angry and complaining that the teacher didn’t grade fairly.

» You are in the same class and know that your classmate is often disruptive in class, does little work, and didn’t study for the test. You know the teacher cares and grades carefully.

How do you respond when your classmate talks negatively about the teacher?

Monday

BIBLE ANSWERS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT


Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us, to guide us in the truth, and to reveal to us our life’s work. He gives to each person individual gifts that they are to use to serve God. Each person’s gifts are different from another’s. The Holy Spirit will guide and lead each of us through our studies, our activities, our teachers, and our parents to help us identify our strengths and weaknesses. Learning to depend on God and using the education we receive, we will be able to minister and share God’s message of love.

» How do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life?

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» What kind of activities are you involved in that help you have a closer walk with God?

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Using the words in the Word Bank, fill in the blanks. Think about how each gift helps you to grow in your relationship with God and how you can use it to help others learn about Him. Texts are from the New King James Version.

add all brotherly diligence faith self-control
godliness kindness knowledge love perseverance virtue

“But also for this very reason, giving __________, __________ to your __________, to virtue __________, to knowledge __________, to self-control __________, to perseverance __________, to godliness __________, and to __________.” (2 Peter 1:5-7).
Getting and giving, learning and teaching, helps us to grow. Ephesians 4:11, 12.

"It [education] is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come" (Ellen G. White, Education, p. 13).

We learn by studying, hard work, events around us, and often we gain life lessons through experience. God has not left us to learn on our own. He has given us the Scriptures to help us navigate this life. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). And the Holy Spirit is to lead us to all truth and assist us in our work. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

Most fulfillment and joy comes from being able to share their our skills and knowledge with others. That might mean helping a friend who is struggling with their math homework, taking time to help a younger brother or sister master a new skill, volunteering at church or in your community, telling someone else about God, or even planning on becoming a full-time schoolteacher. Whatever our stage in life, not only can we begin to share the skills and knowledge we gained in school, but we can also share what we learned about Jesus, Creation, God's love, Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation, and His soon return.

"Whether we recognize it or not, we are stewards, supplied from God with talents and facilities, and placed in the world to do a work appointed by Him" (Ellen G. White, Education, p. 137).

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