



Sabbath Keeping Youth

You Have A Mission

Have you ever lived in another country or thought about what it might be like? Would it be fun to live with the snakes of Peru, or the lions of Africa? There are people who have made it their mission in life to actually go to other countries and preach the gospel message. As a church, we have been commissioned to preach the gospel message to all nations. You can read about this in Matthew 28:19-20.

When Jesus was here on earth, He told all Christians to tell everyone the good news of His love. Jesus wants all Christians, including kids, to tell others what He did for us. Jesus wants you to tell your friends about Him.

Most of you will be going back to school this month. Remember, wherever you are in school, kids are watching you. That gives you an awesome opportunity to let them see how a Christian lives. Think of all the eyes that see you in just one day at school. You can be a Christian example when you're hanging out on the playground, drinking milk in the cafeteria, sweatin' in the gym or taking a spelling test in the classroom. Just live the life Jesus wants you to and when the opportunity to tell someone about Jesus comes, go for it.



Back-To-School Supply List

1. A Clean Slate – To move forward with hope: *"See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:19*

2. A Good Teacher – Who gives Wisdom and Truth: *I will instruct you and teach in the way you should go." Psalm 32:8*

3. Books – Especially the one with all the answers: *"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105*

4. Crayons – To share creativity with others: *"Each should use whatever gift he has received to serve others." I Peter 4:10*

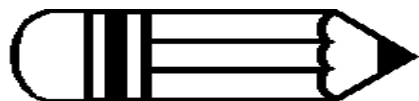
5. An Inquisitive Mind – To never stop learning: *"Continue in what you have learned." II Timothy 3:14*

6. Healthy Snacks – To stay strong and fit: *"When you open your hands, they are satisfied with good things." Psalm 104:28*

7. Pencil & Paper – To communicate something important: *"Write what you see..." Habakkuk 2:2*

8. Friends – For advice and companionship: *"A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17*

9. Glue – To remind you that God sticks around: *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:7-10*





God is the greatest giver. He is the one who gives life to every human being. He set the example of giving when He gave

what could never be repaid. Giving is at the heart of Christian love. God, in His infinite love, set the ultimate example of generosity when He gave us His Son.

Service to God consists of many things. Financially supporting God's church is important, but for the purpose of this article, let's focus on how teaching your children to give may help them stay away from destructive behavior.

The following is the opinion of The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign's Behavior Change Expert Panel. "Did you know that youth who volunteer are less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and engage in other destructive behavior? In fact, research finds that young people involved in volunteer service are 50 percent more likely to live healthy, drug-free lives (Search Institute, 1995). Volunteering in a community near you is an excellent opportunity for your kids to be involved in fun activities that not only provide them with positive role models, but also encourages them to give back to their community.

"According to parenting experts, one of the best ways to keep your kids away from negative influences such as drugs and alcohol is to encourage them to be involved in structured, adult-supervised activities. In fact, according to Tony Biglan, Ph.D., a nationally-recognized parenting expert at The Oregon Research Institute, 'The more that parents and communities can do to ensure that children and adolescents are involved in worthwhile activities, the better we can prevent most kinds of youth problem behavior.'"

Giving is a valuable tool, which not only benefits the receiver, but the giver as well. Jesus said, "give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38). Each of us should be willing to help others in whatever way possible. Giving can be in donating your time, in gifts of goods or money to charity or one-on-one aid where needed.

God has given us many examples of giving in His Word. What follows are two. Read these scriptures, pray, study and mediate upon the words. Ask God to help you and your children develop the abilities He has given you and use them for His glory.

1. Read the story about the construction of the Tabernacle in Exodus 35:1-35. Attitude is a key factor in giving. In this story, we are told that only those willing to give were asked to participate. God wanted people who would give cheerfully from a generous heart. The proper attitude is more important than the amount of the gift. The story also gives a lesson in taking pride in producing quality work. Your talents should reflect what God has given you.

2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. Paul speaks about a generous out pouring of giving that glorifies God. He makes many points concerning regular and sacrificial giving. He addresses the importance of planned and responsible giving. He did not order the Corinthians to give, he encouraged them to give because he knew their giving would be an example of their sincerity. These scriptures are not only about giving monetarily, but also showing Christian love by giving your time and attention to the needs of someone else.

Giving is a basic Christian principle that will enrich ones life. Teach your children to give.

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Jesus Anointed By Mary
Matthew 26:6-19
John 12:3-8

Six days before Passover Jesus and his disciples arrived in a small town called Bethany. They were visiting the home of Simon the Leper. Bethany was the same town where Lazarus was raised from the dead. A supper was prepared and Martha served Jesus and His disciples. Lazarus was one that sat at the table with Jesus.

Mary took a pound of spikenard, which is very costly and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. In Matthew's Gospel, she anointed Jesus' head. Soon the whole house was filled with the odor of this very expensive ointment.

All the disciples were annoyed with Mary for what she had done. In John's Gospel, he points out that Judas Iscariot was the disciple who was most upset. Judas Iscariot said, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money bag and [would] take [for himself] what was put in it" (John 12:4,5). Jesus knew exactly what was in Judas Iscariot's heart.

Then Jesus said, "Let her alone. She has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always" (John 12:7, 8).



Jesus Anointed

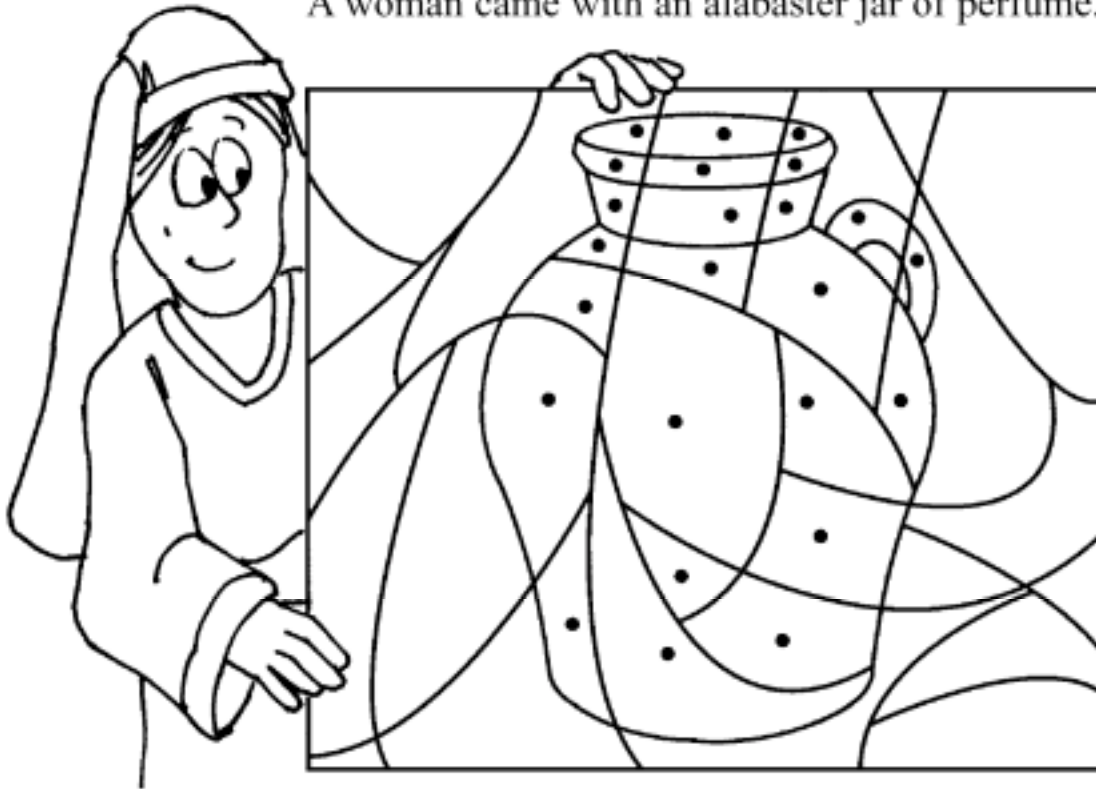
Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 15:11, which says, "The poor shall never cease out of the land." This does not mean we are not to give to the poor nor does it mean we are to spend our money lavishly for Christ. The verse in Deuteronomy continues with, "Therefore I command you saying, You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to the poor and to the needy in your land."

Jesus explained that what Mary had done was a beautiful thing for Him. Mary looked at Jesus through the eyes of a giver not a taker. This was a special occasion and Mary's actions were unique. When she anointed Jesus' feet, she publicly demonstrated her love, appreciation, honor and faith in Him as the Messiah.

Being a giver does not require a lot of money. To give means to use your talents wisely for the benefit of others. In Matthew 26:13 Jesus told the disciples they would have many opportunities to serve the poor in the future, and whenever the gospel was preached, the story of this woman's act of devotion would be told in her memory.

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 Jesus stopped them. He said, “She has done a beautiful thing to me.

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