

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

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## INFORMATION ABOUT JUNIOR CRUSADE WORK

By the Junior Crusade Denominational President, Amherst, N. S., June, 1940.

### AIM AND PURPOSE

To organize the children into a Society, having some capable and qualified adult as their leader, who will strive to get each child saved as early as possible, and to give each child a good foundation in knowledge of God and the Scriptures.

The use of a Child's Catechism is recommended, and will be found very helpful. See address below where these may be obtained.

The Junior Crusaders have a "Pin" selected, a white back-ground with a cross in crimson, on it. The children like these very much. They may be obtained from same address. It is suggested that the children "earn" these pins by coming regularly for four successive services, or etc.

A "Theme Song" has been chosen for the Junior Crusaders, entitled "The Children's Army." It is in the little hymn book called Junior Praises. See address below where these may be purchased.

But the hymn book used in the children's services is "Sunshine Choruses," obtainable as below.

Someone has suggested the individual groups make themselves a class pennant; perhaps a red back ground with a white cross and the group's name worked on it, or just the initials. This pennant to be displayed at their services. This could be made locally by any handy adult who would be interested in the Junior Crusade work.

I believe most groups have a special hour each week set aside for the Junior Crusade service, wherein they conduct their meeting, and recite the answers to the Catechism questions, etc., etc. We also have started affixing a gold star opposite each question in their little Catechisms when they can answer it correctly—that is, have memorized the question and answer. This inspires and delights the little ones. And a box of such stars seems easy to get at a five-and-ten cent store for about a nickle or so. We have prayer and testimony by the children in our services, and some times get one of them to sing a "Special." All this develops in them a familiarity with God-service which some adults, lacking it, find themselves painfully handicapped thereby. And it is refreshing to find such talent in the children often, that we little thought was there.

Faithful attendance and memorizing of the Catechism can be encouraged by the offer of a Testament to each child who will make a certain record within their reach. They also appreciate little scripture mottoes as rewards of merit, to display in their homes, on the walls, which also serve the purpose of preaching to the adults in their homes. Our friend, Brother S. H. Bradley, comes to Beulah yearly with a splendid range of these mottoes, from very cheap to more expensive qualities. He also often has fine little text books which the children love, and find most helpful. Gospels also are so welcome with the children.

Thus by many means you may endear the Word of the Lord to their young hearts. As well as familiarize them with same—which is one of the chief aims of the J. C. work.

Many other helpful ideas will occur to you, towards the success of the J. C. work, and we will appreciate such contributions through the Young Peoples' page in the Highway. Notice Sister Green's splendid report in the Highway of April the 15th. It contains suggestions we might like to copy in our district's Group.

Following are the addresses and prices of above material:

"Child's Catechism" may be obtained from the Nazarene Publishing House, 2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo., U. S. A., for something like 30c a dozen. And the "Pins" for about 25 cents a dozen from same address. The Junioh Praises hymn-book, procurable from the Hall-Mack Co., 15th and Cherry Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A., costs 15 cents each. But "Sunshine Choruses" are sold by the Lillenas Publishing Co., 2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo., at 25 cents a copy or \$2.40 per dozen.

NOTE:—Just a word about the Yearly Reports which each Group should send in to the Denominational President in June before Beulah—or at least bring same to Beulah and give to the President there:—

I mentioned these in my last letter. They are very important. Last year before Beulah I sent out about 45 Report Forms to the Churches of our Denomination, all at my personal labour and expense—which, however, I do not regret—but I was surprised and disappointed because only about four replied, two returning the forms filled in, and the other two stating they had no J. C. Group in their church.

I hope this year you will not disappoint me so, but please let me hear from every church of our Denomination. If you have no organized Group, kindly tell me so, stating the reason why there is none. If you have a J. C. Group, please give me a Report of same, in which simply state: Date organized. Number of members. Number converted during the year. Time of meeting. Number studying the Catechism. Money raised during the year. Name of Group Leader. Also please give a brief account of how the services are conducted—something like Sister Green's splendid report referred to above.

Thanking you all in anticipation for this co-operation, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

MIRIAM SANDERS

### REST

To step out of self life into Christ life; to lie still and let Him lift you out of it; to fold your hands close and hide your face upon the hem of His robe; to let Him lay His cooling, soothing hands upon your soul, and draw all the hurry and fever from its veins; to realize you are not a mighty messenger, an important worker of His, full of care and responsibility, but only a little child, with a Father's gentle bidding to heed and fulfil; to lay your busy

plans and ambitions confidently in His hands, as the child brings its broken toys at its mother's call; to serve Him by waiting; to praise Him by saying, "Holy, holy, holy," a single note of praise as do the seraphim of the heavens, if that be His will; to cease to hurry lest you lose sight of His face; to learn to follow Him and not run ahead of orders; to cease to live in self and for self, and learn to live in Him and for Him; to love His honor more than your own; to be a clear and facile medium for His life tide to shine and glow through—this is consecration and this is rest.

### AN ENDURING FAITH

Three things might be said of the Christian faith in appreciation of its enduring quality: It has a great past, it is good and timely in the present, it will endure and have a great future. The deep satisfaction that the Christian finds in God's Word rests on the foundation of a vital faith. The God of the Bible is our God; the record of the creation is there for our instruction of things past; the Old and New Testaments are but parts of God's revelation of this glorious faith in Christ; we have a kinship of faith with the saints of all time; Jesus is our Saviour, and we await the honors of His kingdom that are due in the fullness of time with great expectation.

Faith, true faith in God, is so precious that it is worthy of being cherished as life's greatest treasure. Let us be determined in its possession, even as Paul was and of which he spoke in the great valedictory of his life, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

"Faith," says Robert McNeill, "is common, natural, reasonable, sublime. You put it to its highest power, its lofiest use, when it is turned to trust God in the word that He has spoken and in the love that He has displayed on Calvary."—Selected.

### "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM"

Louis XII, king of France, had many enemies before he succeeded to the throne. When he became king he caused a list to be made of his persecutors, and marked against each of their names a large black cross. When this became known the enemies of the king fled, because they thought it was a sign that he intended to punish them. But the king, hearing of their fear, made them be recalled with an assurance of pardon; and said that he had put a cross beside each name to remind him of the cross of Christ, that he might endeavor to follow the example of Him who had prayed for His murderers and had exclaimed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

God places the cross upon the offenses of the believing penitent and forgives him.—Gospel Herald.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time for that is the stuff that life is made of.—Franklin.