

## Sunday School

**Convener:** Mary Weber, Immanuel/Junction City, 785-258-3077

**Documenter:** same as above

### **Group Participants:**

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### Why is This Important to Us

- ◆ Educating about our Bible
- ◆ It helps teachers learn as they teach
- ◆ Need to get from Sunday School – Bible stories, catechism
- ◆ Help our country and our community
- ◆ Morality, ethics
- ◆ Spirituality
- ◆ Need Christian friends (can find through Sunday School)
- ◆ Place for children

Problems: Broken homes, so church becomes family

### Assets on Which to Build

- ◆ Adult mentors
- ◆ High school youth to substitute in summer
- ◆ Communicate through letters and meetings
- ◆ Team teaching
- ◆ Do we need to have long term teachers so that relationships develop?
- ◆ Stressing the relationships makes attendance better

**Other Discussion of Significance**

- ◆ Logos is a program that works – try to catch the parents to come, especially with younger children.
- ◆ Workshop on Parenting.
- ◆ Make the focus of Sunday not being one hour but 2 ½ (include Sunday School).
- ◆ Space is an issue.
- ◆ No teacher training or preparedness.
- ◆ Used 2<sup>nd</sup> service for preparing for Sunday School.
- ◆ Childcare is big issue – have that for the teachers.
- ◆ Need to get Elders and others involved in home visits.
- ◆ Outreach:
  - if you bring a friend, you get something from the grab bag
  - sponsor a child for Children’s Christian Concern Society
- ◆ Pray with each other.
- ◆ VBS as an outreach.
- ◆ Draw slips each week to do prayer partners - change each week.
- ◆ Pick a theme and do a one-room classroom.
- ◆ Special programs throughout the year – invite fathers on Father’s Day, etc.
- ◆ Mark milestones:
  - Bible at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Catechism at 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Hymnal at another age
- ◆ Ministerial alliance sends letter that Sunday’s morning and Wednesday to YMCA and schools.