

# Am I available for You, Lord?



I have been in the Children Ministry for more than 5 years. What have I learnt and received in the ministry? What do I have to give to this ministry? Is this my calling/passion into the Children Ministry? What gifts do I have for this ministry? All these questions! But God's ways are higher than my ways and He wants to play a part in everything that I, a child of His, believe, think, breathe and act!

I am not a talented nor a skillful person. I am just an average person who does the average normal things. I may not have certain spiritual gifts and there are no criteria in joining a ministry. But all of us have the same spiritual calling to promote Jesus. Yes, I can be just available for God. Oh yes, I can also do more than that. I can give more of myself to the Lord's work. Yup, I have to continue to depend on the Lord for His Strength so that I will not get 'burnt out'.

I cannot imagine myself in any other ministry than the Children Ministry. I believe the passion is there. My heart must be willing. Training and Prayer are foremost. Yes, we also need more manpower in the Children Ministry. And so do the Youth Ministry and the other ministries.

We in the Children Ministry are indeed privileged to be the first to start evangelizing the children.

We sing and praise God with them. We play games with them. We tell them Bible Stories. Give them memory verses to recite besides ourselves. Weekly Object Lesson and Life Story are the additional chapters in the Saturday Children Ministry.

We also get to know them better in the small groups just before dispersal. We know that we are available for them, sharing Jesus and the eternal life with them week after week on Saturdays. We do not want to miss the opportunity of sharing. We want to love and have a caring relationship with other people in the name of Christ. To be on the cutting edge, we search for new

strategies and innovative approaches. We try our best to do events that appeal to the outsiders.

We have to learn and know God's Word along with the guidance from the teaching manuals 'certified' by Bill Wilson to avoid incorrect theology and doctrine. What we have, are ourselves, our characters, our beliefs and our time for the Children Ministry. Yes, we need to be creative. We must be committed and persistent. We do make mistakes (not 'grave' ones I hope) along the way. We are a team, building one another and encouraging one another to go on. Lord, is this enough? We know You will mould us into what we believe You can make us into faithful, obedient and able servants for You. What You give us as 'Cactus and Caterpillar' will turn into 'Flower and Butterfly' (the terms were adapted from an inspiration in the net).

Lord, help us to carry out Your Great Commission under our Children Ministry which Pastor Catherine is leading. Let us devote ourselves to doing Your work as ambassadors of Christ. As we stand on Your promises, we can deal with the 'forces', we can meet our needs, we can help in Your harvest and You will reward us as partners in evangelizing the 'world', the community. Father God, we know we are called just to be obedient in sharing the truth and not to worry about the outcome as that's the role of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord Jesus as we continue to trust You daily

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