Teachers are representatives

We are ambassadors for Christ—2 Corinthians 5:20

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Time flies when you are having so much fun loving God and people. It is hard to believe that it was sixteen years ago that I had the opportunity to sit with my first class of five-year-old children and share the love of Jesus. Every year since then I have told the same story to my class about how Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me". He did not turn them away and he welcomed both them and their families. For the last sixteen years I believe that it has been my mandate to share this great love with the children and families that God puts in my life. I am a representative of His love.

In that first year I taught and loved with all of the passion and enthusiasm that a beginning teacher could muster. I reached out to the families of the children in my class and communicated the good news of Jesus with both the adults and children that I came in contact with throughout the year. I remember the joy the first time a parent said that they could see that there was something in me that was different and that they wanted to love people like I did. I introduced that parent to Jesus and the affect on her life was incredible. Her self-confidence blossomed, her marriage improved and she began to love her family in a new and wonderful way.

This great mandate has never changed. Over the years experience has taught me well that there are ways that are better than others to perform this commission, but the joy of reaching out to those beautiful children and their families with the love of God has always been my great reward. Tomorrow morning I will look out across twenty fresh-faced 'cherubs' and they will look back with the excited anticipation of feeling loved and cherished by their teacher. It's something they have grown to expect, and I could not be prouder to be a representative of the love of Jesus in their lives. TEACH



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