

Celebrate the Ministry of Sunday School

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day is an exciting celebration for everyone involved! Churches across America are invited to set aside the **third Sunday in October** as a day to honor Sunday School teachers for their dedication, hard work and life-changing impact on their students.

An integral part of this campaign is the search for the **Sunday School Teacher of the Year!**

The gifts are fantastic! The recipient of the Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award will receive **national recognition and a dream vacation for two in Hawaii**. Your church could also receive valuable curriculum and resources just by nominating a deserving Sunday School teacher!

Start Planning Now.

- Duplicate and distribute the nomination form.
- Place the nomination form in a visible spot in your store or church.
- Announce the award campaign from the pulpit and in your church bulletins and newsletters. Encourage your congregation to nominate their Sunday School teacher for the award. Nominations are due August 31, 5:00 P.M. PDT.
- Schedule special activities for Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day, the third Sunday in October.
- Encourage your congregation to get involved!

Show Your Sunday School Teachers That You Appreciate Them.

Here are some fun ways to make **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day** special for your teachers:

- **Visit www.mysundayschoolteacher.com** to send your teacher encouraging e-cards and gifts or to learn additional ideas to honor your teacher.
- **Plan a reception, lunch or church family picnic** to honor your Sunday School teachers on Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day, the third Sunday in October.
- **Encourage your congregation** to nominate their favorite Sunday School teacher for the Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award.
- **Pastors** can plan sermon topics around teachers and the importance of Sunday School. Relevant passages from Scripture include Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Proverbs 22:6; Matthew 19:14; Luke 2:52.
- **Plan a special service** to honor all Sunday School teachers and workers at your church. Recognize their contribution by awarding certificates of appreciation. It might be fun to have students from each class give their teachers the awards. Make it personal!

- **Announce Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day** in your bulletin or church newsletter. Use some of the following quotes to inspire your teachers and remind everyone of the vital role Sunday School plays in the life of your church.

"You teach a little by what you say. You teach the most by what you are."

—**Dr. Henrietta Mears**

Christian Educator/Founder of Gospel Light

"Let me urge today's teachers never to underestimate the worth of a child, especially the one that comes from a broken home. Locked inside that child is a soul worth more than all the possessions of the world. Someday that boy or girl may remember you the way I recall my teacher, Mrs. Baldwin, and thank you for the contribution you made to his or her life."

—**Mrs. Shirley Dobson**

Chairman, National Day of Prayer Task Force
Cofounder, Focus on the Family

"Dr. Henrietta Mears was truly one of the great women of the twentieth century and one of the greatest influences of my life. Through her Sunday School classes, she directly disciplined hundreds of young men and women whom God led into full-time ministry. Her life was a life of spiritual multiplication."

—**Dr. Bill Bright**

Founder and Chairman, Campus Crusade for Christ International

Use These Resources to Help You Build a Strong Sunday School.

Your neighborhood Christian bookstore is an excellent source for helping you build your Sunday School! It offers a variety of curricula, resources and teacher recognition gifts, including these helpful items from

Gospel Light:

- *Sunday School Promo Pages*
- *Good Stuff to Know Teacher Training Videos*
- *The Sunday School Clip Art Book*
- *Dream Big: The Henrietta Mears Story*
- *Sunday School Smart Pages*
- *Big Book of Bible Games*
- *Sunday School Clip Art Book* on CD-Rom
- *Big Book of Bible Games*
- *What Every Sunday School Teacher Should Know*

Plan a visit soon and build up your Sunday School!



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Please photocopy and distribute this nomination form in your church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Official Nomination Form



Type or print clearly

Teacher's Name _____		Phone _____	
Address _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
Age/Grade Taught _____		Number of Years Taught _____	
Church _____		Pastor's Name _____	
Church Address _____		Church Phone _____	
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____			

Tell Us About Your Sunday School Teacher in 300 Words or Fewer (use additional sheets if necessary).

I believe my Sunday School teacher deserves special honor because

He/She shows dedication to teaching the Word of God by

He/She shows creativity/innovation by

He/She gets involved in students' lives by

Additional comments

My Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Send your nominations to:
 Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award
 Gospel Light • 1957 Eastman Avenue • Ventura, CA 93003

Nominations must be received at Gospel Light by 5 P.M. PDT on August 31. For additional information, call the Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Hotline: (800) 354-4224. Or sign up online at www.mysundayschoolteacher.com.

The Rules:

Any individual who is currently teaching or has taught Sunday School for a minimum of two years and who is living is eligible. Gospel Light employees, consultants and their family members are not eligible. Past recipients of the first-place award are ineligible, as well as employees and family members of organizations providing prizes for this award.

Void where prohibited by law. All nominations become the property of Gospel Light. For complete details, visit www.mysundayschoolteacher.com.

