

Teacher's Vision:

Why We Teach Kids

Adults send messages to kids all the time—by their behavior.

Sometimes these messages discourage kids,
demean their worth or diminish their hope.

But a teacher who arrives week after week
to faithfully love and look at, smile and listen to kids,
sends messages through behavior, too. Those messages say:

“You are important to me and to God. I choose to spend time with you.”

“Your opinions and feelings matter to me because who you are matters to God.”

“You are valuable—not someday, but now. You are not a problem to me.

You are God’s gift. I am glad you are here!”

Where else in the world can a disheartened kid find such affirmation?

What better way could a lonely kid
find the welcome, acceptance and love that is in Christ?

This is how God’s kingdom comes—week after week, building life upon life.

To become faithful givers of such cheerful loving and patient teaching,
we must surrender ourselves to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Only He can empower us to love unselfishly, consistently and genuinely—
so that what we do sends the message that is truly from His heart.

Then our behavior will say that even without monetary compensation,
without applause or appreciation, we choose to love them
purely because we value them for who they are,

because we know Jesus loves them

and because we know

eternity would not be complete without their shining faces.