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## CEF October Teaching Tips

Dear Tracy,

This is our second edition of our new *CEF Teaching Tips E-Newsletter*. May you be encouraged and inspired to continue in your work for the Lord.



### Eddie's Moments

There are many gifts that you the teacher have besides being the human agent that God the Holy Spirit uses, to teach children the message of salvation and spiritual truths for basic growth once they begin knowing Christ as Savior.



One is the privilege of studying (taking in) and teaching (giving out) the Word of God.

I know in my own spiritual growth, I have grown in my knowledge of, and more important, in my relationship with our Great God.

There is a wonderful visual I have that shows the process. The words Holy Spirit are on the left followed by an arrow pointing toward an open Bible. From there an arrow points to a picture of a person. Another arrow points to a word that says "CHANGE." This is an illustration of how God, the Holy Spirit, uses the Word of God (not only in the child's life), but in the teachers life, to produce change. We become transformed by the renewing of our mind as we study and prepare to teach God's Holy Word.

What a wonderful gift - a "by product" of being a teacher of children.

Continuing to Serve,  
Edwina Marshall  
Director of Teacher Training  
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### Devotional

#### Church Bells

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We are in need of teachers for Good News Clubs® [Contact our office](#) if

you or someone you know can help.

*"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."  
~1 Cor 11:1 (NIV)*

Someone once said, "A good example is like a bell that calls many to church."

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**CEF Material Update**

CEF Press® is discontinuing the series' **Our Awesome God** and **Big Questions About Prayer** in the printed versions. Available only while supplies last.

The lessons will continue to be available in PowerPoint.

Within the pressing issues of life, it is sometimes easy to forget our role as God's church bells to the world. Financial concerns, relationship situations, personal desires, etc. can accumulate upon us to the point of dampening, or even silencing, the message our church bell might otherwise ring out.

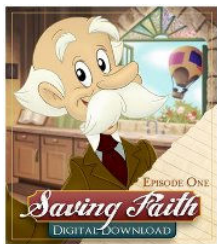
Hebrews 12:1 tells us to *"throw off everything that hinders."* While this may be easier said than done; it is necessary if we are to be the bells that call others to Christ. With God's help, and a desire in our hearts to do so, we can, indeed, throw off everything that hinders. God wouldn't ask us to do this if it were impossible. For we know that *"with God, all things are possible."*

As Christians, there is an example that we could be; and, there are examples that we can follow. The example of other Christians can help us better understand how to become good examples ourselves. But, be careful to remember that those Christian examples, as we ourselves, are still flawed human beings. Christ is our only perfect example. We cannot let the failings of other Christians, or even pastors, disillusion us. If our examples fall, we should remember they are human and do what we can to lift them up. In so doing, we all work together to clear the clutter from the bells so that Christ may ring through them more clearly.



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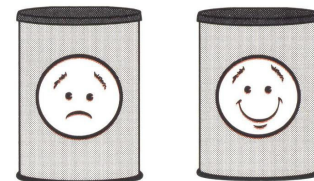
**Theo the Theologian Campaign**



*"Theo the Theologian...teaches the fundamentals of Christianity in a way that is both entertaining and biblically sound to kids from two to 92 who love cartoons and have an*

**Teacher's Tip**  
*Object Lesson - Bible Peace*

**Object:** Place 5 large stones in a metal can with lid and cover with a band of construction paper. Draw a happy face on one side and a frustrated expression on the opposite side. Type the words of each of these Bible promises on small slips of paper and insert in your Bible at appropriate places: [Hebrews 13:5](#); [Romans 8:28](#); [Philippians 4:6](#); [Philippians 4:13](#); [1 Peter 5:7](#).



**Lesson:** (Hold can so the frustrated expression is showing, shake can loudly for about five seconds. Have an assistant or older child finally call out, "Can't we have some peace and quiet in here?" Stop shaking can and show smiling expression.)

appetite for God's Word." creator Mike Joens

Every person who buys a "Theo" DVD has an opportunity to participate in the "Buy One - Give One" campaign. Whitestone Media, which produced the cartoon, and CEF will match the purchase by sending a child in need a free "Theo" DVD, once the buyer designates the region of the world where it should be sent.

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To have peace in our hearts is to be calm and quiet inside. It is a good and comfortable feeling and helps others to see that God is in control of our lives.

The stones banging around in this can remind me of our hearts when we don't trust God's promises. We get upset and afraid. All these worry thoughts are banging around inside of us. And soon people are wondering, "Why is she so grouchy?" or "Why does he look unhappy?"

What can get rid of those worries and fears inside us? Let's look into God's wonderful book and see if we can find some promises. *(Each time you read a verse have a child remove one of the stones from the can and insert the slip.)*

Now let's shake this can again. *(Hold with smiling face showing as you shake it.)* Ah, quietness - peace. There will always be problems in our lives. But we don't have to be filled with worry and fear. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. He lives in us by His Holy Spirit and He will give us peace as we believe His promises.

~E. Lippy

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