

Pastor's Corner: A parent asked the teacher what she taught the children in class at church?" Teacher: "God's number." So, here's the story of how the class unfolded; In a small warm room filled with twelve 3, 4 and 5-year-olds, (including one very unhappy 2-year-old and two tired adults) there was an important lesson to be learned. Amidst a lot of noise, tears, smiles, fish crackers, crayons, boo-boos, bare feet and a simplified four-word memory verse God spoke volumes. Toward the end of an hour and a half class, the children were sitting on the carpet for a quiet time to practice the memory verse. The verse was a simplified age-friendly version of Psalm 46:1 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble'. The lesson had condensed the verse to four simple words: "God is our help." The teacher was excited about this development as she knew four words would boost the children's interest and learning potential. The verse was read and explained to the children. Anytime we are in trouble we can call on God to help us. The children were asked to repeat each word one word at a time. The teacher pointed out the promise of learning success as it was "only four words!" The children quoted the verse over and over with the teacher and then all on their own. Success! Wait a minute; the scripture reference had been omitted. The children were prompted to say the verse again and add Psalm 46:1 to the end of the four words. The children, tired, and not really wanting to continue the learning experience reluctantly began to say the words. As Psalm 46:1 slowly began to come from their mouths, a four-year-old asked, "Is that His number?" The two tired adults smiled and learned God is the teacher. Four words are big words when they are God's Words. He has our number. He is our help even when we are tired.

Blessings

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