



# TREASURE CHEST

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Have you been passing on the baton to the next generation?

"Mum and Dad are more influential than any church program. So as church leaders, we should be focusing on the home as the primary place where faith is nurtured."

- Mark Holmen

**Psalm 78:1-8 is well worth a read for parents and teachers.**



## Ten secrets to stay renewed

1. Get in the habit of feeding your spirit (Draw your strength from God)
2. Enjoy your family
3. Find friends who recharge and refresh you
4. Get a hobby (Stress relievers are important)
5. Exercise (Get some blood flowing)
6. Take regular breaks
7. Have people in your life hold you accountable
8. Be thankful for everything. (Count your blessings)
- 9 Laugh a lot. (Never forget the joy of the Lord is your strength!)
10. Always be learning

## ENCOURAGING WORDS

*"The human mind is an amazing thing in that, whatever it's looking for, it tends to find. So, if you're looking for ugliness, you'll have no trouble finding it. If you're looking for cruelty, again, you'll find plenty of evidence of that, too. And if you're looking for beauty, you'll be able to find that, as well."* Dr. R. Carlson

What are you looking for in the children who are part of your kids ministry? So often we expect different things from different kids based on your past experiences of those kids. Often children behave in certain ways because they think that is what is expected of them by adults.

Why not look for those fleeting bits of goodness (kind behaviour, manners, sharing, etc) and individually encourage the child by expressing to the child how you were impressed with their action, attitude or word. The more you are positive, the more responsive the child will become.



Why not try each week to note at least one positive point for each of the kids in your ministry and commit to encouraging each child before they leave?

You may be pleasantly surprised after a few weeks.

*Rob Adams*

## PASSING THE BATON

Training Day & Expo  
Saturday 12th February 2011  
9.00am - 4.30pm  
Churchlands Christian Fellowship, Balcatta  
Keynote speaker: Tammy Tolman



12 Electives ... 30 Expo displays  
[www.passingthebaton.org.au](http://www.passingthebaton.org.au)

## A Sweet Christmas

Why not use a candy cane or pack of M&M's to help your kids remember what Christmas is all about? Attach the little message to the sweets that you give.

## CANDY CANE

Candy Canes have been around for 100's of years. Some were straight and others plain white. It has been said that about 100 years ago, a Candy Maker in Indiana, USA, wanted to show people the real meaning of Christmas. So he invented the bent red & white Christmas Candy Cane.

If we turn the Candy Cane upside down, it is the shape of the letter 'J'. This reminds us of Jesus, the gift God gave the world at Christmas.



The middle of the candy is white. This reminds us that Jesus lived a completely pure & perfect life. Around the cane we see a red stripe. This reminds us that at the end of Jesus' life he died on the cross.

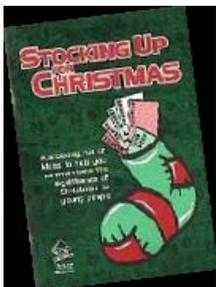
As you enjoy your Candy Cane, remember that at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birthday, the day when God gave the greatest gift of all to this world!

*'For God so loved the world that He gave His only son.'*  
- The Bible (John chapter 3 verse 16)

## REVEREND FUN [WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM](http://WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM)



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### STOCKING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Resource book for kid's ministry  
30 pages of object lessons, puzzles, stories, dramas and games related to the Christmas theme.

\$6.00 plus postage  
Available from OAC Ministries  
e: [wa@oac.org.au](mailto:wa@oac.org.au)  
[www.oac.org.au](http://www.oac.org.au)

For a great short Christmas video clip, download the Flies Christmas Pudding video

[www.max7.org](http://www.max7.org)

Also in the ministry video clips folder of the Kids Ministry Resources DVD - available from OAC Ministries for \$6 pp (mob. 0407 422 350)

Type 'Christmas' in the search option on max7.org and see the other resources they have freely available. It's a great source of resources.

## M&M Christmas Poem

As you hold an M&M and turn it, you will see ...  
The M becomes a W, an E and then a 3.



It tells the Christmas story, it's one I'm sure you know,  
It took place in a stable a long, long time ago.

The E is for the East  
where the star shone oh so bright,  
The M is for the manger where baby Jesus slept that night.



The 3 is for the gifts brought by the



wisemen when they came;  
And W is for Worship when the angels praised His name.

So as you eat these M&M's or share them with a friend

Don't forget the Christmas story and never let it end!



### Song - to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" - key Bb

The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.  
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The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.  
So that's what Christmas is about.

Glory, glory Hallelujah.  
Glory, glory Hallelujah.  
Glory, glory Hallelujah.  
So that's what Christmas is about.



(sung brightly - 1 John 4:14)

## PARTY POPPER TIMER - Game

Suitable for 9+ years old.

In this game, have 3 contestants come out the front and give them each a party popper. They hold the string so that they can pull it at the set time causing it to "pop".

When the leader calls "start", the contestants have to determine in their mind when 27 seconds is up. They then pull their strings and cause their party poppers to "explode". The person who pulls their string the closest to the 27 seconds is the winner.

Safety requires the leader to warn the contestants to hold the party popper away from their face or not in the direction of others.

Leader - use a stop watch or similar. Ensure no clocks are on the wall or audience doesn't use their watches to help!

Option: You can use Bon-Bons at Christmas time in place of the party poppers ... though it's not as loud!!!!

