



# Lively Stones | PETER 2:5

*Holding forth the word of life*

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## Sunday School Promotion — Junior Department

**O**ur department's theme for 2006 echoes the church's theme of "Being Built Together for His Habitation" Ephesians 2:22. The department message and theme was shared with the children on Promotion Sunday, 8 January 2006.

### **Why is this theme apt for our department?**

The word '**built**' means '**put together**' and '**habitation**' refers to '**home**' and in our context, a home fit for God to stay must be hearts washed by the blood of Christ.

### **What does this theme mean to the children and how do we achieve this objective?**

**F**irstly, we need to build firm foundation. The Sunday school would be the means for building rock solid foundation for spiritual growth, a supplement to parents' efforts in imparting sound bible knowledge. Knowing the scriptures well will enable a child find Christ and know Christ (2 Tim 3:15). After knowing Christ, the child must grow spiritually by studying and knowing the scriptures. Hence, a rock solid foundation in scriptures is a pre-requisite to spiritual growth.

**S**econdly, we need to encourage spiritual growth. We do this by teaching the scriptures. Spiritual growth will strengthen the child to stand firm against bad influences from school and Satan's world at large.

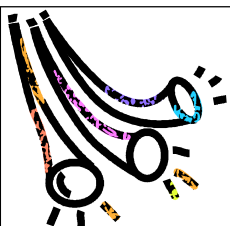
Without knowing Christ, there can be no seed of salvation. Without the seed of salvation, there cannot

possibly be spiritual growth. Hence, in each week's lesson we aim to share with the child the simplicities of the gospel, reinforcing the critical importance of knowing Christ personally and being born again.

**T**o understand our theme better, objective lessons are taught in the earlier part of this year: prayer (James 5:16) and giving practically in love (James 2:15-16). The children put knowledge into practice when they prayed, saved and pooled together a portion of their savings to give to a member of our church who is ill and whose children are in our department. Through such practical lessons, the children are taught that being in Christ, every member need to mind the things of others so that we can be effectively a close-knitted body of Christ and be built for our Master's habitation. In another instance, the children also gave a portion of their Chinese New Year Ang Pows to the Student Care Centre ministry as a lesson on sharing and contributing to the Lord's work through Life Church.

This year would be a challenging year as we rebuild new Beulah House. Our 8 existing classes will be combined to form 4 larger classes by July 2006 when the construction starts. This is to make room for other departments who are holding their classes in Beulah House to be housed in our church's main compound. It will be challenging for both teachers and students alike with the merging of classes.

In Christ,  
**Timothy Soh Eng Teck**  
Junior Department Superintendent



## Announcements

- Today is Promotion Sunday for the Junior department of the Sunday School.
- The Editorial team welcomes contribution from the congregation. Please send contributions to [kohjulia@starhub.net.sg](mailto:kohjulia@starhub.net.sg). The editorial team reserves the right to edit any articles to be published.

# Junior Department — Sharings

**2 Cor 5:17** “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold all things become new.”

Every week, when I attend Sunday School, I always learn new things about God such as God's creation. After that lesson, I realized that God could make the world in just six days. I have been in Life BP Church since I was small and I learnt that God is everlasting, He is forgiving and all-powerful. When my father contracted cancer, my heart was very down but my mother encouraged me with verses and songs. I am praying and hoping that God will heal my father again. — **Amos Tan**



P6 (mixed) posing for the camera.

*I have attended Sunday School since I was young. I have learnt about God's word and that He is so merciful to save us from our sins. I hope that I can spread the gospel to my friends and relatives that are non-believers so that they can come to know Christ as their Saviour. - **Mabelle***

*Humility, faithfulness and confidence*

**1 Cor 3:7** “So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth: but God that giveth the increase”.

I want to thank God for this privilege to be his co-labourer in his vineyard. Teaching in the Sunday School has been a very enriching experience. Week after week, we planteth and watereth, sometime wondering when the seed is going to germinate. At times, we are blessed to witness the sprouting of the first leaf from seed that others have planteth. However, we are sure of this one thing: **It is God that gives the increase.** This gives us confident to labour-on, as He alone determines the success. Our benchmark is only faithfulness in delivering the word of God (2 Tim 2:15). It also reminds us to be humble, as it is God that guarantees the outcome. Teaching the boys can sometime be a handful but often time it has also bring joy witnessing God's working in these young life.



Playful P5 boys under the watchful eyes of their teacher.

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We have been Sunday School teachers for more than 10 years - sharing a class or teaching separately. As teachers in the junior department, we work closely together. We share materials, ideas and teaching techniques and support each other in prayer. Each time we have a new class there will be an adjustment period - for the children to get to know us and for us to know each of them and include them in our daily prayers. What is most important is for us to know with as much certainty as possible that they have found salvation in the Lord. We have taught many children over the years, to memorise the Word of God, to learn from the Bible stories, play games and quizzes...but truly the joy is all ours as teachers to serve Him and tell the young ones of Him and His love for us.



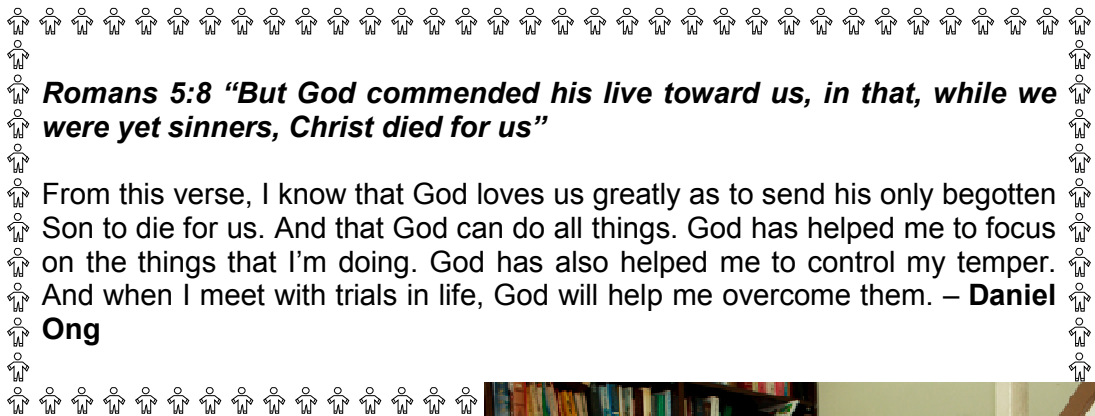
By Combined Primary 3 teachers  
**Cheong Choy Wai and  
Helen Heah**

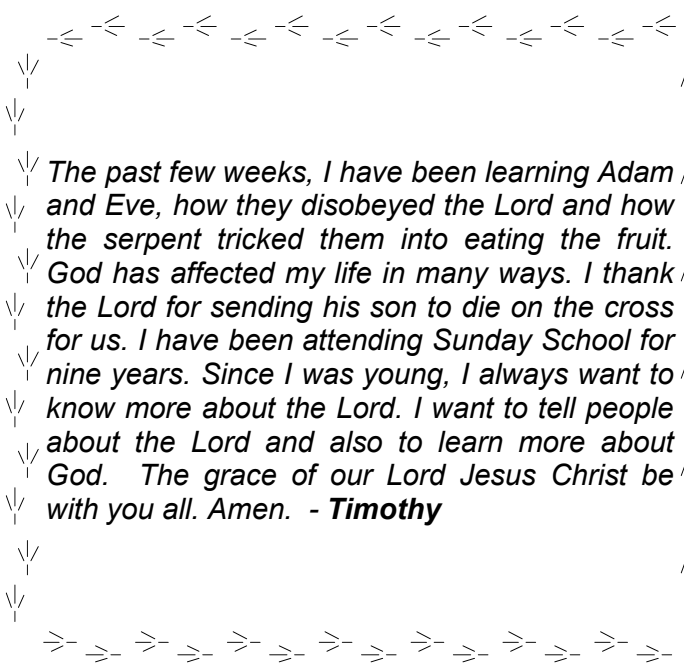
I started Sunday School at the age of four. I went to Barker Road Methodist Church then. When I reached the age of 10, I came to Life BP Church. Throughout all my days and years of being in Church, I have learnt much. **“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised and his greatness is unsearchable” (Psalm 145:3).** How true is that verse! I have served God by spreading the Gospel, especially in my school and even went to Korea. At school, I have told Paryn Koh and Leonard Wee. In Korea, I told this boy named Benjamin Wong about God. However, they are still not Christians and would not accept God, so please help me pray for them. – **Jason Chee**

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16**

*Whenever I attend Sunday School, I will always learn something new from the Bible. In the lesson of Noah's Ark, I learnt about how merciful and kind our Lord was. He gives us chances to repent and takes care of both our physical and spiritual needs. He loves every single one of us, no matter who we are as long as we trust in Him. Therefore, I am thankful that I believe in God. – **Ang Yang***

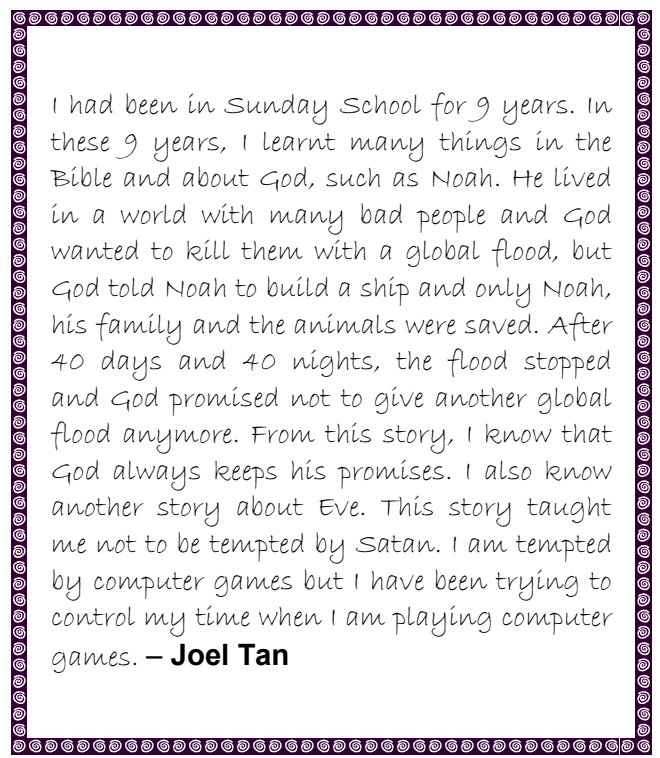
# Junior Department—Sharings


**Romans 5:8 “But God commended his live toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”**  
 From this verse, I know that God loves us greatly as to send his only begotten Son to die for us. And that God can do all things. God has helped me to focus on the things that I’m doing. God has also helped me to control my temper. And when I meet with trials in life, God will help me overcome them. – **Daniel Ong**


*The past few weeks, I have been learning Adam and Eve, how they disobeyed the Lord and how the serpent tricked them into eating the fruit. God has affected my life in many ways. I thank the Lord for sending his son to die on the cross for us. I have been attending Sunday School for nine years. Since I was young, I always want to know more about the Lord. I want to tell people about the Lord and also to learn more about God. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. - Timothy*



P4 boys—A class of their own.


 I had been in Sunday School for 9 years. In these 9 years, I learnt many things in the Bible and about God, such as Noah. He lived in a world with many bad people and God wanted to kill them with a global flood, but God told Noah to build a ship and only Noah, his family and the animals were saved. After 40 days and 40 nights, the flood stopped and God promised not to give another global flood anymore. From this story, I know that God always keeps his promises. I also know another story about Eve. This story taught me not to be tempted by Satan. I am tempted by computer games but I have been trying to control my time when I am playing computer games. – **Joel Tan**



Sweet smiles from our P4 & P5 girls.