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A young mother recently asked that question to a neighbor. She was inquiring about a good Sunday School for her child.

The first reply would be: "Don’t send the child to Sunday School!" But more of that later.

What Is Your Purpose

in sending a child to Sunday School? Perhaps that is the question to be answered first. If your purpose is to give the child advantage of the social opportunity offered by attending a Sunday School; to get to know other children and to know what they are doing in Sunday School, then the one which is most conveniently located or the largest one, will be the place to which you will send the child.

But if you wish him to become familiar with the Bible and its great teaching, then further consideration is necessary.

Wait Until He Is Old Enough to Choose

for himself, is the way some would answer the question. But to do that is to give the child a
false impression of the importance of religious education. He is sent to the public schools and gets the idea that such secular education is important. And it is. If he is not sent to a Sunday School he will get the impression just as strongly that it is not necessary. And that is definitely not true.

No One Is Truly Educated Who Is Ignorant of the Bible

a great educator has said and all thoughtful people know how true that is. Every child has a right to be trained in the principles of Christianity, thru being given a knowledge of the Bible. It is the freedom which follows in the wake of Christianity which has made our nation great. Only by keeping the light of Christianity burning, will our nation be kept strong and free.

When Shall I Start My Child?

is a question following rather naturally. Someone has said that the time to begin training a child is with his grandmother. It is too late for you to do that, but you can begin now to train the child who will one day be a grandparent. As soon as a child is old enough to play with other children; to take part in group activities; he is
old enough to be in a Bible class. “Impressions put into the first part of life, influence the whole of it.”

The wise man, Solomon, said: “Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Now that you see the value, even the imperative necessity for sending your child to Bible class, we come back to our first question:

**Where Shall I Send My Child?**

The Bible is the foundation for all true religious education. Hence the child should be sent to the place where he can get the most training in the Word of God. His training in play; in various social activities, can be had in kindergarten and other classes. In the Sunday morning Bible class the emphasis should be placed upon the Bible. If that is not done, he will never come to know the Bible and to reverence it as the Word of God.

The churches of Christ make it their aim to “train” the children in a knowledge of God’s presence in the universe, of His purpose for everyone of us and His love for all humanity, and that He has revealed Himself in the person of the Christ. It is the aim of the Lord’s church
to make all its educational work child-centered but it is also based upon the Bible. All Christendom acknowledges the Bible as God’s revelation to us of what He would have us to do. Why not send your child, then, to the place where he will receive thorough instruction in the Bible, as he is trained to practice the principles of Christianity in his association with his fellows?

The Broadway Church of Christ, at the corner of Broadway and Avenue T, in the city of Lubbock, has a group of very capable teachers; assigned to the different age groups with which they are best equipped by natural love and training to work. Good physical equipment is in all the classrooms for small children.

Don’t Send Your Child To Sunday School!

That was said somewhat facetiously near the beginning. You see the point: Don’t send him—

Bring Him!

You are invited to bring your child, or children, every one of them, and to remain for a class for people of your own age while the children are being cared for in a class, or classes, for their ages.
This is for fathers as well as mothers. We mentioned only mothers at the beginning of this, but hear Paul writing to the Christians at Ephesus:

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

Let all the family come to the Bible School every Sunday morning at 9:30. You will be welcome; you will enjoy it after you become acquainted and you will be building for eternity.

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