

# Establishing Transformational Goals for Volunteers, Teachers and Students

*"In every way make the teaching about God our Savior attractive." Titus 2:10*

- Spend time weekly in a quiet space: Listen and ask the Lord for guidance. Teach out of the freshness of your relationship with Jesus Christ. Experiencing God's love, guidance and forgiveness must be happening in your own life for you to truly communicate God's love to the students.
- Remember: Your relationship with Christ, who lives in you, is your ministry!
- Know how children learn; their age characteristics, multiple intelligences, interests, and needs.
- As you talk about the stories of God, you are modeling and showing Christ's love, guidance and forgiveness.
- Expect lives to be transformed because of the work of Holy Spirit in your own life and the life of the youth.
- If you are frustrated with someone, pray for the Lord's guidance and talk with that person as soon as possible. Ask and accept forgiveness when needed.

*Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

Establish goals for leaders. For example, leaders will:

- Depend on the Holy Spirit to work in you.
- Know the students' names and pray for them each week.
- Develop a relationship with the children and youth: programs exist to build and strengthen relationships.
- Model appropriate Christ-like behavior: your language, spiritual practices, attitude, the way you dress, respect for authority, is all seen by students.
- Share their own experiences of God's love and the stories of God's love, grace, and forgiveness from the scriptures.
- Send letters, emails, texts or phone calls with words of encouragement to the students.

Establish goals for Children and Youth. For example, pray that the students will:

- Experience God's love through relationships with other students and adults in your group!
- Attend youth meetings, Sunday school, service projects or worship.
- Give a prayer request, praises and say sentence prayers.
- Read Bible stories talk about how the stories of God can apply to their daily life.
- Bring in canned food for the food bank/families in need or another way of serving others.