

Helping Hand - Basic - Responsibility

Requirement

- A. Repeat from memory the Adventurer Pledge and Law.

THE ADVENTURER PLEDGE

Because Jesus loves me, I can always do my best.

THE ADVENTURER LAW

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Be obedient.● Be pure.● Be true.● Be kind.● Be respectful.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Be attentive.● Be helpful.● Be cheerful.● Be thoughtful.● Be reverent.
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- B. Explain the Law.

Goal of this track

To ensure that the children have the background necessary to receive maximum benefit from the Adventurer program.

Concept Included in This Component

Commitment to the common goals of the group.

Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

- Know: the meaning and purpose of the Adventurer Pledge and Law,
Feel: a sense of determination to make the Pledge and Law a part of their lives, and
Respond: by living by these principles.

Background Information

The Adventurer Law provides children with a set of simple principles to govern their choices and actions. These principles help children understand some of the ways in which a person who loves Jesus will choose to act. They are an ideal to strive for **because** we love Jesus, not in order to earn His love. Only His constant help and power can enable children (or adults) to keep the Adventurer Law.

By the time children reach the Helping Hand class, they will be thoroughly familiar with the Adventurer Pledge and Law. They should have had many opportunities to discuss and apply the law to their daily lives. They will learn to think more deeply and clearly about the law by explaining it to another person.

Be obedient is one of the few passages in the Bible directed specifically toward children (Ephesians 6:1). It is one of the first lessons that the child should be taught. (See *Child Guidance*, page 82.)

Be pure means that the children will keep their lives clean by putting into their minds and bodies only those ideas and things that are good and true and healthful.

Be true means that the children will be honest and upright in study, work, and play and will be loyal to their families and friends, to other people, and to their God.

Be kind means that the children will be considerate, gentle, and affectionate, not only to the people they like but also to every person and to all of God's creation.

Be respectful means that the children will show respect, first to the authorities whom God has placed over them and also to each person God has created in His image. Respect involves recognising the value in each person and acting courteously toward him or her.

Be attentive means that the children will pay close attention to what is happening around them, especially in reference to obeying God and to the feelings and needs of others.

Be helpful means that the children will seek opportunities to be of help at home and at school. True helpfulness is done, not reluctantly, but for the joy of pleasing another person, pleasing Jesus, and making oneself a better person.

Be cheerful means that the children will cultivate the habit of thankfulness for the things and the opportunities that they have, rather than dwelling on those things that may displease them. It means putting a smile on one's face and in one's voice in order to make others feel happy and thankful as well.

Be reverent means that the children will show the highest respect and honour to God. This includes speaking and walking quietly in church, treating their Bible gently as the best and most important of all books, and closing their eyes and sitting or kneeling quietly when praying with God.

Teaching Tips

- Review the Adventurer Law in a way that will inspire the children to understand it and strive to fulfil it.
- Each Helping Hand may choose one person such as a leader, family member, younger Adventurer or friend and explain the Law to that person.
- Repeat the Pledge and Law at every Adventurer meeting. Hang a copy of each in a prominent place where they can be referred to easily.
- Refer to the Adventurer Pledge at appropriate times during the course of other activities. Thus it will not only become a part of the children's rote memory, but also of their daily thoughts, actions and choices.

- The following Bible stories and texts can be used to amplify each of the points of the Adventurer Law:

Be obedient

Moses strikes the rock (Numbers 20:1-13)
Saul disobeys (1 Samuel 15)
Jonah (Jonah)
Ecclesiastes 12:13 - "... keep his commandments..."
Acts 5:29 - "We ought to obey God..."

Be pure

Philippians 4:8 - "... whatsoever things are pure..."
Psalm 24:3,4 - "... he that hath a pure heart..."
Matthew 5:8 - "Blessed are the pure in heart..."

Be true

Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27)
Ananias lies (Acts 5:1-11)
Ephesians 4:25 - "... speak every man truth..."

Be kind

Ephesians 4:32 - "... be ye kind one to another..."
Matthew 5:44 - "... do good to them that hate you..."
Romans 12:10 - "Be kindly affectioned one to another..."

Be respectful

David and Saul (1 Samuel 17-31)
Elisha and the bean (2 Kings 2:23-25)

Be attentive

God calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3)
Ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)
Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46)

Be helpful

Abraham and angels (Genesis 18)
Abigail (1 Samuel 25)
Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Be cheerful

Israelites grumble (Exodus 12 and 13)
2 Corinthians 9:7 - "... God loveth a cheerful giver."

Be thoughtful

Widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44)

Be reverent

Isaiah's Vision (Isaiah 6)
Moneychangers (John 2: 13-16)

Norm's Notes

The second part of this requirement is best done by the children in their own words. This will enable the teacher to know if they really do understand them. Class discussion of the meaning would help, but each child must be able to explain it for themselves.

The material here is taken from pages 14, 16 and 104 -105 of the printed manual.