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Re: *Stepping Stones* Lesson Plan Fall/Winter/Spring 2003-2004 (Sept. 7, 2003 - June 6, 2004)

Rick decided that the best way to provide you copies of the *Stepping Stones* lesson plans, schedule, and other documents was to put them on a web site. You can look at or print materials by going to bettsweb.com. **Please let me know by email that you have received this information and can access the website.** The lesson plan for *Stepping Stones*, Fall/Winter/Spring 2003-2004 is the same as last year - my first year without changes.

Last year I said that instead of copying the hymns and adding them to the lesson plans each year, I was going to place a loaner copy of the hymnal for you in the *Stepping Stones* cabinet. I then decided to continue to add copies of the hymns to the lesson plans. It requires me to assemble the lesson plan, but I think it makes the teacher's preparation easier. I do want to make teaching as easy as possible.

Thank you for getting your own substitutes. I have appreciated not being involved in finding substitutes. **Please let Lori Rose (and me) know of your changes by e-mailing her at Oakwoodpca@yahoo.com and me at beth@bettsweb.com.** She needs to keep the bulletin up-to-date, and I like to know who to pray with on Sunday mornings for *Stepping Stones*.

Three years ago, I began singing and talking about the hymns of a famous hymn writer during Sunday School. I use the same hymns with *Stepping Stones*. I am continuing this year with Charles Wesley's hymns.

I have added chapters from *Big Truths for Little Kids* to our story time. This book might be worth adding as its own section to the lesson plan next year, perhaps by dropping the hymns. This book contains catechism questions and stories. Its purpose is to teach the catechism. **Please look it over if you are not familiar with it.** I would like to continue to have evangelistic missionary stories in the story section, but I wanted to introduce this book to you.

I am still hoping for someone to use their talents to rewrite the Bible stories. **If God is calling you to this work, please let me know.**

As usual, I am in need of teachers and greeters. **If you know of any good candidates for teachers or greeters, please let me know.**

If you are willing to do a behind-the-scenes job to the glory of God, I would love to have someone take over the materials management. Our boxes are in need of some TLC. Managing the materials is not a hard job, but it is one that is desperately needed.

Thank you for volunteering.

P.S. To parents with children younger than 2nd grade:

This is my last year of involvement with *Stepping Stones*. I have been unsuccessful in rounding up any administrative helpers, so there is no one to take over the administrative care of *Stepping Stones* for next year. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please contact me soon.

Stepping Stones is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about worship. Whether or not a person steps forward to become the administrator, if each family carried some of the administrative duties of *Stepping Stones*, the load for each would be light, and *Stepping Stones* would improve.