

# TEACHER TELEGRAM

## Invisible Kids

As you prepare for ministry, keep this poem close to your heart as a reminder to connect with all the children who attend...written by a grandmother whose grandson was invisible at church.

### A Lonesome Child

*She took me into church today.  
Did you see me?  
My teacher wasn't in the sanctuary.  
Did you see me?  
No one greeted me.  
Did you see me?  
It was the same thing yesterday  
and the day before.  
Did you see me?  
When I'm on the playground,  
no one's near me.  
Did you see me?  
When I leave, no one tells me goodbye.  
Did you see me?  
She makes me come every day.  
Did you see me?  
I probably won't come Sunday.  
Will you miss me?  
When I look for Jesus, will he see me?  
A lonesome child.*

*Peggy Moore  
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## Storing Treasures

Children love to take home the treasures they create in your class. So why not give them a creative place to store these items? Let kids decorate a cardboard box (with or without a lid) in a way that represents their personality—their likes, interests, hobbies, and so on. Supply glue and decorative items such as sequins, ribbon, markers, and cutouts as well as old magazines and newspapers kids can cut up. Once kids have their box decorated, stick a label on the front panel with the child's name clearly visible.

Place the bins on shelves near the door so kids can store their items and parents can easily grab the contents at the end of class. Keep a few extra empty boxes on hand for visiting kids to decorate, too, to help them feel a sense of belonging and to encourage them to return.



## Fragrant Prayers

Use this experience to remind kids that God hears our prayers.

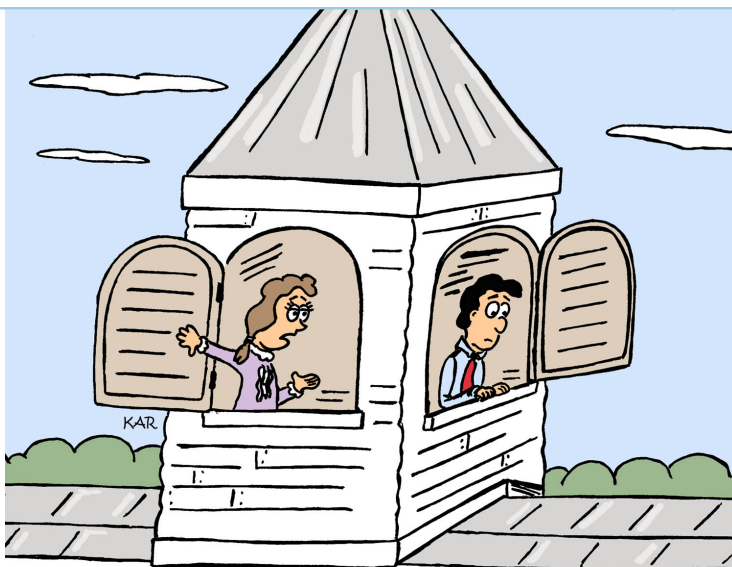
You'll need a scented spray (1 teaspoon baking soda, a few drops of essential oil, and 2 cups of hot water in a spray bottle), scratch-and-sniff stickers (available at [everythingsmells.com](http://everythingsmells.com)), and a Bible. Before kids arrive, spray the fragrance so the scent permeates the room.

Form a circle. Say: **In Old Testament times, people poured incense—or fragrance—onto hot coals. That created smoke that smelled good. As the smoke rose toward heaven, it symbolized people's prayers.**

Read aloud Exodus 30:7-9. As you read, have kids smell the fragrance in the air. Ask: **What things do you pray about? How do you know God listens to your prayers?**

Say: **God always hears us when we pray. Our prayers are like sweet-smelling incense to him.** Spray the fragrance in the center of the circle. Say: **Let's thank God for always listening to us. As we pray, imagine fragrant smoke rising up toward heaven.** Have everyone join hands and pray. Afterward give each child a scratch-and-sniff sticker as a reminder to pray every day.

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"See, I told you there was no 'Man Upstairs' in here!"

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