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Below are other words synonymous to the word “Teacher.” See if you can unscramble the letters to find the correct answers. One letter is provided to serve as your clue. If you find the task difficult, you may ask an adult to help you.

RMTOEN - _ _ _ _ T _ _ _

HACCO - _ O _ _ _ _

VRASDIE - A _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

EUDIG - _ _ _ _ _ E

ORTACUDE - _ _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ _

Did you get all the words correctly? Awesome! Now, what does our activity today have to do with teachers?

More often than not, when we hear the word “teacher” our mind automatically brings us to the four walls of a classroom. While this is also correct, the role of a teacher does not only refer to those working in schools to give us proper education. Are you surprised? We’ll find out more about that and how teachers play an important role in our Christian lives.

Read the Word

Exodus 18:17-26

17 Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him. 20 Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. 21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. 22 Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. 23 If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

After God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses served to lead the people. As the leader, one of the heavy tasks of Moses was to become judge over the different concerns that the people brought to him. His father-in-law, Jethro, witnessed how this task was a burden to Moses—just imagine attending to other people’s problems and solving it for them while teaching them about the Word of God from sunrise to sunset on a daily basis! And this task is on top of other responsibilities that Moses had as a leader!

Seeing how this situation can negatively affect Moses and the Israelites, Jethro taught his son-in-law a wise way to manage the issue. In the verses we read, Jethro laid out instructions for Moses about how to select trustworthy men, teach them the ways of God, and have them serve as judges for simple problems on Moses' behalf. This plan taught by Jethro was followed by Moses and every positive outcome that Jethro explained as an end result of doing these changes came true.

Like Moses, there will be times in our Christian lives that we will be overwhelmed with problems. Of course the Bible is there to instruct us about how to act accordingly, but have you ever encountered times when what the Bible is saying does not actually seem to make any sense at all? For example, Jesus said: "Love your enemies and do good to those who hurt you..." (Luke 6:27). Left on our own understanding, we will think that this is certainly ridiculous! Why will you love someone who hurts you?

When these confusing times come, we can always turn to teachers and mentors that can explain to us what the teachings in the Bible really mean and how we should apply them into our lives. Who are these teachers and mentors? We have our pastors, Kids church teachers, campus missionaries, and even our older family members who also believe in the teachings of Christ!



**Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old**

- Can you name someone who can teach you about the Bible?
- What is one Bible story or lesson taught by a teacher that you cannot forget?

7-12 years old

- Do you have a teacher or mentor to guide you in your Christian walk?
- How often do you meet with your teacher or mentor in order to enrich your knowledge about the Word of God?

Kid/s to Parent:

- What do you think are some of the negative impacts of not having a Christian teacher or mentor in your life?
- Is there someone that you mentor when it comes to Christian living?

As we go on our Christian walk, it is important and very helpful to have teachers and mentors guide us and walk with us. If you do not have anyone, pray and ask God to lead you to someone who will walk alongside you as you follow Christ.



Dear God,

Thank You for giving us people who have the knowledge and understanding about Your Word who serve as our teachers and mentors in the way we live our daily lives. May You grant them wisdom and may they always be sensitive to Your leading. Bless them and their families as they continue to render their lives in service to you. As a Christ-follower, teach us also to always have an open heart and mind and to remember to follow the teachings of Jesus in our words and actions. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



Do you know who is considered as the greatest teacher of the Bible? Of course, no other than Jesus Christ!

Jesus began his ministry at the age of 30. He was called "Rabbi" by his followers. "Rabbi" is the word used by the Jews to address teachers. Even though his years of doing the ministry were only short, Jesus always took the opportunity to teach people about the Word of God. And he did not do this ministry alone. He took in disciples and guided them about the Bible and how to teach these to people. In the end, Christianity spread all over the world! If you ever wonder how Christianity has reached you--it is through the lives of people who have received the Word of God and continued to pass this on to generations that come after them. Amazing, isn't it?

Now that you have the teachings of Christ in you, are you willing to be a teacher and pass them on to others who do not know about the love of God and Jesus Christ?