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Well, good morning. We'd like to welcome everyone to the Sunday School. And we'd also like to encourage the younger ones to come up to the front. And let's begin by singing a well known hymn #40 Jesus loves me. This I know, for the Bible tells me so little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong #40 Jesus loves me. Everybody is from Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes. Yes, yes. Yes, yes. I'm. I'm back and you will still make me glad ways to hold me in his arms. On every month. Yes, he's a salty. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me but I forgot me. So she wants, loves me, loves me still. When I'm buried, we can build from his shining place on time. I'm still watching me where I live. Yes, she's a sponsor. Yes, she's not lost me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me. He will stay close beside me all the way if I trust Him. Should I die, it will take me all my time. Yeah, she starts lost me. Yes, she starts lost me. Yes, Jesus wants me the final count me so. We'd like to take favorites from the children and also from those in the audience. We'll sing some songs. You can pick any song that's in the hymn sheet, one through 47, or if there's one that you remember from Sunday school, that's. Not on this hymn sheet. I think that we can, with the collective thinking and the remembrance of the people here, I think we can try and sing some of those songs like The Wise Man or Jesus Loves the Little Children, some of your favorites. So we would like to give out a song first. #38. I know.

And I'm persuaded and he is able to keep. I wish I committed. Unto him against that day I. Despair and close the men's and. Rebuilding our spirit of love when created. But I don't know, I have been in bed and that persuasion. Isn't it wonderful? We don't know how it happens. We know that the Spirit is working. But have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior? Do you know Him as your Savior? We heard a really good gospel message yesterday, didn't we? In fact, we even sang this song. Is Jesus your Savior? Or are you putting him off? He's inviting you to spend eternity with him in heaven. Let's make the right decision. Let's receive Jesus as your savior. Well, let's sing some more. We have some time to sing some more favorites. #32 and for those coming in, we'd like to encourage the young children to come up to the front row. Plenty of seats available. What was the number? 32 Let's stand for this song. What can watch away my sins? Why can't make me whole again? Nothing of the world Jesus all right shall stand up flow. God makes me whine that snow no vibrant outside now nothing must have lost the blood of Jesus. Nothing but the log of Jesus. Or my part of this, my place. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white and stone. No wonder how I'm dying of I know. Nothing but the blood. Jesus. Nothing but the world, Jesus. I'm not good that I have done nothing but the life of Jesus. Oh gracious, is that what God makes me? Like a stone? No other outside, no. There is no time now, nothing but the love Jesus. We could just walk around here. Let's sing three more songs. So we want to give people a chance to give out their favorites. What a great way to start off Sunday morning by singing some of these good old gospel songs, some of these very good Sunday school songs. Who else has a favorite they'd like to give out? How about someone beyond the 1St row is here.

Yes #5. I'll sing two more after this one. Oh Happy Day, that fixed my choice and be my savior and my God. Has there been a time in your life where you have accepted Jesus as your savior? Have you made that important decision? If not, we hope that you'll make that today before the Sunday school is over. Oh, happy day. And jealous. When Jesus was. Talking about. Him praying and every thought. Every day I'll be dead. I'll be dead when Jesus washed my sins away. The great transactions of I am my Lord and he is mine. He's really happy. To come back, I want to ride. I forget. I forget when Jesus was my sins always. When Jesus was my simple reign. When Jesus wants my sins away. It's like we have to watch and pray and will rejoice in and. I have to be there. I can be shame. Two more. Thank you, Uncle Dan. It's not in our hymn sheets, but I think we know it. Wide. Wide is the ocean, high as the heavens above. Deep, deep is the deepest sea as my Savior's love. Is that the right one? Let's sing it wide. Wide as he knows. Or his work it just me that his love graciously. That was great. Thank you. One more. 31. 41. #41. Around.

Glory, glory, glory is new God. Love, shame cannot share against life to push away their sins. Now watch him have most gracious 1 Behold and white and clean singing glory, glory, glory. You can just take your hem sheets, maybe carefully put them on the chair. Make sure that we don't have them end up on the floor. What we're going to do is we're going to pray and then we're going to get into a good Bible lesson. Let's close our mouths. Close your eyes. We're going to pray, OK? Lord Jesus, we just ask for Thy help this morning. We thank You that you loved us and that you died on the cross. For boys and girls, we just pray that if there's any boy or girl or even a teenager. Maybe even a dad or mom, a grandpa or grandma who does not know the as their own personal savior, that today they would receive the as their own personal savior. And for those of us who are saved, that there might be something this morning that would help us and encourage us and help us to live as lights in this Dark World. We pray for a message that will be just suited to the needs of each person here. And we ask this in the name and the power of the Lord Jesus, Amen. I'd just like to begin by asking some questions. And the way for you to answer it is just go ahead and raise your hand. I want to find out if there's anybody here that's in kindergarten. I see a hand. How about first grade? Go ahead and just raise your hand. I'm just going to step back here because I need to put my glasses on so I can see better. How about second grade? 2nd grade or third grade? Oh, second grader? Third grade. 4th grade. 4th, 4th grade. Oh, another one. Fifth grade. All right, the fabulous 5th grader, 6th grade. OK, our super 6th graders 7th grade. Good. 8th grade. 8th grade. High school 9101112 do they do 13 here? Not anymore. How about in college? We have some students here, any grad students? Good. We have some grad students and in the school of God we'd never graduate. We're all learning now. This morning, the next 20 minutes, I want to talk about something that I'm kind of familiar with and try and bring in a nice gospel message with that. But before I show you what it is, I want you to kind of think and guess what I might be talking about. And as soon as you know, go ahead and raise your hand. And even if you're not in the front row, you go ahead and raise your hand. I have my glasses on now so I can see. And if I can't, maybe an adult just. Draw my attention that way. I'm thinking of a book that has a lot of pictures in it and it has a lot of names in it. And it usually comes out at the end of the year. And if you go to a public school, you usually get one. I see a

hand way back there. What is that a yearbook? And I'd like to talk a little bit about a yearbook. I have seven things that I want to bring out about a yearbook because I've been working on one at school with my middle school students. And I think there's some good lessons that we can learn from my yearbook. And I'm just going to get my notes here. This is a rough draft of the yearbook that our students have been working on, and these are the pages, and we'll look at them just a little bit more in just a few minutes. But this is a book that has pictures of boys and girls, doesn't it? These are kindergartners here, first graders. Let me turn to the 4th graders. Can you see those?

This is a book that has pictures of boys and girls. See them in there? And as I'm looking at these pictures and as I hold it up, one of the first things I want to bring out, thing number one, is I'm reminded that Jesus loves boys and girls. Of all different ages, races and backgrounds. As you get your yearbooks later this year, number one, I want you to remember that that Jesus loves boys and girls. Of all different ages, these are 4th graders. These are 5th graders. I got to show the middle school ones. So you guys are probably interested in middle school. You have a middle school science teacher right over here, Miss Rusink. But these are the middle school students here. And that's the first thing I want to bring out is that Jesus loves all the boys and girls of all different ages, races and backgrounds. And I want to turn to a verse in the Bible that helps bring that out. And I'm going to have one of my the children here read that. Could we turn to Galatians chapter 2, verse 20? And as you get to your yearbook later this year, if you get one, you're going to remember this Sunday school. You're going to remember that, hey, there's things that I can learn from a yearbook. I need someone who has a nice, strong voice who'd like to read that for us. And if I can't find someone in the front row, I'll find someone, hopefully to a volunteer in the other rows. Galatians chapter 2, verse 20. Would you like to stand up and read it? Get this microphone turning. I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh. I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Thank you. Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. We'd like to just begin by saying that that every single boy and girl and adult in this room. Is loved by Lord Jesus Christ. He loves you and Brian, he quoted a verse last night. It said, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. So the first thing I want you to remember is that Jesus loves boys and girls of all different ages, races and backgrounds. And you can look in a yearbook like that and see from kindergarten through 8th grade, which is what that is. See boys and girls with different last names, all different backgrounds. Jesus loves every single one of them. And he loves every single boy and girl that's in this room. The second thing I'd like to bring out? Is that your life is being recorded. Everything you do, say and think, it is known to God. That yearbook which we have right there, we like to say, we like to capture the memories. We like to see the smiling faces of those children. We like to capture those memories of them in their classrooms. We capture the memories of the sporting events, the talent show and the different activities that they do. And we have it. In a yearbook. But did you know that everything we do and everything we think. And everything we say. God sees that. And Brian was telling us last night, we're going to have to give an account. You can fool me, you can fool your parents, but can you fool a God who knows everything? A God who sees everything? Can we fool him? No. And is it a good idea to try to fool him? He might be able to fool your parents. And I hope there's no one here, but I don't know, with the size, with the amount of people that are in here, there might be someone who's trying to fake it. Can I give you a piece of advice? If you fake it, you will not make it. If you fake it, you will not make it to heaven. Remember, just like this yearbook, everything that you're doing. These are just some of the pictures, some of hundreds and hundreds of pictures that have been taken. Have been recorded and the children at the end of the year will get this yearbook if they purchase one. But God sees everything that you've done and he knows everything that you've said and everything that you're thinking. He knows the heart. Could we have a verse for that? The answer is yes. Hebrews chapter 4, verse 13.

And I'm going to ask Reg to read it. Got a nice big voice and I enjoy hearing what he has to say. Could you read Hebrews chapter 4 verse 13? Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and open under the eyes of him with whom we have to do. God sees everything and if you fake it, you won't make it. Those cameras that were used to take pictures, they record the evidence. Are you faking it today? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior? Before we go on to #3 as an added bonus and as a reminder to you that cameras can take pictures and can record information, in this room underneath the chairs, there are 8 chairs that are marked with a piece of tape and a camera. I want you right now to stand up, look underneath your chair and see if there's a disposable camera under your chair. If there is, it is yours to keep a reminder that everything we do and say is being recorded. There are eight of them in this room, so if there's not one under your chair, please look around to see. And if there is one, you could take it off. It's yours to keep a reminder that everything we do and say is being recorded. And make sure you say thank you to my brother Steve Mack, which he's the one who bought them. There should be one in this row up here somewhere. When you have it, could you stand up so we can make sure that all eight are accounted for? Here's one. There's two. There's three. There's 456. We're missing 2. I think there might be one in this row over here, someone might want to take a look. This first row is expecting some of my boys and girls to be sitting there. Oh here. Ladies and gentlemen, I wonder when you get to heaven if everyone of us will be accounted for. And we'll see you in heaven. OK #3. All the boys and girls in that yearbook are growing and getting smarter. At the end of the year, they will either pass or fail. We had a little bit of outgrowth yesterday. I'm wondering, are you growing? Are you growing closer to the Lord? Are you growing closer to your parents and your brothers or city? Brothers or sisters? Not brothers. Oregon cities, brothers and sisters. Are you growing closer to them? Are you making your life count? One year from now, if we saw you here at the conference, if we're here next year, will we have seen some growth in your life? You know what if a boy or girl doesn't pass in school, then what's that called? It starts with an F if they don't go from one grade to the next all the way to the back. Yep, that's you failing or flunked. Failing or flunked? I wonder if there's anyone here. If we saw you next year, if we had to say, you know what, you flunked, you really didn't grow like you should have been. And for the adults, we wouldn't use the word flunk necessarily. We might use the W word. A wasted year. A year that was wasted. Are you reading your Bible each day? Are you praying? We're keeping this simple. This is a Sunday school. But a year from now, has there been growth in your life? And by the way, only someone who knows the Lord Jesus can truly grow, OK? Are you growing a little bit each year? Growth takes time. Or a year from now we would have to say that was a wasted year. You flunked. There hasn't been a change. As I look at this yearbook, could I have someone hold this up for me? Just kind of hold it. I look at the boys and girls in it. And I'm reminded of this. Every boy and every girl, and there's probably about 500 to 50 to 600 students in there. Every single boy. This is point #4 needs a savior, is a Sinner and needs a savior. You can sit down for a second. And the Bible says in Romans chapter 3, verse 23, that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And not just those boys and girls in there, boys and girls sitting in the front row, the one sitting over here, over here, and all the way in the back. When I look at a yearbook, I'm reminded of boys and girls, that they're sinners.

And that they need a savior. And I'm reminded that there are people in this room. Who need a savior? Because you have sinned. Brian brought that out last night, did such an excellent job, but the truth of God's word, you could put your finger on the verse that says all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The song's not in our hymn book and we're not done yet, but I'd like to sing it. It reinforces the point. It says Jesus loves the little children, and the second verse says Jesus died for all the children. Could we just sing that song? And then

we'll continue on with the next point. Jesus, as long as the little children of the world. So before we go on to point #5 #1 Jesus loves all the boys and girls. Regardless of their age, regardless of their race, regardless of their background point #2 your life is being recorded. Everything you do, everything you say, and everything you think. #3 all the boys and girls in that yearbook, all the boys and girls and adults in this room are growing and getting smarter. At the end of the year, Or if you will, if we're here next year and you're here, could we say that you've grown or could we say that you've flunked or it's been a wasted year? #4 all the boys and girls in that book and all the boys in this group. All the boys and girls in this room. We're all born sinners and we all need a savior #5 Second Timothy chapter 2, verse 19. Could I have someone read that verse for me? Maybe I'll stroll down this way and see if I can find someone I'd like to have participation. Two Timothy chapter 2, verse 19. Do you mind reading now? Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure. Having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his, and let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. That verse that he just read, it says these words. The Lord knoweth them that are His. I'm just going to take this yearbook apart. This is again a rough draft. And I'm just going to give out a few pages. Want you to pick out the Christians for me. Let's go ahead and look at them. I don't know. Is it the smile? Is it their clothes that they're wearing? Let's think about this for me. And I just want people to pick out the Christians in these pages. Please make sure I get these back because these are real students. But it's OK if I just walk back here for a second. Pick out the Christians. What criteria would we use to pick out back here? Could you help me pick out the Christians? We just read the verse. The Lord knoweth them that are His. There's 550 to 600 students in there. There's all kinds of boys and girls in this room. Now. You could fool me. You look so pretty. You look just like the ones in the yearbook. By that I mean dressed up and nice and smiling. And those boys and girls, they do look that way. They're dressed up nice. They're smiling. Could you pick out the Christians? How about in this room here, just looking around, you kind of look the same. Dressed up nicely, smiles on your faces. Could we pick out the Christians? But that verse just said the Lord knoweth them that are his, and he looks down through the clouds. Through the roof on this building, through those white tiles, down into where you're sitting. And he knows. Listen carefully. He knows if you are one of his own. If you fake it, you won't make it. You can fool your parents, you can fool me, you can fool other people in this room.

But the Lord knows whether you belong to Him and if you don't? It's a serious thing. That's number five. The Lord knoweth them that are His. Which ones are the Christian? Is it based on the outward appearance? No, it's based on the heart, isn't it? It's based on the heart number six. The school year yearbook reminds me that the school year will come to an end. Your life will come to an end. Mr. Rule talked about a beginning yesterday, didn't he? But the life will go on, won't it? And ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, your life will come to an end. There's a verse in Amos chapter 4, verse 12. It has 5 words without turning to it. Could someone quote those 5 words? Let's see, we have 5 minutes left. We're on track, but there are 5 words that says this. Prepare to meet thy God. The school year is going to come to an end, Lord willing, and students are probably hoping that it will sooner rather than later. And eventually your life will come to an end. I'll collect all those at the end if I could. Are you prepared to meet the Lord? Are you prepared to meet the Lord? We've already talked about the fact that we all have sinned. Can we get to heaven in our sins? I wouldn't want to go to heaven if there was all kinds of people there and their sins, people who would steal my stuff or people who would lie to me. That already happens here on earth. I've had a car stolen. Would I want to go to a place where that's all going on again? Is that going to happen in heaven? It's not going to happen in heaven. Boys and girls, let's take a close look at ourselves. Do we know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior? And are you prepared? You prepare for spelling test. I hope you do. I hope Miss Rusing students prepare for their science test. I hope that the ones in college prepare for their test. Be prepared to come to meeting. But are you prepared for what lies ahead? Because life is a lot more longer than it is here on earth. It's forever. In the last one, and it's interesting that Mister Hinesley brought up this verse yesterday. It was one I was thinking of. And when you think about it, if they're 31,000 plus verses in the Bible and two people think of the same verse, there must be a reason for it. And the seventh thing I want to bring out with the yearbook. Students at the end of the year might come up to me and say Mr. Mack, which my picture is not in the book or my name's not in the book. Is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? Your picture, Your name won't be in this book, but is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life students whose names are not in this book, chances are they missed the day that we took pictures or they missed the retake day. Or they came after after the pictures were taken. But is there going to be someone who's missing in heaven? Because they missed out on the opportunity to receive Jesus. As their savior, if your name is not in the Lamb's book of life. Let's just read it. I want you to be able to put a finger on that verse because it's true. It's a very solemn verse, but we wouldn't want anyone. To leave not knowing the truth and not knowing the consequences of what happens when you reject the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. Revelation chapter 20 verse 15. Could I have someone read that? Would you mind reading it? Revelation chapter 20, verse 15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, we don't want that to happen to anybody. But that's the truth. And we would not be telling you the whole entire truth if we were to admit that part. We started off by saying that Jesus loves boys and girls of all different ages, races and backgrounds that we've talked about, that all have sinned. We talked about how Jesus died for sinners. We even sang the song Jesus died for all the children of the world. And he has a book. It's not a yearbook, but he has everything before him of all that you said and done and thought. And if your sins have not been washed away by the blood of Jesus, if your name is not in that book.

You will end up, and it's so sad to say but true, in the lake of fire. Does anyone want to go there? I hope not. I hope that you will receive Jesus as your Savior. That you will put your faith and trust in Him. And when you do, the good news is your name is in that book. And when you die or when the Lord Jesus comes, you will be in heaven. I hope. I'm not 100% sure because I do not know. And with a group this large, I would doubt that everyone's a Christian. I hope that every single person that's here this morning. We will see in heaven. That there will not be one person missing. And if there is, it's your own fault. You cannot say Jesus didn't love me. Jesus did not make a way for me. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We're going to close with a song and a prayer. Excuse if anyone has any. Excuse me. If anyone has any questions, would like to talk more about it, I'd be happy to talk with you. I'd love to see you receive Jesus Christ as your savior. Will you be in heaven is your name. In the book I'm Sorry before We. Before we sing the song, let's just quickly review #1 Jesus loves all the boys and girls of different ages, races and backgrounds #2 Your life is being recorded. Everything you do, say and think #3 Looking at that yearbook, I'm reminded that all the boys and girls. Growing smarter each year. A year from now have you grown or have you flunked? Has it been a wasted year #4 Looking at the book I'm reminded that every boy and girl is a Sinner and needs a savior. And looking at this room I'm reminded of the exact same thing #5 The Lord knoweth them that are his. You can't pick him out and I can't pick it out to who are the Christians? But the Lord can and he can pick you out and he knows. Who in this room is real and if you fake it you will not make it #6? The school year is going to come to an end, Lord willing, and your life will eventually too. Prepare to meet thy God and #7 Is your name in the book? Our students names are in that book. There's going to probably be some missing. Is your name in the Lamb's Book of life or is it missing? The song I wanted to sing is We know there's a bright and a glorious home. Away in the heavens high where all the redeemed shall it's Jesus dwell. Here's the question. But will you be there? I'm going to be there. I think your father and mother, your grandpa and grandma are going to be there. I hope they will

be. Hope they're not faking it, but will you be there? Let's just sing verse one. And four, could we do that and could we stand verse one and four of #24? If you take all things make I know good heartedness once and thy when he gathers his Lord and that bright cold. When you'll be there and I. Why will you be there?

At all. Shall we close with prayer? Lord Jesus, it is our prayer that not one person in this room, not a single boy or girl or teenager or dad or mom or grandpa and grandma will be missing in heaven. We pray that if their name is not in my book, that this morning they would receive Thee as their own personal Savior. And for those of us who know Thee is our own personal Savior, we pray that there might be growth in our lives. And that we would not flunk, that we would not have wasted lives, but live them for thee, and be lights in this Dark World. We ask this in the name and the power of the Lord Jesus, Amen. After the announcements. Thank you. If you could just pass the hem sheets to the center aisles that would be a help for collecting them. Thank you.

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