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Make Good Use of Magazines

¹ When you visit a newsstand, you see a staggering array of magazines that feature everything from comics to scientific technology. You could never read them all. While some magazines have useful information, most are of questionable value. Many are degraded and have to be avoided.

² What a contrast when compared with *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* These magazines are dedicated to searching out and proclaiming the truth that can be used for the salvation of all who respond to God's love.

³ *Awake!* can effectively reach all sorts of people because of its wide scope and variety of articles. As explained on page 4 of each issue, it "is for the enlightenment of the entire family." It features articles on a variety of subjects, which include people, religion, and science. It probes beneath the surface and points to the real meaning

behind current events. Above all, it "builds confidence in the Creator's promise of a peaceful and secure new world."

⁴ The October 8 issue of *Awake!* features the topic "You Can Overcome Negative Emotions." Countless lives have been shattered by such emotions. Presenting this magazine by focusing on its soothing Bible counsel may strike a responsive chord. As for the October 22 issue, we should be able to get a listening ear by calling attention to comforting points in the series "A New World That Satisfies All."

⁵ *The Watchtower* has established itself as a world-renowned advocate of the good news about God's Kingdom and the Paradise blessings it will bring. The October 1 issue will answer the probing question "Does Mankind Really Need a Messiah?" This will give us a fine opportunity to talk about our

Kingdom hope. Information on "Family Life Today—Meeting the Challenge," featured in the October 15 issue, will help us start conversations with family members who yearn for relief from life's many pressures.

⁶ We want sincerely interested ones to receive these valuable journals on a regular basis. When discussing the many benefits of the magazines, try to determine whether the person is genuinely interested. When initial interest is found, you may decide to deliver a few issues personally as part of your magazine route and in this way cultivate the interest. When you are convinced that the person is genuinely interested, offer to have the magazines delivered through the mail as a subscription. If the person agrees, a six-month subscription may be entered.

⁷ We can recommend our journals to one and all, since we are convinced of their value. We have something good, and it is Christlike to share it with others.—Prov. 3:27; Heb. 13:16.

Help Children Serve Jehovah From the Heart

¹ Solomon declared that "sons are an inheritance from Jehovah." (Ps. 127:3-5) They are, indeed, an inheritance of inestimable value. Parents have a God-given responsibility to teach, train, and discipline their children. This includes training in the ministry, encouraging the children to speak from the heart about Jehovah and the Kingdom.—Eph. 6:4.

² At what age should parents begin this training? The Bible's answer is clear: It should be from infancy. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15) The earlier the training starts, the greater the likelihood the children will develop a solid foundation in the truth and make the ministry their vocation. This early training will also serve to protect them from worldly thinking and attitudes.

³ Many preschoolers have shown considerable aptitude for mastering complicated skills. This potential for learning at an early age should be directed toward training them in skills that bring Jehovah's approval. (w88 8/1 p. 15; w89 12/1 p. 31) Many of tender years have progressed to the point of becoming unbaptized publishers. Some chil-

dren make a dedication and are baptized prior to entering their teens. This has opened the way for them to serve as auxiliary pioneers and even regular pioneers before finishing their schooling. To achieve these goals, they need to be taught to converse with people on a variety of Bible subjects.

⁴ Some adults who are inclined to view today's youth in general as brash and disrespectful may have little interest in conversing with a young person who calls at the door. What might a young publisher say at the door to overcome such a barrier and hold the attention of the adult householder? One young publisher used something like this: "Good morning, my name is _____. I am calling on my neighbors today because many are concerned about the future. As an adult, you are surely much more experienced in matters of life than I am. However, here is a scripture that is comforting to all of us." After reading Revelation 21:3, 4, the conversation could focus on the tract *Life in a Peaceful New World*.

⁵ Another suggestion is: "Hello, my name is _____. I am making brief visits in

the neighborhood because I know many adults are concerned about the direction young people seem to be taking today. Sometimes young people display a disrespectful, even rebellious attitude. But I am sharing a scripture that shows how someday everyone will learn to live together in peace." Then read Psalm 37:11 and comment appropriately. When adult householders hear such sincere expressions by our young publishers, surely many of them will be favorably impressed.

⁶ Thousands of young publishers continue to make a fine contribution to the Kingdom-preaching and disciplining work. They are to be warmly commended. Youths trained from infancy by godly parents readily respond to sincere encouragement to work toward having a fuller share in all features of the ministry. Those in school have the unique opportunity of witnessing to fellow students and teachers alike. Many have enjoyed gratifying experiences witnessing in this special territory.

⁷ So help the young publishers in your congregation take advantage of the opportunity to serve Jehovah with youthful vigor, praising him from the heart.—Eccl. 12:1.

SERVICE MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

Week Starting October 5

Song 92

10 min: Local announcements, selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*, and highlights from Theocratic News. Review outstanding articles from current magazines; have one or two brief demonstrations to show how they can be offered after first using a Scriptural discussion. Encourage all to take advantage of mild weather during October to enlarge their share in field service.

15 min: "Make Good Use of Magazines." Questions and answers. Stress need to make sure there is genuine interest before offering a subscription. When discussing paragraph 6, give suggestions on how to start a magazine route: Use simple, direct approach; keep a good house-to-house record; stimulate interest in future issues by mentioning upcoming articles; raise questions that are answered by articles; be sure to return every two weeks.—7/84 km p. 4.

20 min: Conducting the Congregation Book Study in the *Greatest Man* book. Congregation Book Study conductor uses a group of four or five publishers to demonstrate to congregation how the study is to be conducted. This demonstration should be well rehearsed and conducted according to the instructions outlined in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for September. Use chapter 11 of the *Greatest Man* book. Demonstrate how longer scripture citations may be divided so as to allow for more than one reader or to highlight key portions when time does not allow for reading the entire passage. Conductor may intersperse brief comments to audience to point out method being used. Each one in audience should be following along with own copy of book.

Song 63 and concluding prayer.

Week Starting October 12

Song 77

10 min: Local announcements. Read monthly accounts report; give commendation based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7. Invite prepared publishers to relate outstanding experiences in offering magazines and subscriptions during October.

15 min: "Develop a Motivating Introduction." Give a talk discussing how to prepare presentations using the featured articles in the October magazines. Arrange for two or three capable publishers to demonstrate the suggested presentations; include one presentation by a younger publisher.

20 min: "Show Concern for Interested Ones." Discuss with audience. When considering paragraph 2, relate selected points from the July 1, 1981, *Watchtower*, pages 4-6, expressing how we can imitate Jesus in showing concern for others. Include comments on how to fill out the house-to-house record and how it should be used to follow up interest. Briefly demonstrate one of the suggestions. After having a capable publisher demonstrate suggested method, invite audience to comment on reasons why it may be an effective way of starting studies in local territory.

Song 88 and concluding prayer.

Week Starting October 19

Song 164

5 min: Local announcements. Briefly explain how to fill out the subscription blanks, and identify the brother(s) assigned to accept subscriptions.

20 min: "Help Children Serve Jehovah From the Heart." Discussion with audience. Emphasize need for parents to fulfill their responsibility to set the example and train their children personally in the ministry. Invite one or two

parents to relate what they have done that has gotten good results. Have a parent demonstrate how he or she helped a child prepare a Bible discussion for use in house-to-house ministry. Conclude by having a young person demonstrate one of the suggested discussions.

10 min: Question Box. Discuss with audience. Stress why it is important for children to have a reputation for good conduct and a sincere desire to share in the field ministry in order to qualify as unbaptized publishers.

10 min: Expressions From Younger Publishers. Invite some prepared youngsters to explain how they qualified to be unbaptized publishers and why they enjoy field service and want to have a greater share. Those interviewed should give their own positive expressions and not be repeating words they have been asked to recite.

Song 221 and concluding prayer.

Week Starting October 26

Song 46

5 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to think about the possibility of auxiliary pioneering during November or December when holiday periods usually make extra time available.

15 min: Talk on "Bible," based on *Reasoning* book, pages 58-64. Highlight the benefit that we derive personally by applying Bible principles in our lives.

15 min: Featuring the *New World Translation* and *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* during November. Talk and demonstration. Review highlights of material on "New World Translation" in the *Reasoning* book, pages 276-9. Then demonstrate how the second suggestion on page 10 of the *Reasoning* book could be used in talking with a householder.

10 min: "Light Bearers in the Neighborhood." Highlight ways new releases may be used in local territory.

Song 111 and concluding prayer.

CONGREGATION BOOK STUDY

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*

	From:	To:
October 5:	p. 316, ¶ 6	p. 319, ¶ 19

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived*.

October 12:	Introduction
October 19:	Chapters 1-3
October 26:	Chapters 4-6

THEOCRATIC NEWS

Guadeloupe: New peaks of 6,830 publishers and 9,302 Bible studies were reported in May. There were four circuit assemblies held with a combined attendance of 12,407, and 123 were baptized.

Romania: In April there was a new peak of 23,938 publishers, a 17-percent increase over last year's average, and they had an outstanding Memorial attendance of 66,395.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

Number of:		Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	170	119.3	60.6	48.8	5.2
Pios.	64,143	69.6	25.4	22.7	2.6
Aux. Pios.	32,982	59.6	19.2	13.3	1.2
Pubs.	773,434	10.4	5.3	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	870,729			Baptized:	9,212

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1993 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: *The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" (1990 Edition) [si], *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* [sg], *The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived* [gt], *Reasoning From the Scriptures* [rs], and "Bible Topics for Discussion" as found in the *New World Translation* [td] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song, prayer, and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or by a qualified ministerial servant. This talk will be based on "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" or the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*. This assignment should be delivered as a 10- to 12-minute instruction talk with a 3- to 5-minute oral review following, using the printed questions in the publication. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. Where needed, a theme should be selected. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. Private counsel may be given if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or by a ministerial servant assigned by the school overseer. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a 30- to 60-second overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. All the assigned verses should actually be read *without* a break.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters. The subjects for this talk will be based on the book *The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived*. The student assigned should be able to read. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. It is preferred that settings involve field service or informal witnessing. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should use the theme shown.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown.

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When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I," or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows *after* the giving of necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and any other brief remarks after each student talk. If the Bible highlights presentation left something to be desired, private counsel may be given.

PREPARING TALKS: Brothers giving Assignment No. 1 should select a theme where needed. Students assigned the second talk should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the third and fourth talks should use the theme shown. Prior to giving the talk, students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime, nor should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks No. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The one assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so promptly. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 and Bible highlights go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically, a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will consider with the audience the answers to the review questions and concentrate on the more difficult ones, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be given a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, unbaptized persons whose lives conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

**td* - "Bible Topics for Discussion" as found in the *New World Translation*

Jan. 4 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 25 to 27

Song No. 62

No. 1: *sg* pp. 84-8 pars. 1-9

No. 2: 1 Samuel 26:7-25

No. 3: A Lesson in Mercy (*gt* chap. 40)

No. 4: What Is the Rapture, and What Does "Caught Up" to Be With the Lord Really Mean? (*rs* p. 312 par. 1)

Jan. 11 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 28 to 31

Song No. 59

No. 1: 1 Samuel—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 57-8 pars. 27-35)

No. 2: 1 Samuel 30:7-25

No. 3: Jesus Is a Center of Controversy (*gt* chap. 41)

No. 4: **td* 1A Why Not Worship One's Ancestors?

Jan. 18 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 1 to 4

Song No. 43

No. 1: Introduction to 2 Samuel (*si* p. 59 pars. 1-5)

No. 2: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 17-27

No. 3: Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees (*gt* chap. 42)

No. 4: Who Are the Ones 'Caught Up in the Clouds' to Be With the Lord? (*rs* p. 312 par. 2)

Jan. 25 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 5 to 8

Song No. 42

No. 1: *sg* pp. 88-90 pars. 10-15

No. 2: 2 Samuel 6:1-19

No. 3: Five Illustrations While Aboard a Boat (*gt* chap. 43 pars. 1-8)

No. 4: **td* 1B Why Humans May Be Honored but Only God Worshiped

Feb. 1 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 9 to 12

Song No. 40

No. 1: *sg* pp. 90-2 pars. 1-7

No. 2: 2 Samuel 10:1-14

No. 3: How the Disciples Benefit From Jesus' Teachings (*gt* chap. 43 pars. 9-19)

No. 4: When the Lord 'Descends From Heaven,' He Will Not Appear Visibly (*rs* p. 313 pars. 1, 2)

Feb. 8 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 13 to 15

Song No. 91

No. 1: *sg* pp. 92-5 pars. 8-18

No. 2: 2 Samuel 15:1-17

No. 3: Jesus Blesses His Disciples With More Instruction (*gt* chap. 43 pars. 20-31)

No. 4: **td* 2A How Will Wickedness Be Ended?

Feb. 15 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 16 to 18

Song No. 38

No. 1: *sg* pp. 96-9 pars. 1-10

No. 2: 2 Samuel 18:1-17

No. 3: Jesus Silences a Terrifying Storm (*gt* chap. 44)

No. 4: In What Sense Will Humans "See" the Lord "Coming in a Cloud"? (*rs* p. 313 par. 3)

Feb. 22 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 19 to 21

Song No. 29

No. 1: *sg* pp. 100-102 pars. 1-12

No. 2: 2 Samuel 19:1-14

No. 3: A Demon-Possessed Man Becomes a Disciple (*gt* chap. 45)

No. 4: **td* 2B Why Will Armageddon Be an Act of Love on God's Part?

Mar. 1 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 22 to 24

Song No. 82

No. 1: 2 Samuel—Why Beneficial (*si* p. 63 pars. 28-31)

No. 2: 2 Samuel 22:1-4, 24-36

No. 3: She Touched His Garment (*gt* chap. 46)

No. 4: Why Christians Cannot Be Taken to Heaven With Their Physical Bodies (*rs* p. 314 pars. 1, 2)

Mar. 8 Bible reading: 1 Kings 1 and 2

Song No. 85

No. 1: Introduction to 1 Kings (*si* pp. 64-5 pars. 1-5)

No. 2: 1 Kings 1:32-48

No. 3: Tears Turned to Great Ecstasy (*gt* chap. 47)

No. 4: **td* 3A Baptism Is a Christian Requirement

Mar. 15 Bible reading: 1 Kings 3 to 6

Song No. 25

No. 1: *sg* pp. 103-8 pars. 13-21

No. 2: 1 Kings 3:10-28

No. 3: Despite His Miracles, Jesus Is Rejected (*gt* chap. 48)

No. 4: Will Faithful Christians Go to Heaven Secretly, Disappearing From Earth Without Dying? (*rs* p. 314 pars. 3, 4)

Mar. 22 Bible reading: 1 Kings 7 and 8

Song No. 107

No. 1: *sg* pp. 108-12 pars. 1-20

No. 2: 1 Kings 8:54-66

No. 3: A Third Preaching Tour of Galilee (*gt* chap. 49)

No. 4: **td* 3B Baptism Does Not Wash Sins Away

Mar. 29 Bible reading: 1 Kings 9 to 11

Song No. 174

No. 1: *sg* pp. 113-16 pars. 1-16

No. 2: 1 Kings 10:1-13

No. 3: Preparing His Disciples to Face Opposition (*gt* chap. 50)

No. 4: Will All Faithful Christians Be Taken Miraculously From Earth Before the Great Tribulation? (*rs* p. 315 pars. 1, 2)

Apr. 5 Bible reading: 1 Kings 12 to 14

Song No. 170

No. 1: *sg* pp. 116-18 pars. 1-12

No. 2: 1 Kings 12:1-15

No. 3: Murder During a Birthday Party (*gt* chap. 51)

No. 4: **td* 4A Is the Bible Really Inspired?

Apr. 12 Bible reading: 1 Kings 15 to 17

Song No. 6

No. 1: *sg* pp. 119-21 pars. 13-28

No. 2: 1 Kings 17:1-16

No. 3: Jesus Miraculously Feeds Thousands (*gt* chap. 52)

No. 4: How Will Christians Be Protected During the Great Tribulation? (*rs* p. 315 pars. 3, 4)

Apr. 19 Bible reading: 1 Kings 18 to 20

Song No. 175

No. 1: *sg* pp. 122-5 pars. 1-21

No. 2: 1 Kings 18:25-40

No. 3: When Jesus Walks on Water (*gt* chap. 53)

No. 4: **td* 4B Why the Bible Is a Practical Guide for Our Day

Apr. 26 Written Review. Complete 1 Samuel 25 to 1 Kings 20

Song No. 8

May 3 Bible reading: 1 Kings 21 and 22

Song No. 150

No. 1: 1 Kings—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 68-9 pars. 23-26)

No. 2: 1 Kings 21:15-29

No. 3: Bread From Heaven—A Gift From Whom? (*gt* chap. 54)

No. 4: Why Are Some Christians Taken to Heaven, and Will They Return to Live Forever on Earth? (*rs* p. 316 pars. 5-8)

May 10 Bible reading: 2 Kings 1 to 3

Song No. 50

No. 1: Introduction to 2 Kings (*si* p. 69 pars. 1-4)

No. 2: 2 Kings 2:1-14

No. 3: Why Many Quit Following Jesus (*gt* chap. 55)

No. 4: **td* 4C For Whom Was the Bible Written?

May 17 Bible reading: 2 Kings 4 to 6

Song No. 132

No. 1: *sg* pp. 126-9 pars. 1-22

No. 2: 2 Kings 5:1-14

No. 3: What Defiles a Man? (*gt* chap. 56)

No. 4: The Teaching of Reincarnation Is Not Supported by the Bible (*rs* p. 317 par. 3 to p. 319 par. 3)

May 24 Bible reading: 2 Kings 7 to 9

Song No. 18

No. 1: *sg* pp. 130-3 pars. 1-20

No. 2: 2 Kings 9:1-14

No. 3: Jesus' Compassion for the Afflicted (*gt* chap. 57)

No. 4: **td* 5A Transfusions Violate the Sacredness of Blood

May 31 Bible reading: 2 Kings 10 to 12

Song No. 119

No. 1: *sg* pp. 133-5 pars. 1-8

No. 2: 2 Kings 10:15-30

No. 3: Jesus Corrects a Misunderstanding (*gt* chap. 58)

No. 4: The Bible's Teaching About the Soul and Death Does Not Allow for Reincarnation (*rs* p. 319 par. 4 to p. 320 par. 2)

June 7 Bible reading: 2 Kings 13 to 15

Song No. 168

No. 1: *sg* pp. 135-8 pars. 9-21

No. 2: 2 Kings 13:14-25

No. 3: Who Really Is Jesus? (*gt* chap. 59)

No. 4: **td* 5B Is One's Life to Be Saved at All Costs?

June 14 Bible reading: 2 Kings 16 to 18

Song No. 181

No. 1: *sg* pp. 138-41 pars. 1-19

No. 2: 2 Kings 17:1-15

No. 3: A Preview of Christ's Kingdom Glory (*gt* chap. 60)

No. 4: What Differences Are There Between Reincarnation and the Hope Held Out in the Bible? (*rs* p. 320 pars. 3, 4)

June 21 Bible reading: 2 Kings 19 to 22

Song No. 144

No. 1: *sg* pp. 142-5 pars. 1-15

No. 2: 2 Kings 19:14-28, 35

No. 3: The Power of Faith (*gt* chap. 61)

No. 4: **td* 6A How Do We Know the Gentile Times Ended in 1914?

June 28 Bible reading: 2 Kings 23 to 25

Song No. 213

No. 1: 2 Kings—Why Beneficial (*si* p. 74 pars. 33-36)

No. 2: 2 Kings 23:1-15

No. 3: A Lesson in Humility (*gt* chap. 62)

No. 4: Why Are There So Many Religions, and Who Is Their Instigator? (*rs* p. 322 pars. 1-3)

July 5 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 1 to 3

Song No. 105

No. 1: Introduction to 1 Chronicles (*si* pp. 75-6 pars. 1-7)

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 3:1-16

No. 3: Guard Against Stumbling Others (*gt* chap. 63)

No. 4: **td* 7A What Is the True Church and Its Foundation?

July 12 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 4 to 6

Song No. 110

No. 1: *sg* pp. 145-8 pars. 16-34

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 5:1-17

No. 3: A Lesson in Forgiveness (*gt* chap. 64)

No. 4: Why Not All Religions Are Acceptable to God (*rs* p. 322 par. 4 to p. 323 par. 5)

July 19 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 7 to 10

Song No. 151

No. 1: *sg* pp. 149-50 pars. 1-8

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 7:1-12

No. 3: A Secret Trip to Jerusalem (*gt* chap. 65)

No. 4: **td* 7B Is Peter the "Rock-Mass"?

July 26 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 11 to 14

Song No. 155

No. 1: *sg* pp. 150-3 pars. 9-21

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 13:1-14

No. 3: Danger at the Festival of Tabernacles (*gt* chap. 66)

No. 4: When It Is Proper to Leave the Religion of One's Parents (*rs* p. 324 pars. 1-3)

Aug. 2 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 15 to 18

Song No. 156

No. 1: *sg* pp. 153-6 pars. 1-14

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

No. 3: Why Officers Fail to Arrest Jesus (*gt* chap. 67)

No. 4: **td* 8A Does True Science Agree With the Bible?

Aug. 9 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 19 to 22

Song No. 2

No. 1: *sg* pp. 156-8 pars. 15-24

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 22:6-19

No. 3: Jesus' Divine Origin and His Future in Heaven (*gt* chap. 68 pars. 1-11)

No. 4: The Bible's Viewpoint as to Interfaith (*rs* p. 325 par. 1 to p. 326 par. 1)

Aug. 16 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 23 to 26

Song No. 121

No. 1: *sg* pp. 158-60 pars. 1-9

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 23:1-5, 24-32

No. 3: The Truth That Sets People Free (*gt* chap. 68 pars. 12-16)

No. 4: **td* 8B Is a Creative Day 24 Hours Long?

Aug. 23 Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 27 to 29

Song No. 88

No. 1: 1 Chronicles—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 78-9 pars. 22-25)

No. 2: 1 Chronicles 27:23-34

No. 3: The Question of Fatherhood (*gt* chap. 69)

No. 4: Why the True Religion Must Be Organized (*rs* p. 326 par. 2 to p. 327 par. 2)

Aug. 30 Written Review. Complete 1 Kings 21 to 1 Chronicles 29

Song No. 217

Sept. 6 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 1 to 5

Song No. 191

No. 1: Introduction to 2 Chronicles (*si* pp. 79-80 pars. 1-6)

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 5:1-14

No. 3: Healing a Man Born Blind (*gt* chap. 70)

No. 4: **td* 9A Why Was Jesus Hanged on a Stake?

Sept. 13 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 6 to 8

Song No. 47

No. 1: *sg* pp. 160-3 pars. 10-24

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 7:1-16

No. 3: A Beggar Confounds the Pharisees (*gt* chap. 71)

No. 4: Why More Is Needed Than Loving One's Fellowman (*rs* p. 327 par. 4)

Sept. 20 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 9 to 12

Song No. 201

No. 1: *sg* pp. 163-5 pars. 1-9

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 9:1-14

No. 3: Jesus Sends Out the 70 (*gt* chap. 72)

No. 4: **td* 9B Should Christians Worship the Cross?

Sept. 27 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 13 to 17

Song No. 202

No. 1: *sg* pp. 165-7 pars. 10-21

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 13:8-22

No. 3: Who Really Is Our Neighbor? (*gt* chap. 73)

No. 4: Why More Is Needed Than a Personal Relationship With God (*rs* p. 327 par. 5 to p. 328 par. 1)

Oct. 4 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 18 to 21

Song No. 172

No. 1: *sg* pp. 168-70 pars. 1-14

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 19:1-11

No. 3: Jesus' Counsel to Martha (*gt* chap. 74 pars. 1-5)

No. 4: **td* 10A Why Does Man Die?

Oct. 11 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 22 to 25

Song No. 161

No. 1: *sg* pp. 170-1 pars. 15-22

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 23:1-15

No. 3: The Need to Persevere in Prayer (*gt* chap. 74 pars. 6-9)

No. 4: Why Just Reading the Bible Is Not Sufficient (*rs* p. 328 pars. 2, 3)

Oct. 18 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 26 to 28

Song No. 222

No. 1: *sg* pp. 172-5 pars. 1-13

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 26:11-23

No. 3: The Proper Response to Jesus' Miracles (*gt* chap. 75)

No. 4: **td* 10B What Is the Condition of the Dead?

Oct. 25 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 29 and 30

Song No. 34

No. 1: *sg* pp. 175-7 pars. 1-14

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 30:1-12

No. 3: Jesus Exposes the Pharisees and Lawyers (*gt* chap. 76)

No. 4: The Right Religion Is Bible-Based and Makes Known God's Name (*rs* p. 328 pars. 4, 5)

Nov. 1 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 31 to 33

Song No. 215

No. 1: *sg* pp. 177-80 pars. 15-29

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 32:10-22

No. 3: Jesus Handles the Question of Inheritance (*gt* chap. 77)

No. 4: **td* 10C Is It Possible to Talk With the Dead?

Nov. 8 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 34 to 36

Song No. 211

No. 1: 2 Chronicles—Why Beneficial (*si* p. 84 pars. 34-36)

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 34:22-33

No. 3: Jesus Urges His Disciples to Keep Ready for His Return (*gt* chap. 78)

No. 4: The Right Religion Demonstrates True Faith in Jesus Christ (*rs* p. 329 par. 1)

Nov. 15 Bible reading: Ezra 1 to 3

Song No. 195

No. 1: Introduction to Ezra (*si* p. 85 pars. 1-7)

No. 2: Ezra 3:1-13

No. 3: A Nation Lost, but Not All (*gt* chap. 79 pars. 1-5)

No. 4: **td* 11A Who Is the Devil?

Nov. 22 Bible reading: Ezra 4 to 7

Song No. 177

No. 1: *sg* pp. 181-3 pars. 1-14

No. 2: Ezra 6:1-13

No. 3: Refuting Those Who Protest Healing on the Sabbath (*gt* chap. 79 pars. 6-9)

No. 4: The True Religion Is Not Formalistic but Is a Way of Life (*rs* p. 329 par. 2)

Nov. 29 Bible reading: Ezra 8 to 10

Song No. 148

No. 1: Ezra—Why Beneficial (*si* p. 87 pars. 14-18)

No. 2: Ezra 9:1-9, 15

No. 3: The Sheepfolds and the Fine Shepherd (*gt* chap. 80)

No. 4: **td* 11B Who Is the Ruler of the World?

Dec. 6 Bible reading: Nehemiah 1 to 3

Song No. 53

No. 1: Introduction to Nehemiah (*si* p. 88 pars. 1-5)

No. 2: Nehemiah 3:1-14

No. 3: Why They Try to Kill Jesus (*gt* chap. 81)

No. 4: Members of the Right Religion Love One Another and Keep Separate From the World (*rs* p. 329 pars. 3, 4)

Dec. 13 Bible reading: Nehemiah 4 to 6

Song No. 143

No. 1: *sg* pp. 184-7 pars. 15-34

No. 2: Nehemiah 6:1-13

No. 3: Who Will Not Be Saved? (*gt* chap. 82 pars. 1-6)

No. 4: **td* 11C From Where Did the Demons Originate?

Dec. 20 Bible reading: Nehemiah 7 and 8

Song No. 123

No. 1: *sg* pp. 188-91 pars. 1-13

No. 2: Nehemiah 8:1-12

No. 3: Activities En Route to Jerusalem (*gt* chap. 82 pars. 7-11)

No. 4: All Members of the Right Religion Are Active Witnesses (*rs* p. 330 par. 1)

Dec. 27 Written Review. Complete 2 Chronicles 1 to Nehemiah 8

Song No. 111

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Literature offer for **October**: Subscriptions for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or for both magazines. When genuine interest is found, subscriptions may be obtained for one year or six months. **November**: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* with the book *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* **December**: *The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived*. **January**: Any 192-page book published in 1983 or earlier. If the congregation has no stock of such books to be offered, the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* should be offered and may be requested from Brooklyn. **February**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. NOTE: Congregations that have not yet requested the above-mentioned campaign items should do so on their next monthly Literature Request Form (S(d)-14).

■ Congregations should begin requesting *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1993* with their October literature request. The booklets will be available in Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Until these booklets are available and shipments are made, they will appear as "Pending" on congregation packing lists. *Examining the Scriptures* booklets are special-request items.

■ A semimonthly edition of *The Watchtower* in Indonesian and monthly editions of *Awake!* in Ewe and Indonesian are now available. Subscriptions for these magazines are being accepted.

■ New Publications Available:

Chinese: *Does God Really Care About Us?*; *Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19). **Czech**: *United in Worship of the Only True God*. **Polish**: *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* **Portuguese**: *Does God Really Care About Us?*; *Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19). **Punjabi**: *Does God Really Care About Us?* **Russian**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* (Large size); *Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19). **Samal**: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* **Serbian**: *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*. **Sinhalese**: *Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19).

Light Bearers in the Neighborhood

¹ After attending this year's district convention, we are more keenly aware of the need to be light bearers to our neighbors. (Matt. 5:14) As we reflect on all the information presented on the program and strive to apply it in our daily lives, we are helped to draw closer to Jehovah in true worship and to help others learn about Jehovah's promises.

² Our opportunities to bear light were increased when, at the close of the Friday morning session, the new tract entitled *Will This World Survive?* was released. The demonstrations on Saturday morning were very helpful in showing how this tract might be used. Along with this, there was an announcement that three other tracts would soon be available. These are entitled *Comfort for the Depressed*, *Enjoy Family Life*, and *Who Really Rules the World?* Encouragement was given to carry these handy instruments with us for use as opportunities arise.

³ At the conclusion of the talk "Deliverance at the Revelation of Jesus Christ" on Saturday afternoon, a fine new brochure entitled *Does God Really Care About Us?* was released. This full-color, beautifully illustrated brochure will answer many questions people ask, such as: Why does God permit suffering? Will suffering ever end? How do we know that we are in the last days? How will the earth be transformed into a paradise? How may we attain to everlasting life in God's new world? This brochure will be an excellent instrument for starting new studies.

⁴ How grateful we are for the abundance of spiritual food received at the "Light Bearers" District Convention! May we, as bearers of God's spiritual light, be resolved to demonstrate our heartfelt appreciation through conscientious application of what we learned and diligent use of these fine new releases in helping people everywhere to know and serve Jehovah.

QUESTION BOX

■ To what extent may young children of Christian parents share in the field ministry before they are recognized as unbaptized publishers?

Christian parents want their children to develop into mature, devoted servants of Jehovah. (1 Sam. 2:18, 26; Luke 2:40) Even at a very early age, children in Christian households should be able to make clear expressions in defense of their Bible-based faith. The spiritual growth of children is accelerated as they accompany their parents in the field ministry from infancy. But it is important for the young ones to be motivated from the heart if they are to enjoy the field service, desire to become unbaptized publishers, and continue sharing in the Kingdom-preaching work. Care-

ful training by the parents is required. (1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:15) Other qualified publishers may assist at times if the parents are in agreement. —See *Our Ministry*, pages 99-100.

As well-behaved children accompany their Christian parents in the house-to-house work, they learn how to engage in the ministry. But they will not be recognized as unbaptized publishers until they have developed a measure of ability and skill of their own. Christian parents can decide to what extent a child can share in giving a witness as they work together. Children who are not yet recognized as unbaptized publishers should not make calls on their own or accompany other children in field service. Parents can prepare their children for field service and allow them to participate in various ways, such as by reading a scripture, offering a tract or

a magazine, or showing the householder an illustration in one of the publications. As a child grows older, he may be able to participate to a greater degree in the discussion.

With proper training, young ones learn to appreciate the seriousness of the ministry as they respond to the direction of their parents and conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Parents should not leave their children who are not yet recognized as unbaptized publishers at the meeting for field service, expecting others to care for them. Concerned parents recognize their personal responsibility to supervise the activity of their children. Of course, other responsible publishers may be willing to help out in the training of young children in the congregation who show genuine interest in serving Jehovah in the ministry.

Develop a Motivating Introduction

¹ Both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are useful in planting seeds of truth in the minds and hearts of readers. Therefore, we want to develop effective ways to get these magazines into the homes of people who can benefit from the spiritual gems they contain.

² How can householders be motivated to accept and read our magazines? Much depends on how we introduce them. Excellent suggestions for preparing effective introductions are found in the *Reasoning* book, pages 9-15.

³ When presenting the October 1 *Watchtower*, you might try using the third suggestion under the heading "Current Events" on pages 10-11 of the *Reasoning* book.

After introducing yourself, you could say:

■ "If you could choose, which of the many problems now facing the world would you like to see corrected first?"

Listen to the householder's response, and acknowledge his concern. Then you could continue, saying something like: "Consider what the Bible offers as a solution to such problems. [Read Isaiah 9:6, 7.] So the real solution to all mankind's problems lies in the just rule of the Messiah, Jesus Christ." Then turn to page 8 and direct attention to the last three paragraphs of the article entitled "The Messiah—A Real Hope?"

⁴ Two other introductions you could use with the October 1 *Watchtower* are found on page 11 of the *Reasoning* book, under the heading "Employment/Housing." You can express these thoughts and questions in your own words or just repeat what is said in the *Reasoning* book. After acknowledging the person's response, continue by sharing the interesting observation made in the first paragraph on page 4 under the subheading "No Solution?" Then by reading Isaiah 65:21-23, point

out the blessings the Messiah's rule will bring.

⁵ If you are using the October 8 *Awake!* on "You Can Overcome Negative Emotions," you might try the third introduction under the heading "Life/Happiness" on page 13 of the *Reasoning* book. After tying in Psalm 1:1, 2, you could call attention to an appropriate point in the *Awake!* magazine.

⁶ Likely you will encounter householders who say they have their own religious literature. You can explain that we also have publications for our own use (such as *Our Kingdom Ministry*); however, our journals are read by millions of people who are not Jehovah's Witnesses. Be sure there is genuine interest before offering a subscription. A tract may suffice if the interest is minimal.

⁷ Paul said at 1 Corinthians 3:6: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God kept making it grow." If we want Jehovah to make the seeds of truth grow in the hearts of interested ones, we should give attention to planting these seeds effectively by using motivating introductions.

Show Concern for Interested Ones

¹ Above all others, Jehovah has been generous in showing concern for people. Not only has he provided material things in abundance but he has given us the spiritual things we need and enjoy. He is so concerned about us that he even examines what is in our hearts. —Ps. 139:23.

² When Jesus was on earth, he followed his Father's pattern perfectly in showing concern for others. Remember the man who said to Jesus, "Lord, if you just want to, you can make me clean?" Jesus responded, "I want to." (Matt. 8:1-3) When Jesus saw a widow in grief, what did he do? He stopped to help her. (Luke 7:11-15) Could you be more alert to show concern for interested ones?

³ In imitation of our Father, Jehovah, and his Son, Christ Jesus, we too must show a personal interest in others. We do this by keeping an accurate house-to-house record. This involves writing down the name and exact address of the interested person along with the subject that was discussed on the initial call. Then, before making

the return visit, prepare well. If we left magazines on the previous call, perhaps our return visit can be based on a particular thought expressed in one of the articles. Note how this may be done.

⁴ If you left the October 1, 1992, *Watchtower* and focused on the article "Does Mankind Really Need a Messiah?", you might prepare to highlight Revelation 21:4 and John 17:3 on your return visit.

For example, after reading Revelation 21:4, you might ask:

■ "How can we be a part of such a world? [Allow response.] Listen to what the Messiah said was needed in order to gain life in a world like this." Then read John 17:3, highlighting that everlasting life in a peaceful new world can be gained by taking in knowledge of God and Christ. If there is some interest, try to start a study in the tract *Life in a Peaceful New World*.

⁵ You may get good response by discussing a selected point from the October 8, 1992, *Awake!* on "You Can Overcome Negative Emotions." When

making a return visit, you might base your discussion on Philippians 4:6, 7.

You might ask:

■ "What do you believe is the solution to overcoming negative emotions today?" Acknowledge the response and then say: "Interestingly, the Bible outlines principles that, when applied, contribute to peace of mind and heart. [Draw attention to appropriate points from Philippians 4:6, 7.] The Bible points to a time when all will live by Bible principles and there will be no circumstances that bring about negative emotions." Then highlight other future blessings by considering the tract *Life in a Peaceful New World*, and lead into a study.

⁶ What if the householder already has one of our publications? Why not use it to start a study? If it is the *Live Forever* book, turn to the table of contents and ask the householder to select a subject he would like to discuss. You may then start a study by considering a paragraph or two.

⁷ Showing concern for interested ones by preparing well and making effective return visits demonstrates that we are imitators of God and Christ, wanting as many as possible to be saved.—2 Pet. 3:9.