

THE **YOUR TURN** BOX

I use this because I don't want to forget who hasn't had a “turn” for the last two weeks, or whom I've called on 24 times in the last 3 weeks. Not all kids like to be part of the “Ooo-oo-oo-pick-me-pick-me” crowd.

I like to use a **“Your Turn” box**. Every kid puts his name in a little box when he arrives and a different kid holds the “Your Turn” in his lap each week and picks the next name out of the box to help the teacher. Here are some of the ways I use it.

<i>choose songs</i>	<i>answer a quiz question</i>
<i>pass out things</i>	<i>close the door</i>
<i>erase the board</i>	<i>point to a country on the map</i>
<i>help put away</i>	<i>read a Bible verse</i>
<i>take part in the story</i>	<i>collect missionary offering</i>

I try to give away as many jobs every week as I possibly can.

- * Best of all, everyone knows that the teacher won't keep picking the same kids.
- * Works like a charm.
- * Kids who have been misbehaving forfeit their “turn” to help

Some version of this could be used to get quieter or reticent adults to express their thoughts.

or resistant teens
or visitors
or wives of noisy husbands *or vice versa*
or the extremely knowledgeable who don't want to appear to “show off”

In children's classes I often [*no, usually*] have an eager, bright student who is truly able to answer every question I ask. I have made a deal with some of these kids who may feel that I might not think they are interested if they don't volunteer every time.

I tell them that I know that they are attentive and eager to answer. I mention that there are some of the younger or slower children who may not even volunteer to answer my questions if the other kids see their hand is already up. I make them a deal.

“You let others try to answer any question they can, and don't raise your hand. I already know I can count on you. Let's allow them get as many right as they can. I still want you to participate, but I'm asking you to be a little slower to raise your hand. Maybe just answer the questions nobody else can. And, thanks. I know I can always count on you.”

