

FFWPU UK: Sister Dawn Pollit Gives A Reflection On Teaching Sunday School

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Learn from her testimony about her journey and reflect on your own journey in the process...

'I grew up in New Jersey, surrounded by one of the largest church communities in America. At the time, there were more Blessed Children than one could count. My mother served as the head of the "Rainbow Sunday School" for many years, dedicating herself to helping these children connect with God. Each summer, she was there at camp - teaching, guiding, and tirelessly supporting youth leaders and educators alike. She worked for Jin-A, our church's preschool, commuting daily from New York City to New Jersey to care for and educate young children.

Alongside my father, she helped establish the "Second-Generation Blessed Family Department" to support the spiritual growth of newly Blessed

couples - a visionary effort ahead of its time. Today, many of those couples are in their 40s and 50s, and some have children who've received the Blessing themselves. Her passion for education has always been evident. Even before joining the church, she worked at the New York City School of the Deaf. Now, years later, she continues to serve children as a beloved "lollipop lady" at a local school. Education is deeply woven into who she is.

More than anything, my mother has always wanted children and young people to build a deep relationship with God and True Parents. She often says, "When I die, I want to work in the spirit world to find all the second-generation who left the church and help bring them back." Even in her thoughts of the afterlife, her heart is focused on God's children.

When your parents deeply value something, it becomes part of you. Growing up in that environment, I came to treasure education as much as my mother did.

During university, I worked at Jin-A for five years, alongside my sister (who is now a preschool teacher herself). While studying for my Physics Teaching degree - wrestling with Differential Equations by day - I spent the rest of my time caring for babies and toddlers. I loved witnessing their daily discoveries. I could feel God in them, and I did my best to be God's representative for them. It was exhausting, but it was also an incredible blessing.

Now, as a high school Physics teacher in an independent UK school, and as the River South Sunday School Coordinator for nearly a decade, I still feel that same joy and calling. It's always hard work - preparing lessons in the evenings, hunting for activity ideas - but it's deeply rewarding. True Parents dream of a world where people live joyfully with Heavenly Parent. To reach that world, we must help children grow into happy, whole-hearted people. And wherever there is growth, there must be education.

In many ways, I'm walking in my mother's footsteps - but not because she asked me to. It's my own heartfelt desire to help children and young people experience the boundless love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents.'