

What is Released Time Bible Class?



What the Program is...

Under Michigan law, school age children are ordinarily required to attend public school, but not when they are involved in certain activities such as allowed by **Michigan Compiled Laws 380.156I(3)(d)**.

This law states that children can be released from school “*while in attendance at religious instruction classes for not more than 2 class hours per week, off public school property during public school hours, upon written request of the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis.*”– Michigan Compiled Laws 380.156I(3)(d).

Or, in other words—if Mom or Dad signs the permission slip, the children can go from school during school time to a nearby church or other suitable place for a Bible Class!

What the children get...

Seven times each school year the Bible is taught by the story-telling method, with the aid of eye-catching visuals.

The Bible story is the “heart” of the program. The stories are chosen from the Bible, with concern for the needs and understanding of the children. The presentation is true to life, faithful to Scripture and backed by RBM Ministries’ commitment to evangelical Christian doctrine.

Each month the children are given a Bible verse to memorize and apply to their lives. Where facilities and time allow, songs and quizzes are part of the program.

An attractive take-home paper, climaxes the thrust of each month’s lesson, games and a pointed Bible message are used to help crystallize biblical truth.

What the church gives...

The local church’s responsibility regarding Released Time Class is to provide the following:

1. Space: A properly heated and lighted place in the church building to accommodate the class comfortably.
2. Helpers: The RBM representative will be in charge of the program. In addition, we may need a piano player and adults to sit in the class to help maintain discipline
3. Follow-up: We encourage the church to follow up all converts. RBM Ministries will enroll each child who makes a decision for Christ in its own direct-mail correspondence follow-up program.
4. Transportation: If the local church can assist with transportation, this will be very helpful. If it is not possible RBM will work out another transportation method with the church.
5. Finances: Participating churches can also give monthly financial gifts to help underwrite RBM’s Released Time Bible Class ministry.

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