TEACHERS CAN LEAD CHILDREN TOWARDS THEIR DESTINY

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In this day and age where children can no longer experience the “taguan” and “tumbang preso”, the “luksong baka” and “luksong tinik because of too much indulgence in computer gadgets that pre-occupy their minds, have we ever wondered what’s in store for them?

During the 70’s and 80’s, children are taught on how to actually plant vegetables and trees, sew dresses, wash clothes & dishes, cook simple recipes, budgeting and marketing. Hand-on type of training is more effective way of educating them. Children of the 70’s & 80’s are our present leaders. In this present generation, there is a big challenge of producing and mentoring new breed of better leaders.

How can a teacher lead the children towards their destiny? Children look up to their teachers and trust them like their own parents specially those ages 4 to 12 years old. Hence, teachers have to be on guard for they are the heroes of these children.

Jesus, the best teacher ever already set an example on how to be an effective teacher. Jesus prepared by isolating himself, withdrawing himself in a boat (Matthew 14:13), praying before coming back to the multitude to teach. In that case, teachers can wisely adapt the same principle by setting aside quality time for reflection as preparation to the strenuous workload before them.

Jesus is sensitive to the condition of His audience so do the teacher. Jesus fed them when they are hungry (Matthew 14:18) and reached out to those who need a helping hand (Matthew14:14). Being a teacher demands a great deal of compassion to be able to get through them.

Jesus used parables when he taught. Jesus conveyed his messages with vivid illustrations. His parables were like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Matthew 13:44). The simplicity and practicality of His teaching caught the attention of His audience. Teachers' approach in teaching, their lesson plans and instructional materials, must be simple and yet interesting enough to trigger excitement and be not so predictable.

Experience is the best teacher. No amount of compensation can commensurate the dedication and commitment of a teacher. Only after several years can we really evaluate the teachers’ impact on the life of the children.