

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

This time I would like to say a few words to our Sunday school children...

Dear friends,

Once again the summer vacation is at our door steps. Some of us may go to our native place to enjoy vacation, visit our relatives, friends or visit new places. When we are busy engaged with our vacation programs, please remember that our grandparents, our elders are waiting to see us and exchange few words. In fact they have been waiting a whole year or more to see us.

So please ensure that we go and spend some time with our grandparents and elders. Talk to them, just hold their hands and show your affection. Of course you must take into account their health and propriety. These are precious moments which we can have in our lives. When we are little we may not realize this. But let me tell you, the hard labor of our grandparents have eventually helped us to be here in Dubai.

In order to see a good future for their children, our parents (your grandparents) have worked very hard all their life. Now that they are old and tired, we have to be with them as much as possible, make sure you give them their due attention, love and care. When we come back, they will be eagerly waiting another year to see us. So 'the long wait' needs due attention. I sincerely hope and urge all of you, my little friends to understand this and do your part.

If possible do take a small gift, bought out of your own pocket money with you. I am sure they will treasure that more than any other thing they have. Those of you, who are not travelling this time, please do call them and talk to them. I would like to summarise this with the following verse from the Bible:

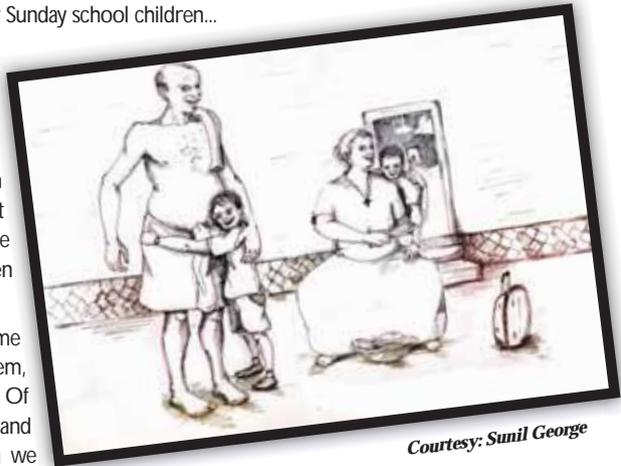
***Proverbs 17:6 - Grandchildren are the crown of the aged and the glory of children is their fathers.***

So, if you are the crown of your grandparents, how important you are in their life! They are incomplete without a crown and similarly if not worn by the deserving person, a crown is just an inventory (a piece). Life becomes meaningful when you both come together. It is also important to have our grandparents' blessings to attain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Have a safe journey and pleasant stay. May God bless all of you.

With Best Regards,

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