

## **II. Reinforcement**

### **Requirement**

Earn the Helping Hand Reading Certificate.

### **Background Information**

The Helping Hand Reading Certificate is awarded to children who read or have read to them:

1. The book of 1 Samuel from a modern translation of the Bible .
2. Two books, selected from the following categories:
  - ◆ A book about an Old Testament character or event
  - ◆ A book about growing up
  - ◆ A book about history
  - ◆ A book about missions

The Helping Hand reading requirements are directed specifically toward the topics the children will be covering in the Adventurer curriculum.

### Teaching Tips

- Many good story books are available that deal with the topics listed above in a truthful and sympathetic way. Read any new book carefully to determine whether it is appropriate for the Helping Hand age group and upholds Christian beliefs and standards.
- A simple reading motivator can be made by adding a new link to a reading chain each time a book is completed. Photocopy links on colored paper with space for the name of the book, the topic and the child's name. Join the links to one another in the manner of a real chain or cut them in a special shape (such as smiley faces, etc.) to fit a theme and post them on a wall to stretch around the room. (See **Appendix II** for examples.)
- Reading lists may be distributed at the beginning of the summer so books may be completed during the summer months.
- A parent, teacher, leader, older Adventurer, Pathfinder, or grandparent may read to the Helping Hand, if necessary.

### Evaluation

The children will turn in lists, signed by an adult, giving the name and topic of each book read, or the child will tell the story of each book to an adult.