

II. Reinforcement

Requirement

Earn the Sunbeam Reading Certificate.

Background Information

The Sunbeam Reading Certificate is awarded to children who read or have read to them the items listed below.

1. Two chapters of the book of Mark from a simple, modern translation of the Bible
2. Two books, selected from the following categories:
 - ◆ A book about Jesus
 - ◆ A book about how your body works
 - ◆ A book about families

- ◆ A book about nature
- ◆ A book about missions

The Sunbeam reading requirements are directed specifically toward the topics the children will be covering in the Adventurer curriculum. **Readily available books that may be used to fulfill these requirements are to be selected and recommended within each division.**

Teaching Tips

- A parent, teacher, leader, older Adventurer, Pathfinder, or grandparent may read to the Sunbeam, if necessary.
- Reading lists may be distributed at the beginning of the summer so reading may be completed during the summer months.
- 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 Sunbeam age group and upholds Christian beliefs and standards. (More detailed criteria are provided in **Appendix II**.)
- 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 on a wall to stretch around the room. (See **Appendix II** for examples.)

Evaluation

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