

## **Heart — enables city kids to seek God**

This 'City Kids Ministry Tool Kit' is really cool. I used the mindset tool last time. What other tools can we find? Here's one. This tool must be used if city kids are going to seek God.

If you want your work with city kids to be effective, put your whole heart into it. For the kids to seek and desire God, their hearts need to be filled with more of you and more of God.

This can be a huge challenge! Many kids cannot read at all. Others are 'read-less' meaning they are not interested in reading. So how can this tool pour more of God into the hearts of city kids?

Here are some ideas that work when properly using the heart tool:

- Teach with passion and be real with the kids
- Conduct classroom and one-on-one quiet times with the kids using the *Wonder Devotional Book* from CEF Press --- reading aloud together or in small groups
- Marty DeBruin, the CEF Director in Indianapolis, recommends using this Bible for young city kids and those with reading challenges: 'Learn to Read BIBLE' [www.RocketReaders.com](http://www.RocketReaders.com)
- Heather Gemmen, FaithKidz w/Cook Publishing, which has five reading levels available
- Slowly repeat a portion of Scripture many times aloud until you and the kids discover what God wants you to know
- Read Scripture or Bible Stories allowing kids to draw, sing or act out ways they can seek God, then talk about it

This tool works best if used frequently and with variety. See you next time in the tool kit.