

Faith — allows city kids to see God

Watching kids play is enough proof for me: they have faith. There's no worry when playing... 'Everything's OK! Hey watch me! I won't get hurt.' If only city kids could have real faith and assurance in other aspects of life.

They need you to show them how, so I have pulled out the right tool for the job. None of the other tools from the city kids tool kit #2 are difficult to understand and are familiar to most teachers. They just need to be used. City kids really benefit when these tools are consistently used.

So far the tools have been safe to use. Today, you must take a risk. Today's tool usually is never taken from the box, but I strongly encourage you to take it out. This tool is only for risk-takers — teachers who want to see faith in action. Using the faith tool allows city kids to see God and how He works in their lives.

Jimmy needs to see God stop the shooting in his community. Tyshaun needs to feel God's control over his anger. Children will know God is real and able to meet their needs when you are willing to take a risk and trust God for them.

Be sensitive, but ask your city kids to share their greatest needs or fears. Acknowledge it privately or in your class as you and the child commits it to God. Then be willing to research and try anything to help, though you may be rejected and misunderstood by others or even fail. Here are a few suggestions:

- Try understanding and reaching out to the hip-hop, MTV, BET culture
- Listen to the What a Friend Christian Hip Hop CD available thru USA Ministries of CEF and talk through kid's problems and biblical solutions
- Become a hall monitor (prayer warrior) at a kid's school and discuss with the child what you see at his school and how you are praying
- Walk with the kids through their neighborhood meeting parents and residents. Ask them to join you in helping meet the kids needs and fears.

Take a risk and use the faith tool so city kids can see God work.