

THE SICK CHILD

If you have been in hospital before as a patient what different experiences and emotions did you go through?

TWO events affect the child:

Total Patient Care:
1Thess 5: 23

TOTAL CHILD:
Psalm 51: 5:
Illness:
Emotions:

It is a total child within a whole family.

Who did Jesus reach out to in these 2 passages?
Mark 7: 31 - 33

Mark 10: 16

What instruction does Jesus give us?
Matthew 25: 36,39,40

Luke 18: 16

The example and instruction from Christ; to reach **sick children**.

1. WHAT THE CHILD ENCOUNTERS ON BEING IN HOSPITAL

1. 1. SEPARATION FROM:

1.1.1. PARENTS

- close relationship

- deep dependence

- abandonment

1.1.2. HOME

- security

Two unavoidable factors.

1.1.3. SCHOOL

1. 2. LOSS OF USUAL ROUTINE

- familiar

1. 3. STRANGE AND THREATENING ENVIRONMENT

What are things that a child will come across in hospital that are new, strange or frightening?

1.3.1. WARD

- new situations:

- new experiences:

1.3.2. PEOPLE

Strange faces:

- adults:
- multiple caretakers:
 - frequent change
 - do things differently
- children:

1.3.3. UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES AND PROCEDURES

Investigation or treatment:

- previous experiences
- be honest

1. 4. THE ILLNESS

Factors in illness affecting emotions:

2. WHAT RESULTS ARE SEEN IN THE CHILD

Emotions:

- abandoned
- frightened

Reason: - younger child:

- separation

- older child:

- potential pain

Behaviour:

Physical:

2.1. THE REUNION

Behaviour

Stages of reactions:

- i).
- ii).
- iii).

Long term reactions:

Attention seeking

Recurrent separation:

3. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT PROBLEMS

3.1. PREPARE THE CHILD

- parents teaching:

3.2. ON ADMISSION

- visit
- >rooming-in=
- visiting hours
- favourite toy
- occupy the child
- explanations
- role of the staff

4. WHAT THE LONG TERM EFFECTS ARE

4.1. REPEATED ADMISSIONS

Two groups of children encounter hospitals, those with:

- 1). acute illness
- 2). chronic illness

Long term effects:

4.2. THE CHRONIC ILLNESS

Different time spans and ways a disease progresses:

- i). Variable, relapsing:
- ii). Gradual, declining:

Response according to;

- the disease
- the child
- the family

Understanding by parents:

by child:

Family support:

Terminal chronic disease

(Fully covered in Care of the Dying Child).

5. VISITING THE CHILD IN HOSPITAL

5.1. BEFORE REACHING THE CHILD

PRAYER:

Phil. 4: 6

Pray for:

When to pray:

1Thess. 5: 17

Rules

Be sensitive

5.2. BEING WITH THE CHILD

Go in:

Romans 5: 5

2 Cor. 5: 14

5.2.1. How do we put Total Patient Care into practice?

Can you remember the parts involved in Total Patient Care?

1 Cor. 16: 14 _____

Mark 10: 21 _____

James 1: 19 _____

Luke 4: 22 _____

Mark 1: 41 _____

Eph.6: 18 _____

Luke 22: 27 _____

5.2.2. How should we treat this child differently?

ANOTHER strange face

Be patient

Love and affection

Careful giving

Keep to your word

5.2.3. Things to remember when relating to a child:

A few words of warning:

A few words of encouragement:

5.3. WHAT ABOUT THE PARENTS

Emotions

Reactions to:

- i).
- ii).
- iii).

Separation

Talk and pray with them.

(See notes on Relating to the Parents, Siblings and Staff)

PROJECTS;

- 1.You are a 5 year old child entering the hospital for the first time.
What are the things that you notice?***

*What thoughts are going through your mind?
What questions are you asking?
What are your emotions like?*

2. As a mother your 4 year old child is about to go into hospital for the first time.

How are you going to explain all about it to him so that he understands?

What are you going to tell him about?

3. You are helping with a 9 year old child who had repeated admissions for asthma and she is very frightened at going into hospital again.

How can you try to help her?

4. While you are on the ward having a children=s meeting you notice a 3 year old in bed alone and crying.

What are you going to do?