

A Life of Faith Girls Club **A Question and Answer Club**

A Life of Faith Resource:

Dear Elsie: Answers to Questions Girls Ask

Dear Millie: Answers to Questions Girls Ask

Elsie's Daily Diary: A Personal Journal for Girls, optional

Millie's Daily Diary: A Personal Journal for Girls, optional

Encourage girls to bring their Bible.

Additional A Life of Faith Resources:

A Life of Faith Girls Club Poster

A Life of Faith Membership Cards, one per member

A Life of Faith Folders, one per member

A Life of Faith Books, Dolls & Accessories Catalog

A Life of Faith Girls Club Sponsor Handbook, optional

Refer to the Girls Club Manager contact information below to receive these resources or for questions and support.

The *Dear Elsie* and *Dear Millie* books are question and answer books in which Elsie Dinsmore and Millie Keith, the 19th century fictional heroines, respond with Biblical answers to real questions that 21st century girls have sent to the *A Life of Faith Girls Club* web site. Elsie's and Millie's answers are full of compassion and understanding and reveal how Biblical principals and Scripture apply to the needs, issues, and situations that today's girls face in everyday life. This Club format can encourage members that they are not alone. God's Word has the answers and friends who love God can spur us on to good works.

Club Ideas and Format

- Introduce Club members to the *A Life of Faith* brand by reading *Introducing Elsie*, page 4, and *Introducing Millie*, page 14 in the *A Life of Faith Books, Dolls and Accessories Catalog*, or encourage girls along with their parents to visit the official *A Life of Faith* web site at www.alifeoffaith.com to become familiar with the *A Life of Faith* resources and ministry.
- Open each Club meeting in prayer and by reciting the *A Life of Faith Girls Club* motto, printed on the back of each membership card.
- At your first meeting, get feedback from girls regarding issues or topics they struggle with and would like to find God's answers to. This could lead you to the questions you choose from the *Dear Elsie* or *Dear Millie* books.
- Another fun way to structure this Club is to write some of the questions of interest

to the girls on slips of paper with the page reference. Allow members to draw a question “out of the hat” so to speak.

- Remember to provide a safe environment for girls to work out their question and answer process. Facilitate the discussion, but don’t always provide the “right” answer. Allow girls to journey through that process. This Club should provide the safety to seek and question as it points them to God’s Word for truth.
- Provide ample time to thoroughly discuss the question without referring to the answer provided in the book. Find out what Club members think and feel about the topic. What Scriptures can they offer to support their view? After discussing the question and sharing answers, have a Club member read the answer from the book. Compare the answers, counsel, and advice of Club members to that of answer in the book. Follow God’s leading each meeting as to how many questions you should discuss.
- A prayer time is essential to this format as we ask God’s Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into the truth of God’s Word and to grant the strength and wisdom to walk out our life of faith. Along with God’s Word and His Holy Spirit, we need each other for prayer and encouragement. Have members pair up into prayer partners and pray for each other at the meeting, and encourage the prayer partners to pray for each other until the next meeting.
- Journaling can be offered as an element to this Club meeting. As girls journal, encourage them to pour their hearts out to God for His wisdom, guidance, and comfort. Mission City Press offers the *Elsie* and *Millie’s Daily Diary: A Personal Journal for Girls* which are perfect for journaling. Girls could also create their own journal or use a simple notebook.

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