

# Teachers

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# Taking care of your Garden of Children's Ministry



## a. Sun in your garden: Preventing problems!

Have your materials prepared beforehand. Each time a teacher turns their back to the class to spend time getting materials ready, children have a chance to cause problems. If there is craft activity, all materials should be ready and within reach, even in full view of the children so they can anticipate a fun activity to come after their lessons.



## b. Water your garden: Showing love to the children!

Listen carefully to the children. The difference between hearing a child and listening to them is enormous, since when we listen we are doing it actively. This lets our students know that what they are telling us is important for them as well as for us.



## c. Weed your garden: Maintaining discipline!

Congratulate in public, discipline in private. First, never yell at a student. If a student needs a warning, whisper in that student's ear. It is nobody else's business, and it could embarrass the child if it's said to him in front of the others. Remember that peer esteem is more important to children above the 3rd grade than pleasing a teacher.

