

Taking care of your Garden

of Children's Ministry



a. Sun in your garden: Preventing problems!

First, it's probably the teacher. When a potential problem starts developing, the teacher must take action quickly, and make a change. For example: Change the lesson delivery. Ask the students to stand up and spread out and act out part of the story that was just covered. rearrange their seating to move children away from each other before student tensions become a problem.



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

Involve the parents. Arrange to have a meeting with the parents after church so you can explain what the child did and why he was removed from class and get suggestions from the parents about what works for them. If the teacher and the parents are in agreement on how to handle things will go smoothly in the future. Stress that the student is welcome back in class and that you care about him and you want him to learn about God and never to feel rejected from church.



c. Weed your garden: Maintaining discipline!

The bunny ears signal. To quiet the group, raise your hand high holding up two fingers. This signifies bunny ears in a listening posture for younger children and a peace sign for older children. They respond by becoming silent and holding up the same sign. When everyone has the sign up and the room is silent, you take down yours, and they can relax theirs, but remain quiet and listening while you speak. Of course this signal needs to be taught and practiced a little, but it is effective with large crowds of children.

