

# Help!

I am a new

# TEACHER!



# Welcome to the family of children's ministry around the world!

Congratulations! You are a teacher!!!

Now you are part of a group of men and women of God who are raising up the church of tomorrow. You are part of those who set aside pride and with humility instruct the next generation because their eyes have been opened to the eternal.

The only reason that it is worth working with children is if...

- (1) you have a teaching gift, and you enjoy working with children or
- (2) you have opened your eyes to the eternal, and you see spiritual fruit available in teaching the next generation.

(Or, of course, you could have both!)

In truth, there are many of us working in children's ministry without special gifts for working with kids. God needs ALL of the gifts in the body of Christ in children's ministry. It does not matter how old you are, what your gifts are, or if you were forced into this job in the church...

*Welcome to Children's Ministry!*

## What does it mean to be a teacher?

Being a teacher=

Taking the responsibility for teaching spiritual and biblical content to a group of persons with eternal souls and spirits.

### 1. Be Present

The first point to being a good teacher is to be present with your class. It may seem obvious, but soon you will see that it is very easy to miss a class, but a good teacher has to actually be there to give the class!

- a. Weekly faithfulness
- b. Years of service
- c. Keep your mind present in class
- d. Use all your available minutes



## 2. Show LOVE

Children do not care what you know until they know that you care. Showing that you love them is very important therefore, if they are going to learn from you.

- a. Speak to them
- b. Lower to their level
- c. Touch
- d. Know their names
- e. Facebook, birthdays, etc.

## 3. Discipline

- a. Prevention
- b. Have Rules
- c. Implement consequences
- d. Signals, shouts, lights, volume, music, seating

## 4. Teaching the Class

- a. 1 main point per lesson
- b. Prepare ahead of time
- c. Have fun!
- d. The Class:

Create your class with as many activities as you can, so that your class is exciting and fun. You will also have less discipline problems when your class is full of lots of different activities.

- Main lesson
- Telling a story with creativity
- Memorize a Bible verse
- Singing songs
- Dramas
- Games
- Review a lesson

- e. Decorating

Part of a great class is planning what the children will see when they are distracted for a few minutes. Do not forget the value of visual inspiration!

## 5. Protection and care

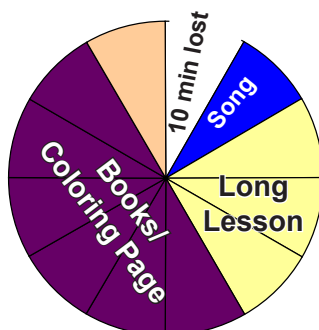
- a. Sexual abuse
- b. Physical hurts
- c. Emotional hurts

## 6. Tips for a NEW teacher

- It will get better
- Use your heart
- Find a coach or mentor
- Involve the parents



# Class-time



Children can handle as many minutes listening to you as their age!

Calculate how many minutes to spend on each activity so you can accomplish them all!

When your time is up for one activity...  
**CHANGE TO ANOTHER!**