

Teaching Techniques
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- I. GOAL: That the children learn the principles of God's Word and HOW TO APPLY THEM.
 - A. Don't water down the Word.
 - B. Command their attention because of your enthusiasm.

- II. A good teacher will:
 - A. Be accurate
 1. Prepare yourself to the point that you know the record without having to read every word.
 - a. Figures of speech
 - b. Orientalisms
 - c. Mistranslations
 - d. Sequence of events
 2. You don't have to teach all you know, but the quality of your teaching improves if you know the background.
 - B. Keep it simple
 1. Paraphrase and summarize where it will help.
 2. Stick to one topic. Don't go off on tangents.
 - C. Use repetition for memorization
 1. Retemories
 2. Phrases
 3. Actions
 4. Bring to their attention the desired principle as it appears in the record.
 - D. Involve the children
 1. Questions
 2. Reading
 3. Direct application of principle during the course of the teaching
 - E. Use visual aids
 1. Special props
 - a. Costumes--be as accurate as possible
 - b. Puppets

- c. Teaching settings
 - 1) Outdoors
 - 2) Design special effects indoors
- 2. Objects--be sure they relate to the topic.
- 3. Flannelgraphs, chalkboards, videos.
- F. Dramatize the teaching
 - 1. Skit
 - 2. Character teaching
 - 3. Way Productions
 - 4. Story
- G. Utilize guest teachers
 - 1. Other adults
 - 2. Older children
 - a. Be sure they are prepared.
 - b. Hear their teaching before it is given, if possible. Accuracy is still your responsibility as a Twig coordinator.
- H. Be flexible
 - 1. Vary your location and approach
 - a. Field trips
 - b. Work
 - c. Special skills
 - d. Discussions
 - 1) For older children
 - 2) Choose a practical situation
 - 3) Document solutions with the Word
 - 4) Builds reasoning ability and desire to study
- I. Your meeting should flow from one thing to the next. NO DEAD TIME.

III. After a good teaching your children will:

- A. Remember the record taught in sequence.
- B. Be able to relate the principles learned.
- C. Apply the principles.
- D. Teach others.