



Coffee Talk

Conversation Starter Sheet for Children's Bible Study Leaders

The Prepared Leader

Always remember: "The best session is a well prepared session." -Bill Emeott

The teacher is responsible for creating the learning environment.

As the teacher, you should be:

- Growing in your walk with Christ and theologically sound
- Committed to reaching kids in your class and enthusiastic about teaching them
- Willing to build relationships with kids and their parents
- Prepared to teach through a time of prayer and planning
- Interested in the things that interest kids
- Excited to teach kids using a variety of learning approaches
- Accepting of all kids
- Able to learn, grow, and try new things; Flexible and a team player
- Teaching from an overflow of what God has taught you
- Teacher Preparation:

Example of a Seven Day Teacher Prep Plan:

1. Sunday: Read the scripture passage for the next week from your Bible.
2. Monday: Read the session point and any Biblical background information.
3. Tuesday: Read the teaching procedures and begin gathering supplies.
4. Wednesday: Pray for Sunday School kids and contact any kids who missed last Sunday.
5. Thursday: Reread the scripture passage. Complete gathering supplies.
6. Friday: Pray for your teaching team and connect with them about who will do what.
7. Saturday: Review the Scripture passage and teaching procedures.

Tips for Planning:

- Pray Pray Pray!
- Always make scripture the starting point.
- Don't feel like you have to do every activity.
- Know your group. Some activities just won't work with them.

- If you are in a time crunch, scan the prep list for items you already have.
- Keep kids moving. Plan an active session!

Supplies to always have on hand:

- Bible
- Markers
- Music CD
- Scissors
- Beanbag
- Glue Sticks
- Chenille Stems
- Index Cards
- Paper
- Masking Tape
- Ball

Evaluate Your Space:

- Is the room inviting?
- Is it set up for learning?
- Is the room cluttered?
- Is there adequate space in the room for children to move around?
- What is the temperature in the room?
- What does the room smell like?
- What needs to change to offer the best teaching environment for our children?

Information gathered from Wholly Kids.