

Teaching Tips

It's our desire to help our teachers learn and grow in their gifts and skills. Here we've provided some basic tips to help and encourage you as you lead your class. For more detailed teaching instruction, workshops will be provided before the start of Released Time in the fall and at various times and places throughout the school year.

Tip #1: We teach truths from the Bible, therefore, make sure the students see your Bible open and used during the lesson. Allow them to read key phrases or verses directly from scripture so they know you are speaking truth. "The Bible is all true."

Tip #2: Typically we tend to teach lots of facts (about 90%) and a small amount of application. Try teaching 50% fact and 50% application so the students can put God's Word into everyday life.

Tip #3: Students have different learning styles. Make sure your lessons reach the students. Provide opportunities for tactile, auditory and visual learning to take place.

Tip #4: Don't expect your students to remember something after hearing it once. We only remember about 10% of what we hear so find creative ways to bring out your key points repeatedly.

Tip #5: Remember we are to be faithful presenting the truths from scripture but God has already promised that His Word will not return void/empty (Isaiah 55:11), so keep pushing on.

Tip #6: Children follow the example of those around. Make sure your testimony matches the message you teach when you speak.

Tip #7: Teachers, for your safety and that of your students make sure you have at least 2 adults in the room or have the door open so others can observe you.

Tip #8: Students learn better in a well-disciplined classroom. Be sure to set clear boundaries and be consistent. Reward positive behavior and carry through on discipline measures when needed.