

Just for You

Get Prepared to Teach

Most of us have owners' manuals for our gadgets. We seldom read these, because we assume that we can figure things out on our own. But when it comes to the short and precious time we have to teach children about God and His Word, we need to know the fundamentals that will take our teaching from humdrum to high-energy!

PREPARE . . .

Yourself

Read and study the lesson text from God's Word. Pray and ask God for wisdom as you teach children about Him. Pray that the kids in your class will come to know God and the abundant life He gives.

The lesson

Familiarize yourself with the different aspects of the lesson. If your curriculum offers activity options, choose which options will work best for the kids in your class. Know the Bible story well enough so that you're not tied to the teacher's guide while telling it.

The materials

During the week, collect materials and prepare them for the activities you've chosen. Being prepared is one of the best ways to prevent kids' attention from wandering!

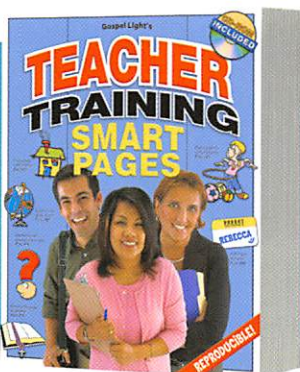
The environment

Take time to eliminate clutter and rearrange furniture. Make your room a place that is inviting and interesting for kids.

To arrive early

It's important to remember that no matter what your class's official start time is, class begins when the first child enters the room. Talking with children as they arrive is a great way to nurture relationships!

We have very little time to impact the children we teach. Being prepared gives us a relaxed attitude that reflects God's love and care as we share the good news!



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