

Just for You

Ten Commandments for Teachers

One

Understand that teaching children is a holy calling of eternal value; pray for each child and ask for loving wisdom as you prepare. (Being prepared says you care.)

Two

Get down at a child's eye level; show love and welcome by your touch, words, and smile. Teach respect by showing respect. (Your actions will teach far more than your words.)

Three

Make suggestions more often than you give commands; phrase directions positively. (A child must know what he or she *can* do in place of what he or she *cannot* do.)

Four

Be a teacher of great vision. See the most active, the most difficult, or the most withdrawn child not as a problem, but as a person to be loved into God's family. (Remember and repeat often that God loves and has good plans for each one.)

Five

Give acceptable choices and set reasonable limits; stick to them and keep your word when you make a promise. (Limits foster a child's sense of security.)

Six

Realize that your interaction is always needed, even when children are absorbed in an activity. (Stay nearby to guide conversation; listen, show love, and ask open-ended questions to help children understand and apply Bible truths.)

Seven

Be quick to see, describe, and thank a child for right actions. (Describing a child's actions helps the child put meaning to concepts like fairness and kindness.)

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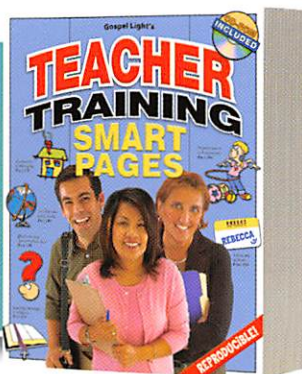
Remember that children learn by doing, so provide active ways for children to learn. (Have several activities ready when the first child arrives, so children may choose.)

Nine

Know what is typical behavior for children and guide children toward desirable behavior. (Children are not always able to see how their actions affect others.)

Ten

Remember how easily children absorb our attitudes and how watchful they are of our actions and reactions. (Our attitudes and actions will either affirm or deny the truth of our words!)

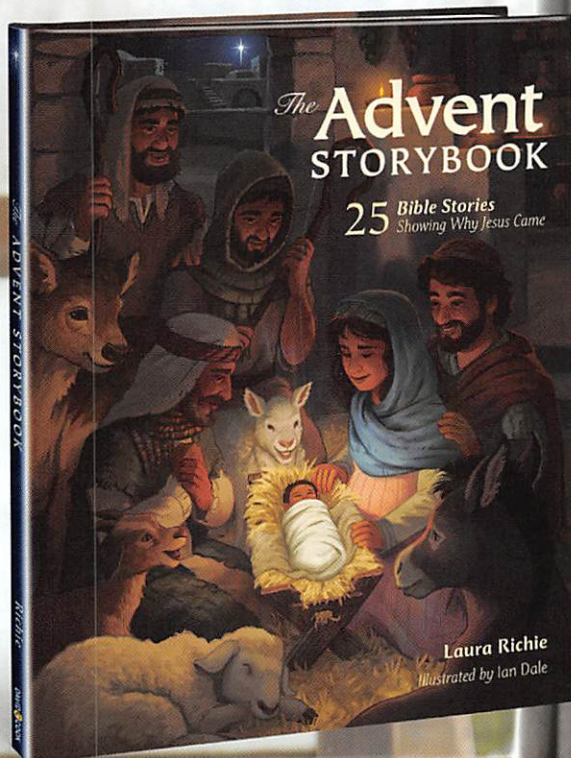


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