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# Preparing a lesson

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## Step 1: Discover the message

### a. Select

### b. Understand

- Read the passage
- Identify any difficult words, phrases or concepts.
- Is the passage addressed to a particular situation or audience?
- What are the main ideas or themes?
- What don't I understand?
- Can I find any helpful cross-references?
- What is the passage about? Write the main point of the passage.

### c. Prepare

- What is the main message I want to teach my class?
- Simplify the passage for your class.

## Step 2: Plan how to teach the message

### a. Introduce

- How will you gain their interest and attention?

### b. Tell

- Will you learn the story? Read it?
- Practise.

### c. Illustrate

- Visual aids, puppets, models etc.

### d. Conclude

- Work out your conclusion, application, questioning.

## Step 3: Design the overall package

### a. Select other components

- Activities, action rhymes, memory verses, prayer, news time

### b. Design the package