

Characteristics of a Sunday School teacher

a. A godly model

b. Committed

c. Caring

d. Prepared

e. Enthusiastic

f. Prayerful

Understanding Children

Two-year-olds

Blanket—they need security and routine, and may bring a 'security blanket' with them.

Bucket—they are exploring and learning rapidly about their world and play alongside rather than 'with' each other.

Pre-school (3-4 years)

Blocks—playing is learning, learning is playing; they are busy playing, learning, building, exploring.

Batman cape—they are imaginative and creative.

Infants (5-7 years)

Books—school, learning to read, success and failure

Ball—peers more important, play socially

Teaching the Bible to children

General principles

- a. Prepare well
- b. Teach accurately and faithfully
- c. Teach prayerfully
- d. Teach meaningfully
- e. Teach so children learn

The HUR principle of learning

Hear

Understand

Remember

Preparing a lesson

Step 1: Discover the message

- a. Select
- b. Understand
- c. Prepare

Step 2: Plan how to teach the message

- a. Introduce
- b. Tell
- c. Illustrate
- d. Conclude

Step 3: Design the overall package

- a. Select other components
- b. Design the package

General principles of discipline

i. Be in control of your class:

- be observant and notice what's happening
- be firm
- expect respect

ii. Be loving.

iii. Aim to prevent rather than punish.

iv. Use positive reinforcement.

v. Set clear guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable behaviour:

- be consistent and fair in adhering to these
- think beforehand of what threats you will make and when
- remember to do what you say you'll do
(don't make empty threats)
- have class rules if appropriate

vi. Be well organized:

- Know what you want to do when
- Yet be flexible and adapt to their behaviour (provide concentration breaks if necessary)
- Keep things moving

vii. Be responsible.