

Teach to Make a Difference

Why teach?

- ❖ Children need _____. Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Prov. 22:6 ESV

- ❖ Children learn _____ and _____ principles best from those who care for them on a consistent basis (home/family and church/spiritual family). Psalm 78:3-8

“he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.” Psalm 78:5b-7 CSB

- ❖ Jesus loved children and spent time with them, so we should _____ our time so preschoolers can learn and be blessed. Mark 10:13-16; Matt. 10:42; 18:5,10

“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14b CSB

What do we teach?

- ❖ God uses Moses to give us clear direction on what we should teach the children.

Love _____ with all your heart, soul, and strength. Duet. 6:4-9

“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children.” Deut. 6:5-7a CSB

- ❖ Jesus repeats and expands on the principle. He says all the Law (Ten Commandments) and the Prophets depend on these two commands. Matt. 22:34-40

*“He said to him, **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”** Matt. 22:37-40 CSB*

1. Love _____.

2. Love _____.

- ❖ ***Growing in God’s Word***, booklet by LifeWay gives an overview of what topics children need to be learning about and how to talk to them at each stage of their development.

Who are you teaching?

Preschoolers need:

Love
Trust
Acceptance
Choices
Security
Guidance
Accomplishment

Characteristics of Preschoolers:

Curious
Active
Creative
Self-Focused
Sensitive
Short Attention Span (1 min. per year)
Literal Minded
Explores Limits

How should you teach?

- ❖ Children learn through interacting during _____ life. Deut. 6:4-9
"Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates." Deut. 6:7-9 CSB
- ❖ At home parents simply _____ about what is happening and help children understand what God does for us.
- ❖ At church we have them for only a short time, so we must simulate real life experiences to teach through learning _____.
- ❖ We introduce the Bible story in group time then use the activities to _____ the story and reinforce the theme.

Learning Activities:

Children have _____ learning styles and personalities, so using a variety of activities is important if we want every child to learn. 1 Cor. 12:4-6

"Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person." 1 Cor. 12:4-6 CSB

LifeWay Learning Approaches:

Relational – loves to learn with others.

Musical – loves music.

Logical – loves puzzles, and understanding the order of things.

Natural – loves nature.

Physical – loves to move and compete.

Reflective – loves to think about things.

Visual – loves to see something.

Verbal – loves to talk.

Learning Centers:

Home Living – teaches family relationships and how to live.

Blocks – teaches planning and building instead of destroying.

Puzzles – teaches problem solving and attention to detail.

Nature – teaches about God through what He created.

Art – teaches creativity and expression.

Books – teaches how others live and learn.

Music – teaches Biblical truth through music.

Group Time – teaches how to learn together as a group.

Learning Activities are crucial to help preschoolers understand the Bible stories. Preschoolers lack the _____ that adults have to help them understand what is happening in the Bible.

Teach to make a difference in the lives of the children and their families.

Discussion Questions:

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