

CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS ENDING FAITH FOR TEACHING CHILDREN

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CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS

GOOD CREATIVE TEACHING

1

A method or activity that helps the learner conceptualize something in a new or deeper way.

2

The method or activity engaged the learner to be actively involved.

3

The method or activity is tied to a learning objective.

4

The method or activity takes into account the developmental level of the learner.



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MOVEMENT



RESEARCH

Movement brings blood to the brain enhancing attention and memory!

EXAMPLES

- Nature walk to admire creation
- Make up moves for items in the story
- Act it out (pretend too)
- Hopscotch or line challenge - step up on hop if you know the review answer
- Physical challenge or answer a question
- The amazing race - all around the church mix of physical challenges, art, and reviews.

TIPS

Movement is fun outside or in, with or without music, with props or without.

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ART



RESEARCH

Impacts socially (new perspectives), academic (understanding new concepts), and emotional (identifying feelings); Provides a reminder artifact of the lesson.

EXAMPLES

- Ancient or Historical Art - Show a historical piece of art from that Bible story; Show artifacts or archeological finds via Google that are from the biblical story.
- Wearable art - headbands, staff, armor, etc.
- Edible art - build the tabernacle with marshmallows, the resurrection buns,
- Diorama art - the garden, the division of the tribes inheritance
- Service art - Making art for others as a demonstration of the lesson
- Story Art - where the Bible describes a scene, have them draw it

TIPS

Vary the medium - paint, water color, finger paint, crayon, marker, or just paper with scissors etc. to add variety and texture. Don't settle for a coloring sheet every single time.

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MUSIC



RESEARCH

Key form of expression, memory, and enhances cognitive functions.

EXAMPLES

- Make up a song/jingle to remember the lesson
- Talk about a song's lyrics and how it relates to the lesson
- Make a tune for a Psalm
- Character theme song
- Bible verses to song for memorization
- Teach them how to worship! Not just lights and emotion, but truly praising God with our minds and lips through song.

TIPS

Have musical instruments on hand that kids can use - egg shaker, tambourine, cow bell, bongos, etc. Playing music on the phone or on a cd player is great, but invite them to physically engage with the music by participating too. It's ok if it sounds crazy!

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PLAY/PRETEND



RESEARCH

Build rules of engagement, try out scenarios in a safe environment, adapt rules, build social awareness.

EXAMPLES

- Pretend the lesson - build the wall and have little people walk around it, then knock it down.
- Act out the lesson - assign someone the role of Joshua and have them lead everyone around the wall - direct them on what to do each scene.
- Puppets or Representative items – Use inanimate objects to illustrate the scene.
- Build a tent/Cardboard box - any story with a structure in it!
- What would you do if you were there? Discussion and imagination.

TIPS

Model the pretend play so they know the elements of the story, but let them explore what it would be like by allowing them to play without too many pretend restrictions.

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WRITING



RESEARCH

Helping children state their understanding in their own words (comprehension), articulate important points to others (apologetics), and express ideas using words.

EXAMPLES

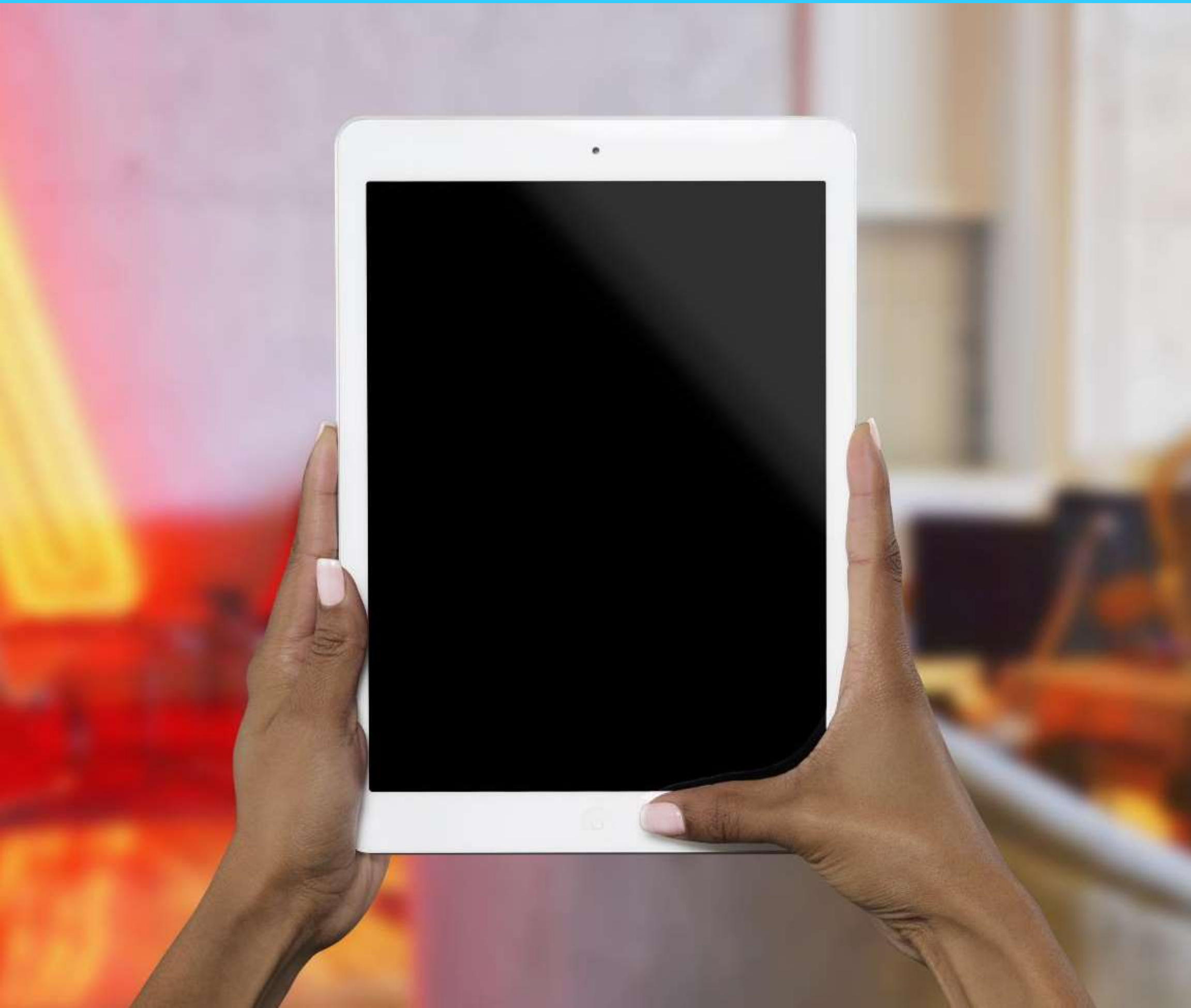
- For littles, capitalize on their letter or number learning that they are likely already doing in school or at home
- For readers/writers
 - Epistles - have them write their own letter to the church summarizing what the writer said.
 - Create a personalized journal where they will add a entry every lesson.
 - Give a scenario and ask them to write what they would do
 - Minute Paper – summarize the lesson in one minute

TIPS

Sometimes kids get “writer’s block.” Help them through it by giving the start of a story or telling them how a plot might twist.

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TECHNOLOGY



RESEARCH

When age appropriate and with direct guidance from the teacher, technology can assist and enhance learning.

EXAMPLES

- Youtube video of the ancient city or setting
- Google images of the biblical locations
- Google earth exploration
- Bible story apps to reinforce the lesson
- Create a video explanation of the story (make a Tick Toc, etc.)
- Scavenger hunt – come with pictures of the items
- Explore the mission field – religions, cultures, geography, etc.

TIPS

Technology should not replace an adult's teaching time because the verbal communication between student and teacher enhances learning more than watching a video can. Engage and discuss technology used with the student.



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LET'S DISCUSS

Group Talk

*What teaching methods have you used
to teach creatively?*

Think. Pair. Share.

*What is your biggest fear/barrier to
implementing new teaching methods in
your class?*

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