

# ABC's of children's ministry



## Secure environment.

Certainly, your learning environment must be safe, welcoming and where children feel non-threatened. But also take time to make it visually exciting as well.

## Personalized care.

Whenever possible, engage in relationship-building discussions. Get to know and understand the children you are teaching. Each one is special, unique.

## Attention to details

Teaching isn't over once the programme ends. Reflect and evaluate ways to make subsequent lessons stronger. Pray for absent children and write or call them. Timely contacts communicate love and concern. Your group can become an anchor in a child's life, a place where young lives are transformed.

**A...** Arrive early

**B...** Be prepared

**C...** Creativity

Kids thrive when you teach them creatively

**D...** Discipline and expect the best

**E...** Enjoy yourself

**F...** Fellowship with others in ministry

**G...** Guide conversations

**H...** Helpers– use them!

**I...** Interact with Bible stories

**J...** Joyfully teach

**K...** Know them

Know what to expect from kids.

**L...** Learning styles

...are as individual as each child.

**M...** Movement

If they don't move, they don't learn.

**N...** Never leave kids unattended

**O...** Overtime

Reaching kids for Jesus doesn't always fit on a time clock

**P...** Pray for each child daily

**Q...** Quiet time is a priority

Spend time with God each day.

**R...** Reliable is your middle name.

Please call if you are unable to be here.

**S...** Supplies

Everything you need is in your trolley or in the cupboard.

**T...** Time management is the key.

So little time, so much to teach.

**U...** Understanding

Realise that kids live in difficult times

**V...** Visuals

These are an important part of storytelling.

**W...** Welcome kids individually.

Have more ready in case you have extra kids.

**X...** Extra supplies.

**Y...** Yell!

If you need help, we're here for you!

**Z...** Zeal

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord." (Romans 12:11)



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**B...** Be prepared.. *Read through your lesson plan well in advance.*

**C...** Creativity.. You don't have to stick religiously to the lesson outline—make changes if necessary, look for ways to impact kids lives in relevant ways. Kids thrive when you teach them creatively

**D...** Discipline and expect the best. Children will generally live up to your expectations of them.

**E...** Enjoy yourself.. And the kids will enjoy themselves too.

**F...** Fellowship with others in ministry.. We're in this together.. Share with others

**G...** Guide conversations.. don't just lecture, encourage interaction.

**H...** Helpers— use them! Include others and develop their abilities.

**I...** Interact with Bible stories.. These are real stories about real people!

**J...** Joyfully teach.. You have the opportunity to impact kids for eternity...

**K...** Know them.. Know your age-level characteristics. Ask your coordinator if you don't have this information. Know what to expect from kids.

**L...** Learning styles This will be covered in other training segments. ...are as individual as each child.

**M...** Movement Structure your lesson for change and movement every 3-7 or 8 minutes depending on the age-level. If they don't move, they don't learn.

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