

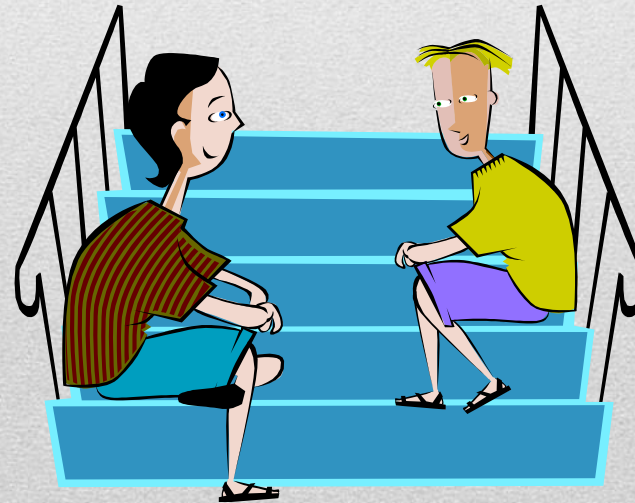
PREPARING TO TEACH THE WORD:

Making the Gospel clear and
accessible to Every Child



connecting
leaders in the **PCA**

Who was (is) your favorite teacher?



Connecting the Gospel Message to the Next Generation



- ❑ Why are we Teaching?
- ❑ What are we Teaching?
- ❑ Who are we Teaching?





"Every member of the covenant community ought to feel, every hour of the day, that, next to making his/her own calling and election sure, nurturing the next generation is the end for which he/she is kept alive by God. This is our task on earth! Nothing is more important. What a church's covenant children become is what that covenant community will become."

Louis Berkof

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Matthew 28: 18-20



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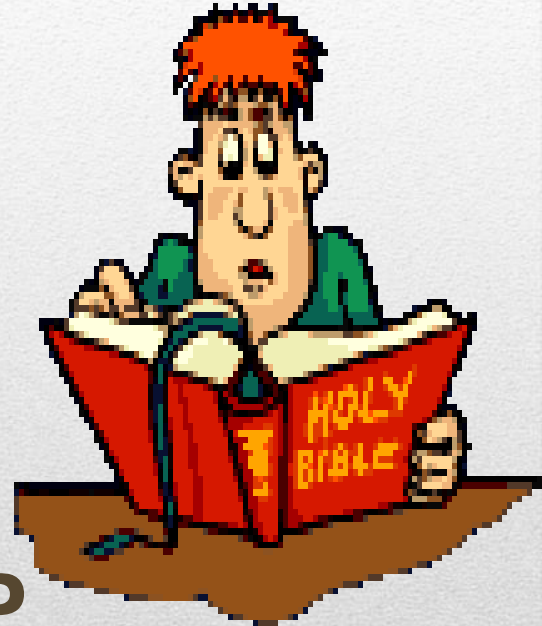



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THE WHAT...

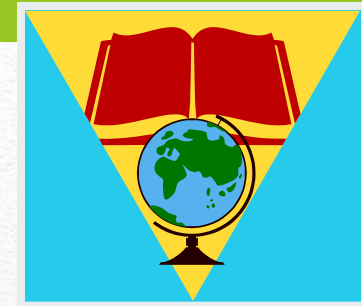
- GOD'S WORD
 - COVENANT OF GRACE
 - SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD
 - KINGDOM DISCIPLESHIP
- ...just to name a few
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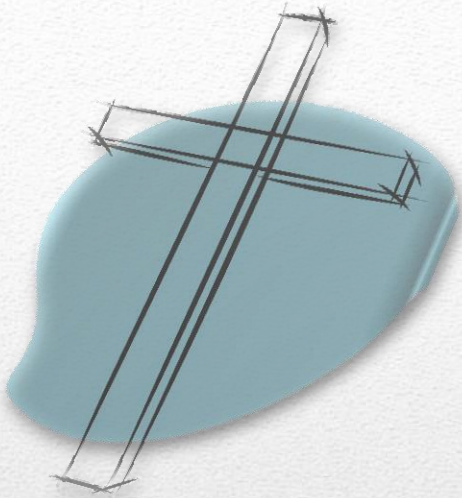
 Genesis One – in the beginning

 Genesis Three – the fall and the promise

 The Rest of Scripture –
What God has done, is
doing, and will do to
redeem creation.



GOD'S WORD AN OVERVIEW



Jesus made us...we are his
We are fallen...he alone can save
He will, he does, he has

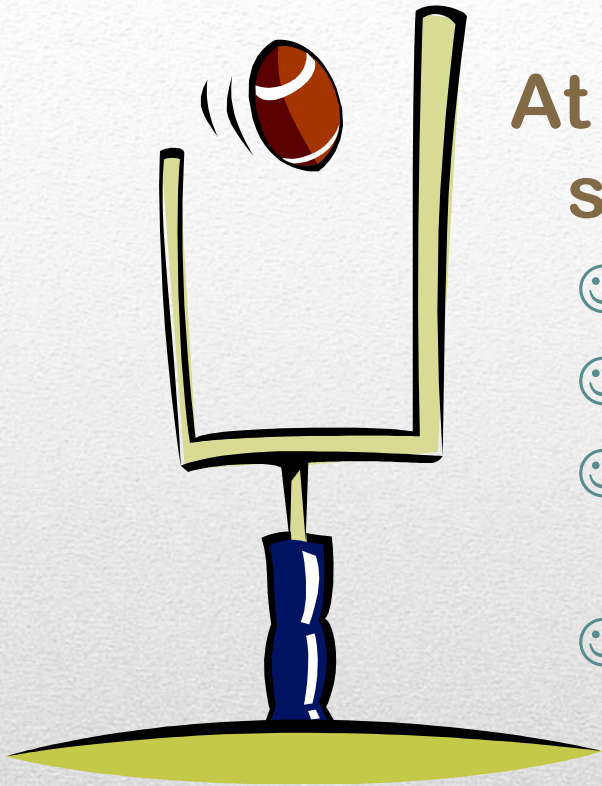
If your SS or Bible study teaching is focused on any other message, you have missed the point.

**CREATION, FALL, THE PROMISE,
REDEMPTION**

- Read the text from two or three translations at least one week before class
- Ask what God wants you to learn about him
- Ask what God wants your class to learn about him



BEGIN IN THE SCRIPTURE



At the end of class your students should...

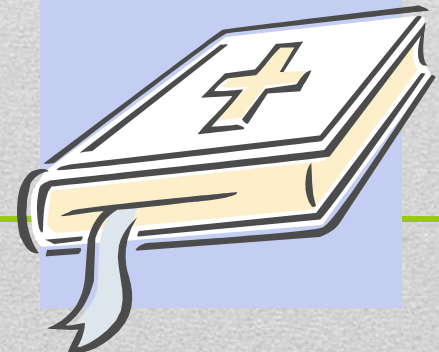
- ☺ Know something new about God
- ☺ Do something in response to God
- ☺ Experience or “feel” something that reflects the knowledge of God
- ☺ Be something that glorifies God

“Aim at nothing you are bound to hit it”

WRITE AN AIM OR GOAL

1. Read passage aloud - point out translation differences
2. List all the facts in order.
3. What do you learn about God?
4. What would you want your class to learn about God?
5. How would you articulate your aim?

Luke 19:1-10



For the Spirit's work in you

For your students

- † Prepared hearts
- † Their love for God
- † Their love for his Word
- † Their love for one another
- † For your time together



PRAY EVERY DAY...



- ✓ Make a list of supplies needed to be creative...
- ✓ Look for something to SEE...
- ✓ Practice something to HEAR...
- ✓ Find something to DO...
- ✓ Choose the activities that will help you accomplish your goal.

OPEN YOUR CURRICULUM!

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- **GROWING INTO ADULTHOOD...**
- **In Wisdom**
- **In Stature (Physically)**
- **In Favor with God
(Spiritually)**
- **In Favor with Man
(Socially)**



THE WHO... (Luke 2:52)

THE WHO and the HOW...

- ❖ LEARNING STYLES
- ❖ TEACHING STYLES

SOMETIMES WE LEARN AS WE GO...



Biblical and Theological Foundations



- *Created in the image of God*
- *God's Providence makes no mistake*
- *The Church should model Respect for Persons*
- *God's Way of Dealing with us*
ROMANS 12
- **I CORNITHIANS 12**

What do we mean by “Learning Styles”?

- *The characteristic way someone prefers to and/or performs best at learning...*



- *How God made you Special !*
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- **Auditory**
 - Hearing yourself say the words, need for a “thinking noise”
- **Visual**
 - Seeing what you learn, creating picture in your mind’s eye, vivid imagination
- **Kinesthetic**
 - Moving while you learn; needing motion to remember what you learned

How Do You Remember?
Modalities

Now...How does this make a difference in the way that you teach, love and make disciples?



EVERY PRESCHOOL CLASS MUST HAVE:

- 1) A VERY BIG BIBLE
- 2) LOTS OF MUSIC TO SING
- 3) LOTS OF MUSIC TO LISTEN TO
- 4) INSTRUMENTS TO MAKE MUSIC
- 5) BIG PICTURES
- 6) BIG PICTURE BOOKS
- 7) PUZZLES
- 8) DRESS-UP BOX
- 9) CRAYONS AND LOTS OF THINGS TO DO WITH THEM
- 10) EVERY CHILD'S NAME/PICTURE ON THE WALL
- 11) THREE OR FOUR PLACES "TO BE"



- Begin with informal friendship time
- Have serious prayer together
- Establish a weekly “check-up”
- Tell a personal story
- Make the Bible story exciting
- Apply to life
- Plan a commitment time
- Close with prayer



A Disciple-Making Class

What does it look like?

Books worth reading...

THE WAY THEY LEARN by Cynthia Tobias

LEARNING STYLES and
CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS by Marlene LaFever

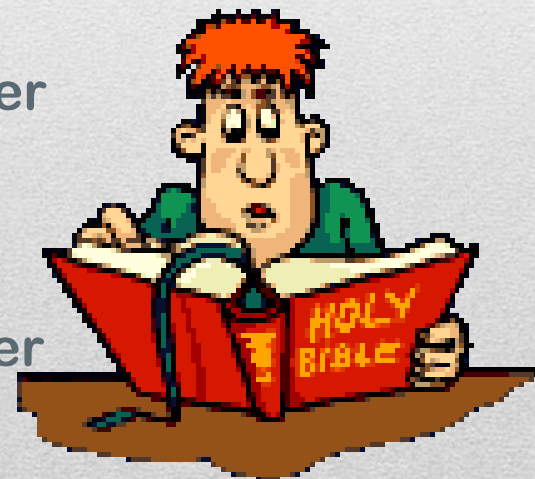
TRANSFORMING CHILDREN INTO SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS by
George Barna

THE BRIDGER GENERATION by Thom Rainer

HEIRS OF THE COVENANT by Susan Hunt

SHOW THEM JESUS by Jack Klumpenhower

www.pcabookstore.com



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**WHAT ARE YOUR
EXPECTATIONS?**

WHAT ARE YOU AIMING FOR?



- Bible study
- Prayer
- Service
- Fellowship
- Worship



What do you want them to learn?

1. HAVE THEM WATCH YOU
2. LET THEM HELP YOU
3. WATCH THEM AS THEY DO IT
4. LET THEM DO IT



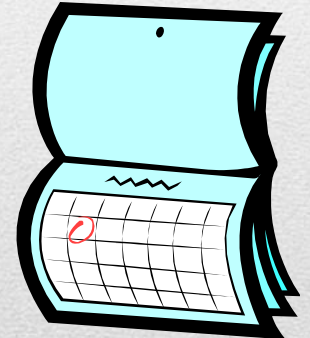
THE FOUR-STEP TRAINING METHOD

→ Do not wait until Saturday night (or Sunday morning) to do all of this



→ Ten to twenty minutes each day will better serve you

→ You will miss the blessing of what God wants to teach you from his Word all week long

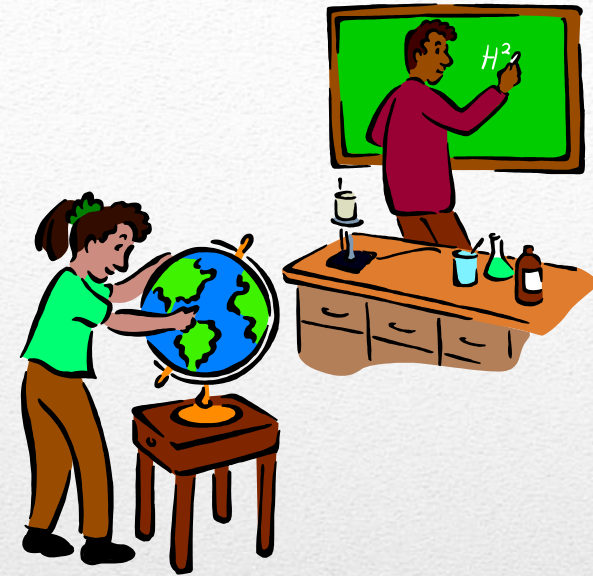


→ This disease kills SS teachers!

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER



- ✓ The gift of time to this generation
- ✓ Earning an audience
- ✓ Classroom management and control
- ✓ A Victory over the enemy



**BE IN CLASS FIFTEEN
MINUTES EARLY!**



- Those cumbersome take-home papers
- Open house for parents
- Phone calls
- Church time spent more selectively
- Letters
- Prayer requests shared both ways
- Opening your home, visiting theirs



UNITING CHURCH AND HOME

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generation, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

PRAY AND HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS!



- To obey the Great Commission:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28: 18-20

Why do we teach?

- Because the Great Commission is Jesus'
 - Great Claim
 - Great Command
 - Great Comfort



Why do we teach?

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“When it is all said and done, the bottom line is just show them Jesus.”

Edmund P. Clowney

What do our students need?



***And when they see Jesus, it is
life-changing!***
