

# Teaching the Bible in a Way That is Creative and Engaging to Kids

Why we put in the effort to teach the Bible to youth?

- Kids need to learn good sound doctrine
- Source of comfort when we get depressed
- Kids need to understand how to share their faith with others
- Because faith comes by hearing the Word
- Because it gives us instruction about how to live our lives
- Because it gives us a chance to hear the voice of God

In the Gospels: in John 13:35  
People will know you are my disciple

## How do we get kids into the scripture?

What are some of the... (take 30 seconds with a neighbor to make a list)

### Obstacles we confront in trying to convey biblical truths to youth:

Some reason/factor: boring

Some reason/factor: doesn't seem relevant to their lives or were they live

Some reason/factor: just to get them to shut up long enough to teach

Some reason/factor: sometimes we're not living it

Some reason/factor: hard to lead someone where you're not going

Some reason/factor: hard to understand from their context

Some reason/factor: easy for you to say you don't go to my school

We have to take them seriously, but this is a mandate of biblical truth, "teaching to obey all that I have commanded you." At the heart of our commission/ making disciples

1. Hurdles
  - a. how do we grab their attention
2. After I've gotten their attention how do we help them to understand
  - a. what does it mean in my life
3. How do we get them into the word
  - a. we want them to develop habits and practices that will allow them to feed themselves in scripture
4. How do we help them to apply the word in their lives
  - a. James – a hearer and doer of the word

In what ways can we use creativity to help us face some of the challenges we realistically admit to. We have an infinitely creative God.

Creativity as an asset.

We have followed those of those before us and we just keep on doing this over and over. Because we don't feed them in a way that they can access the word a lot of our youth are dieing off – dying to the word of God and communion of believers. Communicate biblical in a creative way.

Saying: We never stop asking what if (new)...we never stop asking why should we (tradition).

## What do we mean by creativity?

1<sup>st</sup> Definition: Creativity and taking something old and making it new. Not creativity something out of nothing but seeing as taking something old and making it new. Worked from what he had.

Spontaneous melodrama – Skits

Old ideas and make it new:

- Teach while walking through the halls, be mobile – like Jesus
- Have them sing it too each other
- Instead of orally report back, kids act out what they got out of it

You don't have to start with a blank slate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Definition: Creativity is also thinking in a new way. (Thinking outside the box)

Lateral thinking (New cool stuff) versus vertical thinking

Inductive Bible Study Method:

We want to combine the communication and the creativity

1. Observation – What does this text say?
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2. Interpretation – What does this text mean?
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3. Application – What does it mean to me?
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Tools:

Concordance: book with all the words of the Bible alphabetically

Commentary

Bible Dictionary: Takes Bible words so that you can look up the meaning of those words

Bible Translations and Paraphrases