

# Being the Best Sunday School Teacher You Can!

1. Pray for your students on a regular basis! Let them know you do! Be interested in their lives
2. Let them know you love them. Tell them in the class, contact them. Tell them in person. Be overly expressive
3. Prepare your lesson with anticipation and prayer. If you are unprepared, bored yourself then they will be also
  - a. Questions that you should ask yourself about your class
    - i. Did they hear anything that they have never heard before, better explained, etc
    - ii. How many times are they looking at their watch
    - iii. Was it good enough that they want to invite a friend
  - b. Are you learning as you prepare or do you already know it all
  - c. Are you excited about what you are learning
  - d. Do you enjoy preparing for your class

4. Remember that you have to make the Bible boring it is not!  
If it is then you need to work on getting more excited about it and presenting it in an excited manner
  - a. Watch their eyes
  - b. Notice their interest or lack there of
  - c. Make it fun
  - d. Make it a time of getting together with your best friends to talk about your favorite subject
5. Everything rises and falls on leadership! I often hate that statement but there is great truth in it
  - a. Good teaching will not necessarily grow a class, but bad teaching will definitely kill a class.
  - b. Always seek more training
  - c. Sunday School is for reaching, teaching, and growing believers
6. Allow some participation.
  - a. Try to involve the students in your class
    - i. Let someone else take the prayer requests
    - ii. Let someone else lead in prayer
    - iii. Let someone else help plan activities

- b. Do not call on people to read
- c. Do ask for prayer requests
- d. Do let them ask questions
- e. Do be in control of the discussion
- f. Remember, our classes are small groups. They want to know each other, love each other, spend time together. Don't turn it all into a lecture

7. Break down any deep or big thought into bite sized chunks.

Do not try to teach too much in one week

- a. Remember to keep it simple
- b. Remember to give them a handle that they can carry the truth home with
- c. Get the main idea and drive it home
- d. Look up any hard words and be ready to explain them
- e. Give cross references that help understand the passage
- f. Do not let the class time drag

8. Remember that teaching Sunday School is spiritual work

- a. Be careful about your daily walk
- b. Be prayerful about your class and what you will teach
- c. Have your daily time with the Lord

- d. Be sure that you keep close accounts with the Lord
- e. Don't let jealousy, wrong thoughts, bad attitudes sneak in and cripple you
- f. Be sure that you keep growing