

Incorporating Activities into the Classroom

This class is mainly for those who are teaching or will be teaching children or teens. If you only plan on teaching adults, I would recommend taking this class anyway. It is not lengthy and will only require a little of your time.

Why incorporate activities?

1. Christian education should be fun for students.
2. The younger the student—the smaller the attention span.
3. Many valuable lessons can be learned through activities.
4. Crafts and other activities related to the lesson can impress upon the child lasting learning.
5. Younger students cannot sit still for extended lengths of time. Different activities provide natural breaks.
6. Movement can increase learning much like motions to a song or verse can increase our learning.
7. Activities make learning more exciting for the student and the teacher.

Activities that may be incorporated:

1. Crafts
2. Games
3. Coloring for elementary students
4. Crosswords, word finds, mazes and other paper puzzles
5. Puzzles
6. Other

Have the activities planned in advance of the class.

Have other ready-made or purchased activities on hand to use if there is extra time.

It is always a good idea to have activities on hand that can be used if you have extra time.

1. Bible games depending on the age of the students
 - Bible Bingo
 - Bible question and answer games
 - Bible Memory games
 - Bible Concentration
 - Etc.

Many games can be made that put a Christian emphasis to these extra time activities.

2. Coloring pages
3. Other games

Even games without a Christian message can be good activities for learning how to treat others. Dominos for example teach turn taking, how to win graciously and how to lose without complaining.

Make the lesson the center of the class.