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Creating An Effective Sunday School Lesson Plan

The key to a successful Sunday School Ministry is that it should be ministry focused and very interactive. The SS Ministry must be bathed in PRAYER. The thematic thrust and ministry activities must be stimulating and culturally relevant. It is the SS Ministry Staff to think of ways to stimulate and cultivate the minds of each participant attending SS. Each activity should build on the previous day's event. The daily activities should be colorful, fun and interesting, while highlighting the biblical and narrative themes being discussed throughout the week and each day. The student should be challenged and encouraged to use their various talents and gifts for the purpose of Glorifying God. The primary thrusts of the SS Ministry is to disciple members of the body of Christ and reach out to the un-churched and un-save member of your community.

I. Goal/What we plan to accomplish

- A. Make sure you incorporate your church Vision Statement as part of your overall goal
- B. Your pastor should be part of your planning meeting
- C. Planning should be done ASAP
- D. Communicate your SS lesson plan to your entire congregation
- E. SS Director should meet with teachers at least six months in advance

II. Objectives/ How will we execute our lesson plan

- A. Recruit Teachers
- B. Evangelize the Community (Reach out)
- C. Equip The Leaders (Train those that will be TEACHERS)
- D. Reach the Loss and Un-churched as prospects
- E. Lead The Lost To Christ (Intentional Evangelism)

III. Target Audience/Demographics

- A. Ask God to show you the Harvest (PRAY)
- B. Know your community and its issues/needs (Build Relationships)
- C. Study the various cultures of your community (Know Your People)
- D. Reach out into the community/Do something different than LY (TOSTB)

IV. Staffing

- A. Pastor should be part of the planning process
- B. Sunday School Director (Spirit-Filled Leader in the Church)
- C. Teachers (People that are equipped to teach)
- D. Deacons (Spirit Leaders)
- E. Trustees (Help with Execution of program)
- F. College Students (Great Camp Counselors)

V. Description of Duties

- A. Role of the & Assistant Teachers for each class (Class Helper)
- B. Activity Coordinator/Games and Crafts (Plan in advance)
- C. Volunteers role and responsibilities (Have key player in place)
- D. Transportation Coordinator (Permission Form and Schedule of buses)

VI. Themes/ Topics to be studied

- A. Spiritual Gifts/Ephesians 6:10
- B. Fruit of The Spirit/Galatian 5:19
- C. Spiritual Gifts/Ephesians 6
- D. Life of Jesus/Luke 1 & 2
- E. Miracles/Mark
- F. Singles/Genesis 1 & 2
- G. Marriage/Ephesians 5
- H. Parenting/Ephesians 6:1

VII. Lesson Plan

- A. **1st Sunday** Discuss the Scripture related to Spiritual Gifts (I Corinthians 12:; Romans 12; and Ephesians 4.
- B. **2nd Sunday:** Have each student identify their Spiritual Gift (Inventory/On-line)
- C. **3rd Sunday:** Discuss the role of each gift in the body of Christ (The gift of Service relate to serving, such as Ushers, Greeter
- D. **4th Sunday:** Activity for entire Class, show student how the church would run more efficient

- E. **5th Sunday:** Have Children give a program that was designed by their music and activity leader, and adults give examples of what they learn about their gifts. Have one person summarize the class activity.

VIII. Time & Action –Schedule of Events (Example)

- A. Arrival
- B. Prayer W/Teachers
- C. Class Lesson/Discussion
- D. Craft/Music Activity
- E. Food/Fun & Fellowship
- F. Dismiss To Class

IX. Sunday School Ministry Ideas:

- A. Preach Sermon on the Theme
- B. Sunday Lesson on Theme in advance
- C. Church Skit about Theme
- D. Share Activities with other Churches