

A Week in the Life of a Children's Church Teacher



Ok, so you are up in the Teaching Schedule and you have one month where you will be teaching children the precious truths of God's word in your Sunday School class – wonderful! Just in case you were wondering what could really help you to be the best Sunday school teacher you can be, it is summed up in one word... **PREPARATION!** Instead of fretting throughout each week, and then especially on Sunday mornings, wondering what to do next and not being able to fill the time, you just need to know what to do. Here are some helpful ideas and a schedule to follow to help you get prepared to teach your lesson each week.

THE WEEK BEFORE YOU TEACH

The Sunday school teaching lesson will be in your hand by Sunday evening most times or on Tuesday at the latest. Make sure you pray for your class every day, and pray for yourself, and ask God to help and bless.

Monday – 15 minutes. Notice the Scriptures referred to in the Lesson, and read them over just once. These Scriptures will be where all the truths you will be teaching will come from.

Tuesday – 10 minutes. Try and learn the memory verse yourself. (the Memory Verses are listed in the Teachers Preparation help on first page of your Teachers Book). Take a moment and Meditate on the main truth being taught... like, Forgiving, Praying, Repenting, Obeying, etc

Wednesday – 1 Hour. The lesson as a whole needs to be studied starting today, looking up every scripture again, reading through the lesson. Go through the lesson now as if you were teaching it. Write notes in your teaching notebook that come from your own understanding. Think about questions the children might ask, and how you should answer them. Ask YOURSELF questions, and seek the best answers so that YOU are learning the lesson yourself first. Pray a lot for your class-time, that it will help the kids, and equip them to stand strong as Christians in their schools and homes. Take a moment and decide how you will fill in your class schedule now as it gives you time to adjust it later if things come up or change. After you have studied the lesson, if you have any questions, you can ask Pastor at Wednesday Bible Study tonight, or ring him.

Thursday – 10 minutes. If you have time, re-read over your lesson. Just make sure you are making time to read your own Bible, page by page, all the way through yourself! Always be learning to live by the Bible yourself before you try to teach others!

Saturday – 1 Hour. Remember there is soul-winning at 1.00pm at the Activity Centre, so come along, and someone will go with you to make any visits you may need to make. Stop by the Activity Centre to pick up some songs that you will want to sing with the children tomorrow in your class. If there is a craft to make for the class, you will need to make one yourself today as an example for the children. Have fun doing it! Gather any needed craft items so that you will have everything ready for Sunday morning. Tonight you need to just spend 1 hour going over your lesson one more time to know what you are doing tomorrow and what you want the kids to learn. I guarantee Sunday will be the best ever if you are PREPARED!

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SUNDAY

Possible Sunday Schedule Time allotted from 1hr. to 1hr.10 min

1. **Greeting and opening prayer** – few minutes
2. **Make sure you take ATTENDANCE and collect offering** – few minutes
3. **Sing 1 or 2 Songs** (located in “Worship Ideas” on Respond Page of Teachers Book) – 5 minutes
4. **Memory verse** (located on first page of Teachers Book) – 5 minutes
5. **Lesson** – Depending on the structure of the lesson sheet you may or may not want to break up the lesson into two parts. – 10 minutes
6. **Enrichment Ideas** (located in Teachers Book)– Helpful object lessons and visuals
7. **Snack** – break for bathroom – 5-10 minutes
8. **Lesson** – Finishing up the lesson– 10 minutes
9. **Use any Enrichment Ideas to help children understand the lesson’s primary truth.**
10. **Respond Page** – Draws together lesson truths with various techniques i.e. questions, skits, games, – 10 minutes
11. **Craft, coloring, puzzles, activities** (found under Enrichment Ideas)
12. **More songs?** During this time is when you can fill time if need be. 10-15 Minutes
13. **Use the “Closing Help” at the end of each lesson to end the class**
14. **Prayer** – Make sure kids have activity sheets or homework.
15. **Clean-up time and gather all their things together.**



THANK YOU for helping in this very important ministry for the Lord Jesus!