

Forum for Sharing Ideas in Teaching

This section is dedicated to particularly help those who teach children or aid or substitute in **Sunday school classes**.

If you would like more ideas for Kids Connection—AWANA, some of the ideas in this section might be helpful but some will not apply and on the AWANA page is a section for *Ideas* that might be more useful.

The hope is that this section will be a fluid one where teachers can come for new ideas and share things which work for them in their classrooms so that we grow in our ability as teachers to relate to our students. **Check in from time to time** to see if you might learn something yourself!!

If you have found a story, visual aid, mechanics of some kind, or resource that you think others would benefit by hearing about, please contact Louise Grider to get these posted on this file in the “Forum” segment at the end.

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- Check out Teaching Ideas or reread them in the front of each teacher’s manual. These usually contain some general principles of which we could all be reminded in teaching certain age children and in being better, more effective teachers.
- Look for books and on the internet—tons of ideas, often free for teachers to take advantage of—check the top shelf in our cabinet of the Fellowship Hall (the one furthest right) which has idea books, craft books, resource books and catalogs. And check in our library or the public library for more idea books and books on teaching, in general.
- Just peering through all the cabinets might give you an idea of something visual to help particularly young kids to do or look at in fleshing out some truth or some story lesson.
- When explaining the gospel take time to do a unit on the 5-colors of the gospel. See Louise Grider or Shannon Shackelford for ideas, a file on this mechanic—craft, stories, visuals, etc. are included and helpful in aiding kids to understand and remember the main points they have to know to be able to believe.

- Use a chair to help illustrate faith. Sitting in it is required to have “real” faith that it will hold one up off the ground. We have to lean on Jesus that way in salvation. Not just say we believe.
- Use a gift to illustrate that it is only in accepting and opening a gift that it becomes “ours”—just as God offers salvation but only those who receive it by faith are saved.