

“I Want To Teach”

The Lesson

Oh! What a joy to see the eyes and expressions of a young child or even an adult when they hear and understand for the first time some lesson from the Word of GOD! It is truly a blessing to have the experience of teaching others the wonderful good news from our Creator!

This month we want to continue our developing a lesson series with emphasis on ‘the lesson’. The lesson is actually the Biblical account of an event the Father has had recorded for us to use to grow closer to Him. It may be on any topic or character in the Bible. Be sure to always read all the scriptures given on your lesson so you have a full picture of what is occurring. Don’t forget to pray for understanding and wisdom as you approach other souls with the Word of GOD.

Of course there are various ways our lesson can be presented to others. First, always have your Bible in hand so it is understood that the lessons you teach are from the Word. When teaching children we may use a story circle, a tabletop display; flannel boards, a read-a-thon, visuals of various kinds, etc. So long as we have the facts accurate to the scriptures and our methods are not unscriptural within themselves our possibilities are almost limitless.

Have you ever used a black light lesson to teach about Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace? Black lights come in various sizes from a regular size light bulb to a larger florescent light style. You prepare a flip chart type lesson using florescent crayons, markers, paints and or paper. Then when you present the Bible event you turn off the regular lights and shine the black light onto the pages. It really makes the pictures jump off the page, sort of speak. One caution: do not wear polyester clothing – the black light makes it see through.

Or maybe you enjoy puppets. You can make a simple glove puppet or a larger more involved character puppet to use as you present the lesson. (See the Teacher’s Table this month for a Noah glove puppet idea. It can be used for other lessons as well if you make your pieces interchangeable with Velcro.)

Coloring books purchased at a Bible Book store can be turned into flip charts. Dollar Stores often will have small pop-up books of the more common events Bible- (Daniel and the Lion’s Den, Birth of JESUS, Noah’s Ark, etc). A small sand box (sometimes it is better to use sawdust or clean cat litter than sand) can become the area Abraham traveled from Ur to Canaan. Use small plastic animals (camels, donkeys, etc.) or trace off the shape of an animal on colored paper and add clothespins for legs to make them stand up; make tents from small pieces of domestic fabric wrapped around toothpicks for the tent poles (tie them to the animals) and use old fashioned clothes pins wrapped in small pieces of fabric attached with rubber bands for Abraham and his family. The clothespins have a round head that can be used for the individual’s head. Just use colored markers to draw on the faces. First you present the lesson then the students can use the objects to review what they learned. Can you see how much fun can be had in teaching and learning GOD’s word?

If you have a teenage girls class, when you are studying an appropriate character, let them use Wednesday nights to make lesson materials of the events they studied for some of the younger classes. This helps them review as well as helping out the teachers of the younger classes who may have limited time for preparations. It will also be an exercise for the teen girls to learn about how to develop materials for teaching in the future.

How many ways can you think of to present a Bible event? Do you have any that are different or any resources that may help other readers? Please share with us. If you will email your complete ideas or your information on resources that are scripturally sound to www.LadiesEpistles.org we will be happy to share as many as we have space for with our readers. Thanks for your encouragement! If you have further questions on the suggestions above or are having difficulty with a particular lesson please contact us and we will be happy to try to assist you with ideas.

Get excited! Get started – Go teach!!!