

Keeping...

In Step with the Master Teacher



Issue 2:10

Planning the programme

Sometimes we fill our programme with many unrelated activities. While the children may be having fun, we are not utilising the time to reinforce the Bible truth we're considering that day. It is important to use all of our time to help the children remember and apply the Bible truth to their lives.



Practical Tip

Here is an example of activities relating to the Bible truth for a session looking at Paul and the sailors surviving a shipwreck through obeying God's Word (Acts 27:1–28:10).

Bible truth: It's important to obey God's Word.

Craft: Let the children make a cover for their Bibles from an old map.

Challenge: Set the children a Bible reading challenge to read certain passages of the Bible over the next week (you should do it too!). Design a fun chart for them to mark off when they've read each passage and make a note of anything they think God is telling them to do.

Game: In a large area use chalk to draw a start line at one end of the area and a finish line at the other. Divide children into teams. Give each team a different piece of coloured chalk to draw a winding, twisting line from the start to the finish line. Get one person from each team to pick a new colour of chalk out of a bag. This is the colour the team will now follow in a race. Line the teams up behind the start line. When the race starts, the first child on each team must run along the team's chalk line to the finish line and back again before the next child can begin. When the game has ended, discuss the following: Was it tempting to not follow the line? Why? Sometimes it is difficult to choose to follow the path God has laid out for us in his Word, but it is what he has asked us to do.

To learn more, we recommend the ISMT training session:

Using Your Time Effectively

Your rules are wonderful. That is why I obey them.

Psalm 119:129
(International Children's Bible - NCV)



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