

Keeping...



In Step with the Master Teacher

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Explaining God's truth

Our ultimate goal is to help children come to know, love, and obey God. If they do not understand the Bible truth we are presenting, they will not be able to respond to it. We must find ways to explain God's truth in a way that children will understand.



Practical Tip

Use the following object lesson to help the children understand that God has provided a way for Christians to defeat sin. *You will need several toothpicks and two large nails.*

Toothpicks are not very strong; they are easily broken (*ask for a volunteer to break one*). They remind us of how weak we are. We are not strong enough to say no to sin.

Nails are very strong; we can't begin to break them (*ask for a volunteer to try*). They remind us of the Lord Jesus Christ who is very strong (*hold up one nail*) and is willing to help us defeat sin if we will ask him to help us and then obey what he tells us in his Word. God's promises in his Word will never fail (*hold up the second nail*).

When we are tempted to sin, we must STOP before we do or say anything wrong; PRAY, asking Jesus to help us (*place one nail alongside the toothpick*), and THINK: what does God's Word say? What would God want me to do? (*Place the second nail on the opposite side of the toothpick.*)

You cannot break the toothpick as long as it is surrounded by the nails (*demonstrate*). You will be able to defeat sin when you remember that Jesus is always with you and ask him to help you obey his Word.

BCM UK's vision is for more and more children and young people to come to know, love and obey God.

To learn more, we recommend the ISMT training session:

Creating a Bible Lesson

Break open your words, let the light shine out. Let ordinary people see the meaning.

Psalm 119:130
(The Message)



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