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In Step with the Master Teacher

Issue 3:8

Working with mixed ages

It is easy to overlook the younger children when they are mixed in with the older children. How can we accommodate their learning and show them that we value them as much as we value the older children?



Practical Tip

Having a group of older and younger children mixed together is not ideal, but there are times when we don't have a choice. We can minimise the challenges with some creative thinking on our part. Consider the following ideas:

Craft project: Pair each older child with a younger one and encourage them to serve by helping the younger children as needed.

Bible memory verse: If the verse is long, give the younger children just a short phrase from the verse to try and remember.

Introductory or review game: When playing a team game, divide the group equally with younger and older children on each team or divide into teams by pairs—younger children with the older child who paired up with them in the craft. Another idea is to let the older children prepare and run a game for the younger children.

Taking the time to accommodate younger children in a mixed-age setting, demonstrates that we value every child in the class.

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

To learn more, look out for the new ISMT module, coming soon:

Working with a mixed-age group

...Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all...

*Galatians 6:10
(The Message)*



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