

ABC'S IN CREATIVE TEACHING

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Alternative ideas need resources. Why spend time coming up with all your own ideas when there are some excellent resources already available? If the lesson is on compassion, for example, you may locate another lesson on compassion and substitute or add activities to the lesson. Many excellent books and resources are exactly that, ideas for teaching that you may modify as required! There are various resources available online. If you have a creative thought, enter it into your computer or write it down on a notecard and save it for later use. Nobody knows when the same concept could be utilized with a new set of kids. You may classify them by topics and keywords.

ADAPT

This is like shopping for new clothing. Few have the means, skills, or time to create their own. You don't have to make your own or use anything that doesn't fit. A third option is to modify it to fit. With a little preparation and tweaking here and there, you may find something that works for you.

BE STUDENT CENTERED

No content, no facts, no following. Our aim is to see kids grow and develop into lifelong disciples of Jesus. Many individuals know about God and Christianity but do not know God or live as Christians. A good teacher will be able to incorporate the students' needs, likes, dislikes, and learning preferences into the lesson so they feel a part of it and comprehend its relevance to their lives. As you plan your class, bear in mind YOUR students' needs, experiences, and personalities. The trick is to teach with YOUR child in mind.

CONNECT

You must link the lesson's components, and most significantly, the lesson and the students, as well as yourself as the instructor. Youth don't care what you know unless you care. Youth must understand how one activity connects to another. After analyzing how each activity or stage connects to the primary lesson, just state it in a simple statement. Explain how this lesson relates to prior lessons. Finally, kids must understand the lesson's relevance (i.e. how does it apply.) That's why they ask.

Teaching Creatively is as easy as Adapt, Be Students Centered, and Connect!

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