
ARTICLE #1: BASIC CLASSROOM HELPS

THE ESSENTIALS

LEADERSHIP

Each classroom has a Team Leader who takes ownership of the room.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Have at least two workers present on-time and with the students at all times.
Make sure each student is signed in and out correctly.

SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT

Make an age-appropriate spiritual investment. For older rooms this may include a teaching, small group time, and/or prayer – for younger rooms it may be your Team praying for the children.

THE THREE P'S

Prayer, planning and preparation directly impact your effectiveness in the classroom.

PRAYER

It's important to remember that we are on the front lines of spiritual warfare for the souls of children. Prayer is essential for victory. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness..." (Ephesians 6:12) "Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. Take a firm stand against him, and be strong in your faith." (1 Peter 5:8,9) As you become aware of and pray for specific needs, you will gain spiritual wisdom and insight. You and your team will be built up and edified as you share the many ways God works. During the week and prior to class present yourselves to be used by the Holy Spirit in your interactions. (Colossians 4:2-4) and ask Him to reveal how He is answering.

PLANNING

The team should plan ahead as often as necessary to ensure all tasks are delegated and each team member has a role. Planning is essential for team unity and ownership.

PREPARATION

ALL team members should be familiar with the lesson in order to tie the concept with all elements. Prepare to teach without extensive use of notes. Know

how to do the craft to be aware of potential problems. Arrive in time to pray together and prepare the classroom.

TEACHING STYLES

The content of the lessons is only as effective as the presentation. The least effective teaching method is the one most often used. Vary your teaching methods using lecture, skits, drama, music, puppet shows, learning games and object lessons that appeal to all five senses.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

You are welcome to use “Bible times” robes and headgear, costumes, puppets, games, books and musical instruments, puzzles, parachutes, dress-up clothes, music CDs, and toys in the Oasis storage room. Please return anything you borrow following your CT. You are welcome to sign out teaching resources as well. The labeled cards are located in two labeled file boxes. (Ask your Oasis CT Overseer if you need help).

ORIENTATION/TRAINING

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ROUTINE PROCEDURES IN YOUR ASSIGNED CLASSROOM:

- 1 Check-in and Check-out procedures
- 2 Class schedule – music, large group, small group, etc.
- 3 Post class expectations or rules
- 4 If in doubt about anything, ask your team leader or director