

LEADERSHIP LESSON # 95: WHAT EVERY LEADER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUTLINE BY JIM ROBINSON

Preschool Sunday School is not just babysitting. Preschool Sunday School is not just the place where you stick young children while their parents do important things. What happens in Preschool Sunday School is important beyond imagination. Preschoolers are tomorrow's church leaders. What they experience and learn in Sunday School is building a biblical foundation that will later lead to personal transformation when they receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. That is the ultimate goal but a lot must be taught and caught beginning early in life. Their first steps of faith are important steps. A church that provides dedicated and trained, teaching teams, approved equipment, curriculum and attractive and adequate class room space is making an eternal investment for current and future generations.

Guiding preschoolers in Sunday School is not just a women's responsibility. Men should be enlisted at every age level. Men sharing biblical truths and concepts to preschoolers make a great and eternal impact.

Involve parents – Communicate with parents often to make sure they are aware of your teaching methods, upcoming events and ways they can help and contribute. The home is the first place biblical truths are experienced and taught. Guide parents to know that preschool Sunday School is an intentional and planned weekly series of planting biblical concepts as children interact with teachers, activities, music and friends. Encourage parents to commit to be regular on-time attenders for their preschooler's sake. Every moment of preschool Sunday School is significant from start to finish.

God has a plan for each child – Deut. 6:4-7 states that we are to impress biblical truths on our children. It is a command. Preschool Sunday School is designed to teach young children how to love God with all of their heart, soul and strength. In the preschool years a child learns to love Jesus as their friend. In later years we trust and pray that he or she will accept Christ as their Savior. From infancy to kindergarten, Preschool Sunday School lays the foundation. It is one of the most important ministries of the church. Jesus took time to hold the children in his arms (which means, they were preschoolers) and bless them. Blessed is the church whose leaders and parents insist on the best for preschooler teaching at church. That church will be blessed.

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