Preschoolers and Pictures

Remember the child needs you to:

• create an environment that appeals to his visual learning and hands-on work
• let him think about what he is doing or think before he answers a question
• listen to him when he is imagining aloud
• create visual ideas using a variety of media (art materials, photography, clay, recycled items)
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• use pictures and other visual presentations to stimulate his thinking

Where to Find Pictures

- magazines, calendars
- postcards, newspapers
- coupons, bulk mail
- photographs
- catalogs (school supply, clothing, store, seed)
- outdated curriculum materials (leader guides, leader packs, leader pack, school supply, clothing, seed)
- Biblical pictures portray Bible stories and scenes on the child’s level of understanding.

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Visual Learner

A visual learner may exhibit a degree of critical thinking. This gift will one day lead him to think about God and the world in which he lives.
The visual child may exhibit

- an ability to use their imaginations to “see”
- good spatial skills
- enjoyment through creating art
- picture-reading books or using other visual cues to learn
- well-developed observation skills
- a tendency to think about things before he acts

The visual child may enjoy

- working a colorful puzzle
- reaching for colorful objects in view
- observing items in detail
- drawing a picture of actual objects in view
- using a variety of paints or other art media
- making a wordless book about himself or a Bible story
- creating a role-play scene with friends
- describing what they think a Bible person may have seen during events in a Bible story
- creating a video of friends in the class
- building with blocks, Lincoln Logs® and Legos®
- tearing or cutting out pictures for a collage
- rearranging furniture in the homeliving center
- taking pictures of friends or play scenes
- designing a sculpture or three-dimensional display
- using biblical pictures to recall Bible stories
- using present-day pictures to apply Bible truths
- viewing maps, charts, and diagrams of Bible-related places and objects
- creating a picture web

Teachers can encourage learning by

- making activities visually appealing
- providing variety in art, nature, blocks, homeliving/dramatic play, puzzles
- telling stories that appeal to the senses
- providing books with large illustration
- minimizing visual “clutter”