CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR YOUTH

Junior Highers tend to like:
Bible studies of relationships like friendships, family, romance
Learning games with answers directly from Scripture
Puzzles
Decoding
Staying in one group
Filling in Sunday cartoons or creating cartoons
Fast – paced, frequently changing activities
Applying the Bible to real-life problems

Junior Highers tend to shy away from:
Highly abstract discussions
Putting truth into their own words, unless directions are very clear and specific
Answering questions not directly from Scripture or the commentary
Too much sitting and talking

Senior Highers tend to like:
Bible studies on relationships like friendships, family, romance
Word searches
Putting truth into their own words
Learning games with some answers directly from Scripture and some very hard questions
Sculpting and sharing abstract subjects
Team challenges that have obvious meaning
Debates
Hard issues to which they can all express their ideas
Applying the Bible to real-life problems

Senior Highers tend to shy away from:
Decoding
Fill-in-the-blanks, unless it is words to a song
True/False, unless there is both true and falsehood in each statement and they must find the deception
Activities that seem meaningless. They want to know why they are doing it.
SUGGESTED METHODS FOR TEACHING YOUTH

**Art Methods**
- Banners & murals
- Doodles
- Graffitti wall
- Family flag/crest
- Poster
- Bumper sticker

**Verbal Methods**
- Brainstorming
- Testimony
- Case study/evaluation
- Storytelling
- Circular response poll
- Biblical person interview
- Panel discussion
- Debate / quiz

**Drama Methods**
- Skit/role play
- Monologue, dialogue
- Puppets/frozen statues
- Commercials
- Act out a song

**Music Methods**
- Choral reading
- New words to a familiar tune
- Group singing
- Listen to a song
- Singing telegram
- Hymn Reading
- Watch a music video

**Pencil & Paper Methods**
- Incomplete sentences
- Fill-in outline
- Resumes
- Business cards
- Acrostic
- Word Association
- Poetry, prayer, meditation
- Letters
- News articles, want ads
- True/false; Agree/disagree
- Ads, obituaries, advice columns

**Games**
- Concentration
- Baseball
- Trivia
- Pictionary
- Tic tac toe
- Wheel of Fortune
- Jeopardy
- Taboo