

# 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  
Graffiti wall  
Family flag/crest  
Poster  
Bumper sticker

### Drama Methods

Skit/role play  
Monologue, dialogue  
Puppets/frozen statues  
Commercials  
Act out a song

### 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

### Verbal Methods

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

### Music Methods

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