LEADERSHIP LESSON #91: PREPARING THE CHILDREN'S ROOM FOR SUNDAY MORNING

OUTLINE BY KAREN PRICKETT

Taking the time to properly prepare your classroom for Sunday morning will preclude discipline problems and promote smooth transitions and enhanced learning during the Sunday School session. During the week leading up to the session, decide which activities you will provide and gather needed materials. When setting up your room, plan 20-30 minutes to do the following:

1. Look around the room and get rid of unnecessary “stuff”.
   a. Do you see posters or teaching pictures from previous sessions? Remove them.
   b. Do you see learner guide sheets from last week? Dispose of them.
   c. Do you see unnecessary furniture? Seek permission to have it removed from the room. This could be hiding space that could be used for more learning.

2. Set up the room.
   a. As you prepare each area and activity for the session, pray for the children who will work and play there and participate in the activity.
   b. Prepare items from the Leader Pack to be used in the session.
   c. Prepare a focal wall in your classroom that shows the current unit of study and weekly teaching pictures.
   d. Prepare an area for the early arriver activity.
   e. Place learner guide sheets and pencils, markers, or crayons on the table.
   f. Set up the Power Up / Excite activity area with the needed supplies.
   g. Place the CD in the CD player. Set it to repeat a song from the session quietly in the background as children arrive.
   h. Gather your Bible, the teaching picture, Bible verse and other items needed for Plug In / Experience.
   i. Prepare items for the Personalize / Express activities.

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