

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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 - a. Do you see posters or teaching pictures from previous sessions? _____.
 - b. Do you see learner guide sheets from last week? _____ of them.
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2. Set up the room.
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 - b. Prepare items from the _____ to be used in the session.
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