

LEADERSHIP LESSON # 92: WHAT EVERY LEADER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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3. Teaching children's Sunday School requires **dedication** and **preparation**. It is vital for leaders to arrive **early** each week and be **faithful** to fulfill their commitments to teaching. You should be willing to spend ample time preparing for the upcoming session through Bible study, **prayer**, and **planning**.
4. Sunday School is more than just teaching on Sunday morning. It involves ministry to children and their families. Keeping in **contact** with children in your class consistently shows families that you care about them. Ministering to families in times of need is greatly valued.
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6. Effective children's Sunday School leaders understand that they lead by **example**. Children learn by **watching** you more than by listening to you. Be a **godly** example for children to follow.

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