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

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2. Leading children in Sunday School requires cooperation with other leaders and a positive attitude. Teamwork among leaders is crucial to a successful ministry. Having an affirmative attitude toward your pastor, staff, and lay leaders in your church is essential.

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.

5. Great Sunday School leaders know that the Bible is their textbook. Children’s teachers should open the Bible when telling the Bible story. Direct children to God’s Word throughout the session each week. Tell the Bible story in an exciting way, fostering a love of God’s Word in the children you lead.

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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