

Tips on engaging ALL children in your Sunday Club sessions.

Lynn McCann www.includedbygrace.wordpress.com

	<p>1. It's not school. So forget the 'lesson' and concentrate on the children knowing God. Kids who don't like school, who feel stressed and who fail at school aren't going to like more of the same. Kids who like school might like a rest from the same things!</p>
	<p>2. Build relationships. Know the children and who they are/ what makes them tick and be friends with them. Don't brush off their difficult questions – discover together and don't ignore it.</p>
	<p>3. Play more. Don't always do craft. Have options for those who don't like craft, such as Brick Bible. Ask the children how they would plan a session!</p>
	<p>4. But structure your session into blocks and communicate this to all kids by a list or a visual timetable. It doesn't have to be a free for all!</p>
	<p>5. Have two rules only...Be kind, be safe.</p>
	<p>6. Chant, sing, use pictures and mime or signs if you know them, act out God's Word. It will stick in their minds more than reading will. Watch kids TV and see how the presenters talk to the children!</p>
	<p>7. When you plan – think of just one key sentence you'd like to get across. Slow down, tell a bit of the story each week if it means they end up sitting for too long.</p>
	<p>8. Behaviour – a structured but flexible approach and getting to know the children really well will help – but in the session remind of the 2 rules and then use your additional adults to come alongside the child and do something else.</p>



9. Application – give them a practical task to take home – apply the main teaching point.



10. Develop prayer in practical ways, do lots of it and get the children involved. Be still, focus on a spiritual verse or poem, a piece of music. Give symbols or pictures for them to choose if they don't like to use words. Make them active in prayer and report back when prayers are answered.

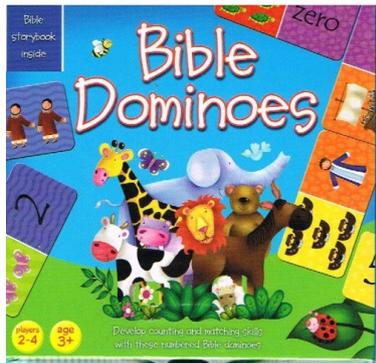
Play ideas for starters! Think Actions, Doing, Seeing not just listening and writing



Memory verses on duplo so have to put it together.



A model of Moses and the burning bush.



Board games and card games build cooperation skills.

Books of the B I B L E

Ezra	Matthew	Titus	2 Kings	James
1 Peter	Genesis	1 Timothy	Proverbs	Amos
Ruth	Song of Solomon	Philemon	1 Corinthians	Leviticus
Exodus	Jude	Job	Revelation	John
Galatians	Joshua	Romans	Daniel	Isaiah

Bible Bingo.

Prayer bricks, prayer trees, prayer photo wall, prayer pebbles, prayer blanket, prayer walk,

http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Creative_Prayer_ideas.pdf
<http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/?ps=12>