

Ideas to Have A Great Class

General preparation outside and inside class

- Be prepared and prayed up (think Monday rather than Saturday)
- Have needed materials copied ahead of time
- Have needed items set aside before class begins
 - necessity of an organized supplies shelf
- Greet children as they arrive
 - Offer handshake, hug, or high-five (they are more important than the lesson)
- Perhaps play music as they arrive
- Start your class on-time
- What is the condition of your room? Is it warm and inviting? Colorful?
- Show enthusiasm for your students and the teaching material
- Think of ways to incorporate creativity and surprises into the classroom
- Be less vocal and more visual

Discipline

- Children need to know the boundaries even if they will push them a little
 - boundaries help them feel secure
- Involve children in setting rules and punishments, where appropriate
- Post classroom procedures and have the children sign it regularly
- Be consistent
- The manner in which discipline is carried out is crucial
 - role play?
- Ideally, discipline should play a positive, building role

Be willing to admit mistakes but don't enter into self condemnation

Think the absolute best of your class – story about the “A” and “B” level classes

What you can do in your class is not about you but about God

- corrective to those who think they are too good and those who think they are not good enough