

## Deciding What to Teach!

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

The Word of God is glorious and He has given it to us. It is enormous and marvelous and the Holy Spirit reminds us of what it says to help lead us into all truth.

But no one can absorb it all at once. It would be like trying to eat a whale! You can't do it!

However, if someone takes a little bit of it and makes it into a wafer for you, then you can take the wafer and be nourished by it.

Our job, as teachers, is to take little portions of the Word of God and make them into lessons to provide to our students, so that they can be nourished by them.

### NOTE:

Often, especially in large, well-established churches, there is a set curriculum that has already been established. Then there is not a question of what you will teach, but only the question of whether or not you will teach; and if you do, with what age group do you wish to be involved.

Some people know that they prefer to work with Adults, or with Teens (Youth). Many times the curricula for these groups change over time, as they are chosen based on the perceived needs of the groups. It is possible, if you have a particular area of interest or expertise, that you may be asked to lead a study in one of these groups for a period of time.

Other persons prefer to work with children in elementary school, preschool, or in the Nursery and Toddler rooms. In these cases, it is usually only necessary to speak with your Sunday School Superintendent or other leader, and volunteer. Typically after a background check (to ensure the safety of the children) and some training, they will put you to work right away! 😊

However... if you are starting up a Sunday School, or even just considering starting a new class, then you have to decide what you are going to teach.

In that case... read on! This is for you!

## Considerations in Deciding What to Teach

Ask yourself these questions and think about the answers. They will help you as you consider what you need to teach your class. You may need to make a list of things you want to teach and work your way down the list over a period of time.

- Where are you students? (In age and in spiritual maturity.)
  - Are they Christians?
  - Do they know anything of Christ?
  - What do they need?
- Age of students:
  - Children
    - Readers (7 and older)
    - Non-Readers (4-7)
    - Nursery and Toddler (Birth to about 3 years of age)
  - Youth or Teens (12-18)
  - Adults (18 and older)
- What do YOU know?
  - Basically you have to at least stay one lesson ahead of your students! 😊
  - What has God been teaching you in your own life?
  - Some people have a clear indication of what they should teach and how. Others do not. If you do not, then pray. God will lead you in your decision.
  - Discuss all of this with your pastor or another person who helps oversee the Sunday School classes.

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