



PREPARING A SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SERVANTS PREPARATION

AGENDA FOR TODAY

1. What is a Sunday School Lesson?
2. The Requirements for Sunday School Lesson

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING?

“You shall love the LORD your God ...

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind.”

OT: Deuteronomy 6:5

NT: Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27

WHAT IS A SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON?

- It is not a record of events that we convey to the students with the hopes of appearing to satisfy the required preparation process in front of other people.
- Neither is it a lecture that we deliver to our audience or student regardless of their interest in the matter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON IS

- on one hand, it is a fruit of the live reaction between the servant and the lesson and,
- on the other hand, between the servant and the students.
- The Holy Spirit matures this fruit and directs this service towards the salvation of the students and towards the glory of God.

DO I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE?

- Church Father's advice
 - Never give a lesson you don't practice yourself
 - Attending Church Regular, early, etc.
 - Reading Bible
 - Praying
 - Forgiveness
 - Purity
 - Charitable Work

IF YOU TALK THE TALK, THEN WALK THE WALK!

- Servants who teaches something he/she are not practicing, the voice of the Lord will rebuke him/her saying,
- "You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?" (Romans 2:21)
- "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgement." (James 3:1)

ENGAGE YOURSELF

- The servant should engage himself/herself in the lesson through prayers, relevant spiritual readings, and practical application, so that when the servant speaks with his students from experience and true knowledge, he/she says, with St. John the Beloved, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life" (1 John 1:1)

LEVEL WITH YOUR STUDENTS

- If a servant is not aware of the spiritual level of his students, he may burden them with instructions and lessons, which they cannot handle nor apply, and this, in turn, may cause the students to go astray and lose their eternal life.
- Therefore, it is crucial for the servant to establish a healthy, trustworthy, and fruitful relationship with his students; as well as to share in their joys and cheers, and their sadness and fears.
- This is what St. Paul refers to in his epistle to the Galatians when he says, "**My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you...**" (Galatians 4:19).
- This close relationship with the students allows the servant to choose the most appropriate lesson that caters to their needs.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

1. Humility in prayer before God
2. Accurate Knowledge
3. Aids for Presentation

I. HUMILITY IN PRAYER BEFORE GOD

- "...for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)
- Sit down in peace and tranquility with the Lord and talk to Him about your personal need for Him in your service.
- Ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and pray saying, "Guide me dear God. What would you like my students and I to learn this week?"
- Be obedient to His voice. It would be suitable to maintain a prayer time which equals that of the lesson.

2. ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE

- a) Occupying yourself throughout the week with understanding the new lesson, starting from the end of the previous lesson until the beginning of the new one. It is wise to use your free time, time before sleep, and time with fellow servants to increase and enhance your understanding of the lesson.
- b) Resorting to spiritual and religious references and literature to help you develop the right understanding and concepts behind the lines.
- c) Resorting to general educational references and literature to embody this understanding and these concepts, making them clear in the minds of your students.

3.AIDS OF PRESENTATION.

- It is important that you transform your understanding of the lesson into a simple and clear presentation.
- It has been stated and proved that
 - **85%** of knowledge acquired is acquired through the **sense of sight** and **visual learning**,
 - **10%** that is acquired through the **sense of hearing**.
 - The rest of the knowledge acquired is done through the other three senses.
- Make it a dialogue
- Use the learning by doing method (require time)
- The tools used in the presentation can make a huge difference in the lesson

RECORD YOUR LESSON

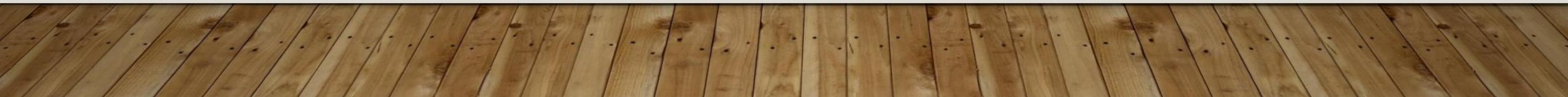
1. Date of the preparation of the lesson.
2. Date of the delivery of the lesson.
3. Title of the lesson.
4. Purpose of the lesson.
5. References.
6. Preface.
7. Lesson.
8. Inference.
9. Bible verse.
10. Homework.
11. Aids of presentation.
12. Other points for memory.

SUMMARY

1. What is a Sunday School Lesson?

1. Do I have something to give?
2. If you Talk the talk, then walk the walk!
3. Engage yourself
4. Level with your students

2. The Requirements for Sunday School Lesson

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START: SONGS



Praise
THE LORD

END:TAKE HOME MESSAGE



