

## 2. Plan with co-workers activities to do during the week

- If believing parents do not yet have a family devotional time with their children, then visit them and help them to start doing so.
- Visit believers who might serve as teachers, and explain these guidelines to them.

Train new teachers by having them work with a more experienced teacher, if possible.

## 3. Plan with co-workers the upcoming worship.

**Tell Jesus' parable about soils** from Mark 4:1-20. Explain that to learn God's Word in God's way we must...

- 1) Receive it with our eyes or ears,
- 2) Let it take root in our souls
- 3) Let it bear fruit.

Then ask the believers to recall the things that Jesus said hindered this learning.

**Explain why parents** should teach their children. Explain the guidelines above, for doing so.

**Let the children present** what they have prepared.

Let adults and older children **give testimonials** about what Christ has done for them, especially if they have recently trusted Him as their Lord.

**To introduce the Lord's Supper**, read Deuteronomy 6:4-7. Explain that we are to teach children to obey Jesus' commands, including the breaking of bread together.

**Talk together** for a few minutes in groups of two or three persons. Pray for one another, and make plans to provide more teaching activities for the children.

**Memorize** together Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

## Teach Children the Way God Said to Do it

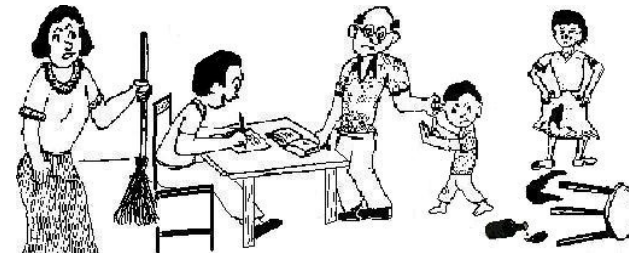
Those who teach children should read study #97 for children.

**Prayer.** "Dear Lord, help our children to love and obey you, and relate well to their family and friends."

### 1. Prepare Children's Teachers with God's Word

**Who should teach children.** It is mainly parents that should train their children to follow Christ, teaching and disciplining them in love.

- Christian families should have a daily family devotional time, like Job did, to pray and talk with the children about the Word of God.
- What does **Ephesians 6:4** tell fathers to do?
- What does **Proverbs 23:13** tell parents to do?



- Children also often teach other children effectively.



Alex, you did your work well. Please help Mohan and Shaji to finish their work. When you older children help me to teach, you learn more and you help the little ones learn more. You also learn how to be leaders.

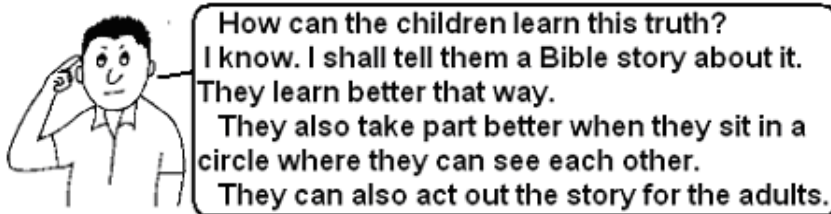
- Christian friends and relatives should help **train** children during the week, telling Bible stories to them, praying with them and listening to them tell what they have been doing.



- Shepherds can **provide** Paul-Timothy Children's Studies to teachers, and can arrange some time before the main worship for children to prepare what they will present to the adults.

### Guidelines for teaching children:

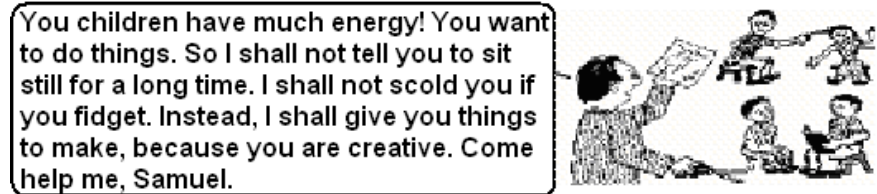
- **Prepare** well, ahead of time.
- **Tell stories**, and let the children act them out.



- **Pray** for each child. God cares about children. Scripture mentions them often.
- Good worship leaders and shepherds **include** children in congregational worship, like Moses, Joshua and Ezra did, not only as listeners but also by doing things together with adults. Paul-Timothy Children's Studies suggest activities for them to prepare and to present to adults.
- Children love **holidays** and events when believers gather for sports, parties, birthdays, etc. They enjoy learning why we celebrate holidays. The

Lord established holidays and memorials, so that children would not forget His great works (Joshua 4:1-7; Exodus 12:24-27).

- Keep children **busy** doing things that interest them. They like to make things.



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- **Teach** children both to fear and love God (Deuteronomy 4:10; 6:4-7; Psalm 34:11; 111:10).
- When the Holy Spirit convinces children of their sin, **encourage** them to receive Christ's forgiveness by faith.
- Children, especially the smaller ones, like repetition, action and noises. For example, if you tell them that Isaac's bride Rebecca came to him riding on a camel, you might say, "Hear the camel's hooves as it walks along. 'Clap!' 'Clap!' 'Clap!' 'Clap!' Now bob your heads up and down, because camel riders go up and down, up and down!"
- Teachers should develop a good relationship with children's parents.
- Discipline children gently but firmly.



- Praising children for doing things well keeps better order than does scolding them.