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Teaching the Word of God to the children given to your care will be no different than in past years. The potential success can be maximized with preparation. While great abilities, skills and talent provide some limited success, the old saying about planning is true, "to fail to plan is a plan to fail."

The more prepared one is the better the teaching. Being prepared is more than having the craft supplies in order, the snack decided and the music memorized. Preparation means one has prepared his/her heart and mind through prayer and has studied each lesson thoroughly.

- The lessons have been written for five-days of teaching. While there are four lessons, the fifth day is reserved for review and finishing up art activities. Since each Feast site usually holds its Youth Day on the last day of the Feast, having a day to bring everything to an end will allow for excellent closure.
- Shop for all the needed supplies for each of the craft projects. The crafts are an important part of the teacher's tools. Please do not neglect to use the crafts to reinforce the lesson.
- The Activity Book should be given to each child the first day of class. I recommend you keep the books in class. Doing this ensures each child will have his/her book for class each day. At the end of the Feast send the books home with each student.

• Two songs along with a CD of the songs have been provided in your Teacher's Planner and a copy of the songs are in the Activity Book. It is a highlight at the Feast when the children perform. Reinforce with your students that when they sing for the congregation they are not only serving the congregation, but worshiping God as well.

What is Expected of You

A Teacher is not an expert on the Bible. Lessons and materials have been prepared to help guide you as you teach.

A Teacher does not know all the answers. Do not be afraid or embarrassed if you do not know the answer to a question. Instead say, "Lets find the answer together."

A Teacher is creative and flexible. Take the initiative to use your talents and tailor the lessons so that it fits your class.

A Teacher does not teach curriculum. You are teaching children and your goal is to take the time to meet each child's need. God uses people to reveal His truth.

A Teacher takes time to listen. Listen to your student. You may be surprised what you learn from a child.

Finally, as you prepare for Sabbath School prior to, and each day of the Feast, go to God in prayer. Ask Him to prepare your heart and mind to teach your students responsibly and with clarity.