



## The Way We Teach

### What about teaching children is the most difficult?

Each child has a \_\_\_\_\_ learning style and this can be a challenge. Be encouraged, as the teacher or preacher, you can address children in different ways and on a level that they can understand.

- Charles Spurgeon said of the Teacher / Preacher who could minister to children: “People occasionally say of such a one, “He is only fit to teach children: He is no preacher.” I tell you, in God’s sight he is no preacher who does not care for the children.”

**Read:** John 21:15-17 and 1 Peter 2:2

### Called to love

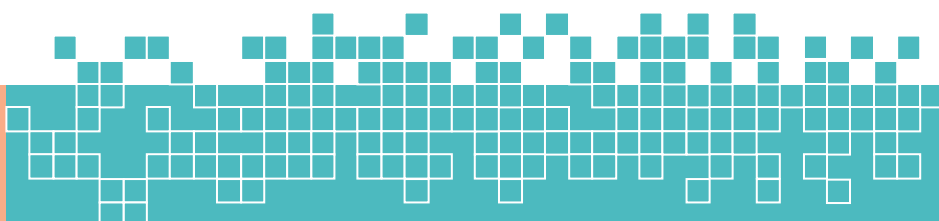
Jesus calls Peter to “Feed My Lambs.” in John 21:15. Before this calling, Jesus questions Peter and his love for the Lord, to which Peter affirms his love for the Lord. We must first \_\_\_\_\_ before we can feed. And what are we to feed? The pure spiritual milk of the Word so that by it we can mature in salvation.

**Read:** 1 John 4:7, Romans 12:9

Children know when the love is not genuine. They are masters at the art of recognition, whether your love is real or fake.

**“Feed My Lambs” How can you \_\_\_\_\_ for this calling?**

1. By being fed yourself. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. Spend time with the Master. John 12:3
3. Examine your heart. Do you love Jesus? Psalm 139:23
4. Understand feeding Lambs is Careful work. Eph. 4:1-2
5. Do you have a shepherding heart? Ephesians 4:11-12



## Teaching Kids!

How do you keep the kid's \_\_\_\_\_?

1. Understanding of Biblical text (be well studied/prepared)
2. Pray
3. Explain the class rules weekly
4. Keep a class schedule
5. Work together as a team (helper or co-teacher)
6. Present the Bible lesson and gospel clearly
7. Passion for the Lord and His Word
8. Voice/tone
9. Sound Effects
10. Actions
11. Objects
12. Personal Stories (mindfully)
13. Eye Contact
14. Visual Aids – Pictures speak
15. Keep the teaching time appropriate by age
16. Engage the Senses
17. Genuine engagement with each child

Teaching children the Word of God is a high calling! This is a ministry the Lord will call you to, gift you for, and train you in. How will you prepare to teach?

*“Love is the grandest preparation for the ministry.” Spurgeon*

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