

CREATING A CULTURE OF **CRITICAL THINKING** IN YOUR CLASSROOM

WHY CRITICAL THINKING?

- **We are called to love the Lord our God with our mind**
 - **MATTHEW 22:37**- Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
- **Solidifies our faith and builds confidence**
- **Teaches children how to find what is true and share it with others**
- **Equips this generation of believers to think for themselves and have a biblical worldview that honors God**

KEY WORLD VIEW TEACHINGS

- **Absolute Truth**
 - There is such thing as absolute truth - and we can know it!
 - Truth is an attribute of God
 - The Bible is the true and final authority
 - Not all religions can be true
- **Not all Faith is Blind Faith**
 - **KIDS MUST BE ABLE TO ANSWER:** Why are you a Christian?
- **There are reasons for everything**
- **Questions are okay**
- **We are called to engage the culture**
 - **3 R's:**
 - Be Ready
 - Be Reasonable
 - Be Respectful
 - **4 Qualifying Questions:**
 - Why are you asking?
 - What do you believe?
 - Would you change your mind?
 - What would make you change your mind?



QUICK TIPS

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GET ON THEIR LEVEL - MAKE LEARNING SIMPLE

- Explain big words
- Children lack vocabulary and life experience
- Use examples children understand

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CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR QUESTIONS

- Question Jar
- Don't shut down questions
- Ask open ended questions and give children room to think for themselves and even disagree

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IT IS OKAY TO NOT KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS

- Model what to do when you don't know the answer
- Tools to find answers:
 - Gotquestions.org
 - Answersingenesis.org
 - [One Minute Answers to Skeptics](#) by Charlie Campbell
 - [Jaws Without Teeth](#) by Ray Comfort

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