

Effective Use of Be My Disciples

1. Planning and preparation are the keys to a successful lesson...
*Take the time **you need** to properly plan a lesson. Give it 101% and let your creativity and heart take hold of the reins. The Lord will do the rest.*
2. Follow the Lesson planner (situated on the page right before the chapter opener) in order to get the focus of each section (Explore, Discover and Decide) what to elaborate on and what activities to do.
3. Apply PCL Focus and recommended activities received on a weekly basis.
4. Prioritize; especially if your time is limited or there were unexpected delays. Focus on the main ideas indicated in the lesson planner when you are pressed for time.
5. Do the recommended activities that are offered in the guide and student book. They reinforce what is being taught very well. Again, if you are pressed for time, use your judgment and do the activities you deem the most important.
6. Make sure to properly cover and discuss the I Will Follow Jesus Section which includes an activity and a Faith Choice that the Children need to make. This section is very important because it challenges children to integrate faith and life by leading them to higher levels of thinking, by finding ways to apply what they have learned to their lives.
7. Do the chapter review for every lesson.
8. Encourage the children to do the With My Family section at home with their parents.
9. Plan a lesson that is slightly longer than 1 hour & stay focused-avoid distractions. **Turn off your cell phone if possible**.
10. Be flexible--if students seem especially interested or if they seem to have difficulty understanding a particular concept, take the extra time to further explain and discuss. Don't rush.
11. Talk to your fellow catechists and centre coordinator(s)... many of them are experienced catechists and can help you with tips on how to effectively plan your lesson.

Thought of the day...

"Anyone can give up...it's the easiest thing to do..." ...