



Teaching!

Where do I Start?

We have all been there: the Saturday night when you are just about to drift to sleep when you realise with a jolt you are doing the kids' work in the morning... and you don't even know what the Bible passage is!

Planning is important; it makes a huge difference to the lesson both for those leading and those participating.

Planing can be daunting. There are so many options out there, so much material, so many ways of delivering it.

The first thing to do is break down the essential practical things. This will help you automatically start to see what activities and teaching methods need to be used. If you don't know rough answers to these questions, you are planning in the dark.

The Kids Factor

How many kids do you have?

What ages are those kids?

The Time Factor

How much time do you want to fill?

How much time do you really have to prepare?

The Location Factor

How much space do you have?

What are the limitations on your space?

The Elements

Who am I working with?

What is the church requiring of me during this time?

The Thinking

What is the key idea?

What do you want these kids to take away?

The Limits

How will you judge this a success?

How important is the fun factor?

The moral or key idea is the focus of the lesson. The planned actions scribbled in dry ink on dead trees turns into moving hands, feet and hearts. Once you have the idea or moral, then build everything on it. This is not childcare nor story time at the library; this is an act of worship for children with the potential to transform their lives.