

How do Preschoolers Learn Best?

TIP SHEET



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Discovery

Preschoolers are curious, have great imaginations and are full of questions. Teachers can help preschoolers learn by providing activities that promote discovery and engaging them in conversations that help them think about what they are learning.

Exploration

Preschoolers seldom sit still! Play is their natural way of exploring their world, figuring things out, and practicing new skills. They learn best when both their heads and hands are engaged. Teachers can help preschoolers learn by providing hands-on activities that help them know, review and apply the Bible lesson.

Affirmation

"Me do!" Preschoolers need the satisfaction they receive from successfully completing a task, because this provides motivation for trying new things. They need praise for successes and encouragement when they are unsuccessful. Teachers can help preschoolers learn by providing experiences that meet their learning and development stage, while still being challenging enough to encourage them to stretch and grow.

Multiplication

The preschool years are a time of learning lots of new things and this requires experiencing concepts multiple times in different ways. Also, as preschoolers grow, so does their knowledge and understanding. Repetition provides for building on previous foundational truths. Teachers can help preschoolers learn by reteaching Bible content multiple times using a variety of learning methods.

Relationships

We are designed to live in community. Preschoolers enjoy learning with their friends, but look to the big people in their lives to learn how to interact with others and how to approach problems. Teachers can help preschoolers learn by providing opportunities for preschoolers to successfully work together and by modeling a Jesus attitude.

