

## **Become a Better Teacher by Knowing Your Students**

### **Children – 8-10 Years Old**

- Goals for this age
  - Accepting self; learning about strengths and gifts
  - Making friends; learning to get along with others
  - Understanding that we are all different – accepting differences
- Beginning to learn about their role in society, responsibilities to family, friends
- Early Readers – Able to read with increasing ease/ reading for information
  - Learning to look things up in the Bible
  - Able to copy passages from Bible or textbook
  - Able to answer written questions with short answers or sentences.
  - Play written word games
  - Learning to write paragraphs and give oral reports
- Learning to do different types of chores and work at home and school
- Can play complex group games and even competitive sports (soccer, baseball, volleyball)
- Fine Motor Skills
  - Very good with scissors and glue
  - Can do detailed decorations, complex craft projects
  - Can learn basic sewing, knitting, crocheting, baking, cooking, etc
  - Can learn to use a hammer, screwdriver, saw, etc
  - Can learn basic “camping skills” – Putting up tent/ planning a meal/ starting a fire
- Can do word puzzles and play math games (memorizing multiplication tables)
- Developmental Characteristics
  - Beginning to grasp abstract concepts
  - Developing reasoning ability
  - Enjoys dramatic play
  - Creative
  - Attention span: 12-20 mins.
  - Good memories
  - Developing understanding of time and space
  - Literal, concrete thinker
  - Imaginative, curious, imitative, expanding vocabulary
  - Desires to please
  - Wants to be independent
  - Learning cooperation
  - Emotional
  - Talkative
  - Desires and seeks attention
  - Interested in peer group
  - Developing self-control
- Memorizing sections of scripture (Examples: 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, Lord’s Prayer, Beatitudes)
- Memorize books of the Bible, names of disciples
- Learn to Pray together and individually

- Can begin to understand historical overview of the Bible
- Spiritual messages they need to hear
  - Salvation message
  - We can accept Jesus as our Savior.
  - God loves you and everyone else that you know and meet
  - God knows all about you and loves you just like you are
  - God has a wonderful plan for your life
  - God will never leave you or forsake you
  - You can trust God
  - God is all powerful, all knowing, and always present
  - There is nothing you can do to make God love you any more than He does
  - There is nothing you can do to make God love you any less than He does
  - Jesus is the way.
  - We are saved by grace (because God is generous), not by works (or what we do)
  - You can tell others what God has done for you
  - Understands forgiveness and reconciliation
  - Modeling of grace