

DISCUSSION AS A TEACHING METHOD

GOALS OF TEACHING CHILDREN IN CHURCH

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Historical school model is **NOT** the best methodology for growing kids into faith.

In general, we teach in the ways we were taught.

Suggestion: Use a historical education model that includes some informal practices.

Though we may engage our students passively in reading and listening to teachers, their understanding and absorption of God's Word and His principles will really take off **through actual or simulated experiences**.

We must model our teaching methods after Jesus' methods.

1. Spoke with authority
2. Common/familiar objects
3. Repetition
4. Storytelling
5. Teachable moments
6. Wordplay
7. Experiential Learning
8. Embraced question asking

We must move from our students being passive receptacles to active participants in the learning process.

Learning to live a Christian life is NOT primarily a cognitive endeavor.

Why use Discussion as a teaching method?

1. Children need to verbalize what they believe
2. Clarify and review
3. Helps to solidify the principles
4. Applies principles to everyday
5. Stimulates connections

DISCUSSION STARTERS

The question or comment a teacher uses to start a discussion is very important because it sets the direction for the discussion to follow.

WHY? EXPLAIN. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DISCUSSION FORMATS

TOTAL CLASS DISCUSSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

BRAINSTORM GROUP

ACTIVITY + DISCUSSION

DEBRIEF

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.