

Teaching Tip: Be Prepared

Sometimes the simplest things in life are the most important. It may come as a shock to you, but there is a correlation between the preparedness of the teacher and the success of a lesson. It may seem strange to you, but there is even a high correlation between teachers who prepare their materials ahead of time and teachers who lead effective lessons. Teachers who walk in with their supplies ready to go (their videos cued, their hand outs arranged, their box of pens) have a better chance of staying on track and of allowing students to participate. That is not to say that if you forget to bring markers your lesson is destroyed, but it does mean that if you bring your markers, your scrap paper, your Bibles, the lesson will go more smoothly, more people will participate and get their hands on visuals and materials, and you will be better able to maximize your time.

Respect your students by showing up with the right photocopies, the right pens, the right overheads and whatever else you need. In order to empower you to do this, we have attempted to create accurate lists of materials needed for every lesson. Make the most of these! Make the most of your time with the students! (And feel free to record anything we might be missing and to let us know about it!)