

## Note to Sunday-School Teachers: Fall, 2018

You have taken on the important task of teaching Sunday school. The lesson plans available at the church website are intended to help you make the class sessions both fun and educational. Here are just a few notes in connection with using these plans.

1. **Scripture Selection.** The lessons are based on the same Scripture text the pastor will preach on. The idea is that the Sunday-school students will study the same text the adults hear a sermon on. (There are two minor exceptions, due to the fact that the *Whirl Story Bible* does not include the sermon texts for September 16 and September 30. For those dates Pastor Glenn has chosen passages from the book of James for the Sunday school.)
2. **Active Learning.** The lesson plans are designed for *active* learning, the theory being that students tend to learn by doing. For example, performing a skit based on a Bible story is likely to help students remember and understand the story better than they would if the story is simply read to them. So, each lesson plan includes multiple activities for the students to engage in. All of the activities are designed to help meet the stated learning objective.
3. **Preparation.** Please read the lesson plans over *a few days* before the relevant class meeting. There are materials you'll need to gather (or preparations you'll need to make) in advance of the class meeting; these are listed under "Materials and Preparation" in each lesson plan.
4. ***Whirl Story Bible* and *Spark Story Bible*.** The lesson plans generally make use of either the *Whirl Story Bible* or the *Spark Story Bible*. Several copies of each of these books are available in the Sunday-school classroom. You may wish to take a copy home with you the week before you teach; if so, please be sure to return it on (or before) the day you teach, since there are a limited number of copies available.
5. **Teaching Teams.** For the protection of all concerned, it is the church policy that two adults always be present in meetings with children. In addition, a team of two teachers with complementary abilities is generally more effective than one teacher operating in isolation. Whom would you like to team up with?

The Sunday-school makes an important contribution to the lives of the students, to their families, and to the life of the church. And you, as a teacher, play a crucial role in the Sunday school. Thank you very much!