

Some tips on classroom management

1. Get your class off to a good start by spending time as a class adopting “class rules.” Write the rules on a poster and display the poster in your classroom.

Here are a few rules we strongly suggest you include:

+Live by the Golden Rule. Treat others the way you would want to be treated yourself.

+Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

+When the teacher is talking, everyone else is listening.

+Always stay with the group. Never go off on your own without the permission of an adult.

2. When you see a child or group of children beginning to misbehave, simply walk close to where they are seated. Oftentimes just being in the proximity of the child will get his/her attention and solve the problem. Sometimes a gentle touch on the shoulder will remind the child that you are there and in control.
3. Use the same rules and systems each Sunday. Don't have one set of expectations with one teaching team and a different set with the other team. That's really not fair for the children.
4. As the year goes by you might need to get a little more creative to keep the enthusiasm level of your class going. Here's a couple of ideas:

+Take your class “camping” one Sunday. Push the tables together and cover them with blankets. Have Sunday School on the floor under the tables. Fix trail mix for a snack. Build a tissue paper campfire and tell stories around the fire.

+Set a realistic goal for your class. If attendance is lagging, tell the kids the teachers will all teach the class wearing pajamas one Sunday if they hit a particular attendance goal.

+Have a tennis ball as your class mascot. You can decorate it! Only the person holding the tennis ball can talk. In order to get the ball, the person in possession must pass it to you.