

Have a Plan

- **Plan ahead.**

Prepare your room with basic supplies, age-appropriate furniture, and interesting things to look at. Do you have a classroom Bible, a CD player, a first-aid kit? Are your visuals prepared and student activities ready for the first child who arrives?

- **Plan for classroom management.**

Understand the characteristics of preschoolers and teach accordingly. Pray for yourself and the children you teach. Set guidelines that a child can understand and follow and teachers know and keep.

- **Plan to be safe.**

Know your church's security guidelines and follow them. Know the location of first-aid supplies. Be aware of any allergies children may have before serving snacks. Know where each child's parents or guardians are during the time children are in class.

- **Plan to include all children.**

Be sensitive to each child's family situation. If you have a child with disabilities, learn about that child's special needs. Plan to include the child in all activities and show him the unconditional love of Jesus.

- **Plan to lead children to Jesus.**

Remember that all your plans should lead in only one direction—to Jesus. Plan and pray that all you do will help lay the foundations so a child can have a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.