

# Preparing to Teach Our Learning



The biggest myth of kids ministry is that it's just for kids. However, teaching the Bible is not, and should not be, a one way process.

**We should learn from the process of teaching God's word.  
Sometimes we learn something new, sometimes we re-learn something and  
sometimes we rediscover something we had forgotten.**

However much we nod our head at this statement, many of us simply don't take the time to look at the lesson as a place to feed us as teachers. For many, teaching becomes a one-way process of giving, rather than an act of discovery as we join in reading the lifegiving scriptures together. This can lead to resentment at being "stuck" in the children's ministry and not able to be fed in the "adult" service.

Here are a few suggestions; choose one to examine as you either prepare or review your next lesson.

If you have a team, ask the question in your debrief.

How would this story challenge me if I'd never heard it before?

What have I learnt about the mind and heart of a child / believer today?

What does this passage reveal about the world at that time or in general?

What did God speak into my teaching time today?

What have I learnt about my church community today?

What have I learnt about the materials and mechanisms of teaching this lesson?

What insights can the mind of a child bring to my perspective?

How can this story transform a child's life?

How can I reflect on this passage through the week?

When teaching becomes a process of learning, we see our time as both a blessing and an investment.

When we commit to being students of Christ and students of Children's ministry, then we fully receive our time with the children as a divine gift.

