

Integrating media and activities to create a powerful lesson

Teaching becomes more effective when using a combination of media and activities that best suit the lesson and age-group:

1. **Changing** the type of stimulus during a lesson helps children stay attentive.
2. **Involving** children in the lesson moves them from being passive learners to being eager participants.

The following ideas can be used creatively to broaden children's understanding and keep them focused. The activities need to tie in with the theme of the lesson and should be arranged so as to flow logically and smoothly from one to the other.

- Singing / background music (kids' worship songs)
- Games / fun activities / snacks
- Stories / DVDs
- Group activities / projects / crafts
- Drama / character interviews / role-play (letting children act out the lesson)
- Drawing and writing on a whiteboard or flip chart
- Involving children (having them count, make sounds, do actions etc.)
- Puppets (conventional) / finger puppets, paper figures
- Pictures / charts / maps
- Interaction (asking questions and providing guidance)
- Object lessons / surprise packets
- Blindfold > guessing / treasure hunt (e.g. look for hidden words of a Bible verse)
- Telling and sharing
- Bible quizzes / friendly competitions / teams
- Small-group discussions
- Activity sheets / coloring in / drawing / writing a note or prayer
- (Add your idea)