

Teaching Kids to Love the Word

Principles

1. No formula or magic bullet. It's supernatural!! **Ps.127:1; Zech. 4:6**
2. Belief that children have the capacity to learn spiritual truths – have the same HS as adults – **Deut. 6:6-7; 11:19**
3. Children w/hearts & minds soft to God **Jn. 6:44; Matt. 13:12**
4. Teachers who love the word, God & children AND believe in the spiritual capacity of children **Lk. 6:39-40**
5. It's a sin to bore children with the Bible **Heb. 4:12**
6. Kids can be involved in real spiritual work – David, Samuel, Jeremiah, Josiah

How do we get there?

1. PRAYER

- Holy Spirit convince everyone about spiritual capacity of kids
- Holy Spirit soften hearts/minds & give understanding **Ps, 139:1-5, 16**
- Holy Spirit recruit teachers who love the word, God & kids – reluctant folks who may not know they would be good- **Prov. 16:9**

2. TRAINING

- Basic tips on discipline & learning styles –Oasis page <http://www.xenos.org/ministries/oasis/resources.htm>
- Practical ideas & support – create time/place for sharing ideas

3. CLASS TIME

- Meaty lessons – teach to the highest level – **Heb. 5:13-14**
- FUN & interactive

- Vary learning styles & media
- Application – how does this apply at age 3, 7, 10?