

Story Telling Ideas

Use pictures to teach the sequence of the story, then have the children put them in order.

Tell the children to listen for specific things/words as you read or tell the story.

Have the children draw a picture to illustrate a part of a story.

Use a rebus (a picture or drawing in place of a word) to tell the story.

Find a common phrase throughout the story or create one, so that as you tell the story the children can repeat it at specified times during the story.

Find a song that tells the story or is based on the story.

Find a poem (or create one) that can be easily learned to help the children remember the story.

Tell the story through the creative use of basic body movements, such as clapping, hopping, etc.

Have the children help with sound effects as you tell the story, such a storm, or a crowd of people shouting.

Read directly from scripture, and then tell the story in words that the children can understand.

Show a movie based upon the story, and then discuss the story addressing the important truths in the story. Make sure you a clear what is real and what is pretend.

Make a story box to illustrate the story.

Find or create a puzzle that show the story or a main point of the story, slowly put it together as you tell the story.

Use Bible puppets to tell the story.

When telling the story using the felt figures give some of the key figures to the children to hold until it's time to put on the board. After you tell the story have the children tell the story back to you using the felt figures.

Assign different leaders to be different characters and act out the story.

Tell the story from the point of view of a specific character from the story. For example, Nicodemus or the little girl that Jesus healed. Show lots of excitement and emotion to convey what wondrous things Jesus did for them.

Allow the children to dramatize the story after you tell it. Kids love this!

Pretend to be the characters in the story, but direct them what to do as you tell the story. Such as in the story of the Good Samaritan.

Read a story that is based on the scripture you are teaching. Always finish by reviewing the Biblical story and reinforcing the Bible truth from the scripture.

After you tell the story, make silly mistakes and see if the kids can catch your mistakes. Tell them ahead of time to listen so that when you tell it again see how many times they can "catch you" making the mistake.

Tell the story from the point of view of an animal, such as the lamb in stable, the donkey Jesus rode on, the owl that listened as Jesus spoke with Nicodemus or Jesus being arrested.

Use food such as oyster and fish crackers, olive oil or mushy rice (for manna) to give a visual illustration of the story.

Before you begin give a little teaser like a commercial for a movie or T.V. show.

**Remember to adapt or modify the ideas to fit the needs and ages of the children. Add to the list when you discover something new!