

CM203 Teaching Children Effectively Level 2

Course Syllabus for CMI Online

I. Course description

Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 2 is designed to provide information and practical methods which will enable you to effectively guide the saved child in progressive spiritual growth. The course is centered on the principle that true teaching of the Word of God produces change.

Although the focus of *TCE*™ Level 2 is on the saved child, a strong evangelistic emphasis is also presented. You will learn to write clear lesson objectives based on the needs of the saved child and to teach a narrative Bible lesson with these objectives in view. You will also learn to be consistent in teaching the message of salvation in the Bible passage as well as in the class hour. The skills you gain will enable you to offer practical help to children as they establish and develop a personal relationship with God. You will be required to participate in five practical teaching opportunities with children in the context of a Good News Club/5-Day Club, applying the knowledge gained in the course.

II. Rationale

TCE Level 2 contains principles and methods for spiritual growth which all Christians, whether children, young people or adults urgently need, for every believer is in the spiritual developmental process. Someone has said, “It takes fifteen minutes to evangelize a child, two minutes to give the invitation, ten minutes to counsel him and eighty years to lead him in spiritual growth.” Saved children need to grow in their relationship with God and in their relationships with others.

Only as you, the children’s worker, understand your role in this ongoing spiritual teaching-learning process, can you begin to guide saved children in a gradual, balanced experience of spiritual growth which will result in changed behavior. To be more effective as “workers together with God,” each teacher should know 1) how changes in conduct take place; 2) how to plan and write effective objectives for Bible lessons; and 3) how to apply biblical truth in a clear, practical way to the life of the child according to his needs.

The purpose of this unique course is fourfold: to provide principles and methods for effective teaching; to equip teachers with the “practical how-to” of discipling children; to increase their realization of the urgency of the task; and to lead them to depend on the Holy Spirit as they guide children.

III. Prerequisites

Each student must have successfully completed CM202 *Teaching Children Effectively* Level 1 and all practicums required to earn a *TCE* Level 1 certificate.

Note: Additional experience teaching in a Good News Club or other children’s ministries will make *TCE* Level 2 more relevant.

IV. Course Objectives

A. Cognitive objectives

The student will

1. Have a clear understanding of how spiritual growth is produced in the life of the believer and of his role in this process.
2. Understand basic spiritual teaching-learning activities and methods of communicating them to children.
3. Become aware of the importance of teaching spiritual truths in accordance with the child's needs.
4. Examine key truths for guiding the child in establishing a daily devotional life.
5. Have the ability to develop a Bible lesson focused on the main biblical principle which when applied to the child, using practical applications and a challenge will bring about inward change resulting in a changed behavior.
6. Become familiar with the technique of storytelling as an important vehicle for transmitting spiritual truth to the life of the child.

B. Affective objectives

The student will

1. Value, as never before, the ministry of teaching and his role in being used of God to facilitate change.
2. Marvel at God's wonderful plan for a believer's gradual, progressive spiritual growth.
3. Desire to be used by God to guide saved children in the spiritual developmental process.

C. Performance objectives

The student will

1. Be evaluated by an approved proctor, implementing the methods taught within this course, for the following two practicums:
 - a. A ten-minute missions segment designed for a children's class (week 6).
 - b. A 15-18 minute visualized Bible lesson focused on the saved child (week 8).
2. Complete various homework assignments as required within the course.
3. Participate in five real-world teaching opportunities with children in the context of a *Good News Club*[®]/*5-Day Club*[®], applying the knowledge gained in the course. The content of each teaching opportunity must be distinct (no repeated teaching).
 - a. Missions segment (week 7)
 - b. Growth Bible lesson (week 9)
 - c. Confession of Sin teaching (week 10)
 - d. Missions, *Wonder Time*[™] or Confession of Sin teaching (week 11)
 - e. Missions, *Wonder Time*[™] or Confession of Sin teaching (week 12)

V. Instructional procedures

Instruction delivered in video format will include lectures, class discussion, role playing, demonstration, small group activities and class discussion included in the class sessions taught on campus at the *Children's Ministries Institute*[®]. Corrective learning opportunities will be offered through written homework assignments and evaluated practicum sessions. Forum discussions will provide an opportunity to interact with the course material on both a personal and interpersonal level. Real-world teaching assignments allow you to utilize newly gained skills as you teach children within the context of this course.

VI. Course materials

- A. TCE Level 2, Student Manual with TCE Level 2 Resource CD
- B. *God: the One Who Knows My Heart* teaching kit
- C. Supplementary materials as suggested within the course

VII. Participation policies

You can anticipate spending 10-12 hours per week on course activities and assignments. This includes time spent watching the videos that deliver the course content and completing assignments. Time spent completing proctor-evaluated practicums and real-world teaching assignments will vary.

It is expected that all assignments, including forum posts, be submitted on time. Failure to submit assignments on time will negatively affect your grade. In the case of an emergency or other extenuating circumstance, contact your online instructor before the assignment is due to make arrangements for a late submission of an assignment.

Participation in the forum discussions and live chats should be characterized by Christian courtesy. You may disagree with another student's (or instructor's) point of view, but please do so respectfully. Read the communication section of the student handbook for more details about forum, chat, and email expectations.

At the end of the first week, the course will be reviewed to determine if you are actively participating. If there is no evidence of participation, you will be dropped from the course roster. If you have problems accessing the website or the forum during the first week, promptly contact the CMI Online Administrator at 1-800-300-4033 ext. 1291.

VIII. Grading policies and information

All students are encouraged to strive for excellence in every aspect of their training to bring honor to the Lord and to develop to their fullest potential. Therefore, all assignments must be presented on time and each assignment will be graded according to the evaluation criteria of the course.

Some assignments (worksheets, etc.) will be graded with a pass/fail grade. If the work is acceptable and completed on time, then a pass grade will be earned. If an assignment does not receive a passing grade, you will be given the opportunity to redo the assignment. All assignments earn points that determine the final course grade. All assignments **MUST BE COMPLETED** in order to pass the course.

It is expected that all assignments, including forum posts, be submitted on time. Failure to post forum items on time affects not only you but also your classmates and their learning. Therefore, late forum posts will negatively affect your grade. Please refer to the downloadable forum grading rubric included in the online Grading Policies and Information section of the course for information on how forums are evaluated.

Failure to submit any other assignment on time will also negatively affect your grade. In the case of an emergency or other extenuating circumstance, contact your online instructor before the assignment due date and make arrangements for a late submission.

All assignments must be posted or submitted by 11:55 PM Central Time of the day the assignment is due. In cases where the student consistently misses assignment due dates, the student may be withdrawn from the class without remuneration. The final grade for this course will be based on a 1,000 point scale. Each assignment is weighted based on the percentage of this total grade.

Assignment	Percentage	Point Value
Forums (10)	10%	100
Quick Quizzes (2)	5%	50
Written Assignments (8)	20%	200
Missions Practicum	15%	150
Bible Lesson Practicum	25%	250
Real World Teaching Sessions (5)	25%	250
TOTAL	100%	1000

IX. Learning outcomes and activities for each week

The following information can serve as your checklist as you navigate through the course. Printing this sequential checklist and checking off each activity or assignment as they are completed will help keep you on track throughout the course.

Week 1

This first week of TCE Level 2 will help you to be aware of the scope of your responsibilities as a teacher in helping saved children develop a balanced spiritual life. You will also begin to broaden the Bible lesson preparation skills you acquired in TCE Level 1, applying those skills to a narrative Scripture passage that is focused on spiritual growth. Your assignments and activities for this week will be described below in the recommended order of completion. You may check the Calendar on the right side of the course page to be reminded of Assignment due dates.

- Introduce yourself to the class by posting in the Week 1 Forum (Due Friday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: General Concepts of Spiritual Development.
- Participate in a live chat with your instructor and classmates! (Details found within Week 1)
- Watch the Video Class Session: Bible Lesson Preparation and Presentation.
- Submit your Bible Lesson choice. Complete this BEFORE beginning your next assignment!

- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 1 (Due Friday).
- Post your responses to in the Week 1 Forum (between Friday and Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Specific Preparation of the Bible Lesson.
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 2 (Due Monday).

Week 2

In Week 2, you will acquire a better understanding of the basic needs of today's child, and you will learn how to write clear, brief and specific action objectives that address the saved child's spiritual needs. You will be given guidelines on how to correctly interpret God's Word, and learn how to analyze your assigned narrative Bible passage with the needs of the saved child in mind. Your assignments and activities for this week will be described below in the recommended order of completion. You may check the Calendar on the right side of the course page to be reminded of Assignment due dates.

- Watch the Video Class Session: Basic Needs of the Child.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Objectives.
- Complete the Objectives Quick Quiz (Due Friday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Comprehending and Applying the Bible Passage.
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 3 (Due Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: The Main Teaching.
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 4 (Due Monday).

Week 3

In Week 3, you will learn how to apply basic principles and resources that will help you to guide saved children to experience spiritual change in accordance with the Word of God. It's exciting to be a co-laborer with the Lord in this process! You will also learn how to relate your assigned Bible passage to the needs of the saved child by formulating personal applications for spiritual growth. Don't be surprised if you, also, grow spiritually in the process! Your assignments and activities for this week will be described below in the recommended order of completion. You may check the Calendar on the right side of the course page to be reminded of Assignment due dates.

- Post your answer to the question in the Week 3 Forum. (Due Friday)
- Watch the Video Class Session: Christian Conduct 1.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Christian Conduct 2.
- Post your responses to in the Week 3 Forum (between Friday and Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Personal Application 1.
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 5 (Due Monday).

Week 4

This week, you will become aware of activities and natural opportunities for deepening the child's concept of God that you can incorporate in each class session. One of those opportunities is during the Bible lesson you are preparing to teach. You will learn how to relate that Bible passage to the needs of the saved child by formulating an application that includes specific helps. You will also be challenged to share a worldwide missionary vision with the children you teach. You will become familiar with practical ideas that will help you incorporate a missions emphasis as an integral part of your children's classes, and prepare to teach a missions segment in a real-world setting. This is an exciting week of learning! Your assignments and activities for this week will be described below in the recommended order of completion. You may check the Calendar on the right side of the course page to be reminded of Assignment due dates.

- Watch the Video Class Session: Developing a Child's Appreciation of God.
- Post your answer to the question in the Week 4 Forum (Due Friday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Personal Application 2 and Links (Bible Lesson Session 6).
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 6 (Due Monday).
- Post your responses to in the Week 4 Forum (between Friday and Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Teaching Missions 1.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Teaching Missions 2.
- Submit your missions teaching choice. Complete this BEFORE beginning your next assignment!
- Download and print the Missions Teaching Questions to use in your missions teaching.
- Download and print the Pineda picture and biographical information documents.
- Complete your Outline for Missions Practicum Assignment (Due Monday).

Week 5

This week, your appreciation for the ministry of teaching will increase, and you will better understand your role in the teaching-learning process. You will have a greater desire to be used of God to inspire behavioral changes in the lives of saved children. You will learn to develop an effective challenge to the saved child for spiritual growth each time you teach a Bible lesson. Prepare to be challenged!

- Watch the Video Class Session: The Ministry of Teaching.
- Post your initial Week 5 Forum response. (Due Friday)
- Participate in a live chat with your instructor and classmates! (Details are found within Week 5.)
- Respond to your classmates' posts in the Week 5 Forum (between Friday and Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Challenge for the Saved Child (Bible Lesson Session 7).
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 7 (Due Monday).
- Confirm your Missions Practicum date and time for next week with your proctor!

Week 6

This is the week you will be meeting with your proctor and completing your Missions Practicum! If you haven't confirmed your appointment time and location, be sure to do that right away! You will find a *Missions Practicum Evaluation Form* in this week's coursework (also on page 197 of your student manual. It will provide you with the information your proctor will be listening for in their observation. Depending on the curriculum being used in your real-world teaching location, you may not be able to teach the same Missions segment you taught in your practicum. Be sure to check with the club leader of your real-world teaching location to see what your Missions emphasis and story should be. You will focus on the message of salvation this week, learning how to present it clearly in one natural place in your growth Bible lesson and other places in a class session. You will also learn various storytelling techniques that will make your Bible lesson more engaging for the children. Keep up the good work! By the end of this week, you will have made it to the half-way point of this course!

- Confirm your Missions Practicum appointment with your proctor!
- Post a comment in the Week 6 Forum. (No word count requirement, due Friday).
- Respond to two or more posts in the Week 6 Forum (between Friday and Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Presenting the Message of Salvation in the Bible Lesson
- Complete Bible Lesson Assignment 8 (Due Monday).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Teaching the Message of Salvation in the Class Hour.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Storytelling Techniques (Bible Lesson Session 9).
- Practice telling your Bible lesson (out loud) to an imaginary audience!
- Complete your Missions Practicum (Date: _____; Time: _____)

Week 7

You will be teaching in a real-world setting this week! As you pour your life and teaching into the lives of children, it's important that you keep your own spiritual life full! In Weeks 7-12, you will be refreshed through the devotional sessions shared. This week's devotional focuses on the child in the Old Testament. You will be helped to see parallels between the Old Testament child and the children you will minister to today's society.

You will also receive tips on using visual aids as you present your Bible lesson. Next week you will be teaching your assigned lesson to your proctor, so practical helps for preparing for that practicum and your real-world teaching the following week will be provided. You will have the opportunity to see all of those tips and helps in action in a complete *Good News Club*® demonstration. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a live chat with your CMI Online instructor and classmates in preparation for your upcoming Bible lesson practicum and real-world teaching assignments. You have been working hard in preparation for teaching your Bible lesson! Trust God to teach through you!

- Watch the Video Devotional Session: The Child in the Old Testament.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Effective Visual Aids (Bible Lesson Session 10).
- Watch the Video Class Session: Good News Club Demonstration.
- Participate in a live chat with your instructor and classmates! (Details are found within Week 7.)
- Complete your Missions Real-World Teaching (Date: _____; Time: _____)

- Submit your Real-World Teaching Report Form (Due Monday).
- Post a comment regarding your real-world teaching in the Week 7 Forum (Due Monday).

Week 8

This is the week you will be meeting with your proctor and completing your Growth Bible Lesson Practicum! What a great time to be revitalized by watching the video devotional session titled "A Biblical Pattern for Training Children." You will also become familiar with basic principles and major influences that motivate children to attend class faithfully, and learn how to apply those principles in your own classroom setting. This week's coursework will help to prepare you to effectively disciple children on a regular basis.

- Complete your Growth Bible Lesson Practicum (Date: _____; Time: _____)
- Post a comment in the Week 8 Forum (Due Friday).
- Watch the Video Devotional Session: A Biblical Pattern for Training Children.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Motivating Faithful Attendance.
- Respond to two or more posts in the Week 8 Forum (between Friday and Monday).

Week 9

In this week's devotional, you will hear it said that you will influence 3,000 or more people throughout your life. That's a sobering thought! How will your influence impact others? As you teach your Growth Bible Lesson this week, trust God to work through you to make a lasting impression that brings transformation in the lives of the children. As you prepare to teach saved children about the importance of confession of sin, make sure that you are a clean vessel through which God's truth can flow. Choose one of the object lessons that are shown in the Confession of Sin class session to begin to prepare for your upcoming real-world teaching opportunity.

- Watch the Video Devotional Session: A Mother's Influence.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Confession of Sin.
- Complete your Growth Bible Lesson Real-World Teaching (Date: _____; Time: _____)
- Submit your Real-World Teaching Report Form (Due Monday).
- Post a comment regarding your real-world teaching in the Week 9 Forum (Due Monday).

Week 10

A godly influence does not happen automatically. It is a result of years of faithful obedience to the Lord. In this week's devotional session, you will be challenged by the godly influence demonstrated in Hannah's life that helped shape the godly influence of Samuel's life. Your life as a teacher will greatly influence the children you teach. This week you will be teaching the children how to develop the practice of daily devotions that will help to strengthen their walk with the Lord for a lifetime. You will also be teaching saved children about confession of sin in your real-world teaching experience this week. Trust God to use you to challenge the children to living godly lives! Be a godly influence!

- Watch the Video Devotional Session: A Mother's Strength.

- Watch the Video Class Session: Devotional Life 1.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Devotional Life 2.
- Complete your Confession of Sin Real-World Teaching (Date: _____; Time: _____)
- Submit your Real-World Teaching Report Form (Due Monday).
- Post a comment regarding your real-world teaching in the Week 10 Forum (Due Monday).

Week 11

As a godly teacher, what is your passion? What is your purpose? What is your plan? This week's devotional session will help you think through your answers to those questions. The children you teach will be impacted by your answers! And the lives of the saved children you teach will impact others as you challenge them to be faithful witnesses for the Lord wherever they may be.

- Watch the Video Devotional Session: A Godly Priest.
- Watch the Video Class Session: Being a Witness for God.
- Complete your Real-World Teaching Assignment 4 (Date: _____; Time: _____)
- Submit your Real-World Teaching Report Form (Due Monday).
- Post a comment regarding your real-world teaching in the Week 11 Forum (Due Monday).

Week 12

In the Forward to the *Children's Ministries Resource Bible*, Warren Wiersbe wrote, "The church is always but one generation short of extinction. If we fail to win children to Christ or train believing children in the Christian faith, the future of the church and of civilization is at stake. Jesus had a special love for the children and so must we, and we show that love by sharing Christ and His Word with them." Your dedication throughout this course is evidence that you love children and desire to see saved children grow in their spiritual lives. May the Lord bless you as you complete this final week of coursework!

- Watch the Video Devotional Session: Psalm 78.
- Complete the End of Course Quick Quiz (Due Friday).
- Complete your Real-World Teaching Assignment 5 (Date: _____; Time: _____)
- Submit your Real-World Teaching Report Form (Due Monday).
- Post a comment regarding your real-world teaching in the Week 12 Forum (Due Monday).
- Complete the End of Course Survey. (Due Monday).
- Thank God for helping you to successfully complete Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 2!