**Bringing Life to the Bible Lesson**

**(Helping Teachers with Story Telling Techniques)**

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1. **Know the lesson well.**
2. **Commit the lesson to prayer.**
3. **Read the passage several times.**
4. **Study the lesson in context.**
5. **Tell the lesson in your words.**
6. **Plan where the applications where be drawn out.**
7. **Use description in the lesson.**
8. **Describe the action and characters in the story.**
9. **Use descriptive words.**
10. **Plan for drama in the lesson.**
11. **Put yourself into the action. (and the children)**
12. **Help the children to identify with the characters.**
13. **Add suspense.**
14. **Ask children questions.**
15. **Change the volume or speed of your voice.**
16. **Build suspense with body language and facial expressions.**
17. **Use your voice effectively.**
18. **Vary your voice during the lesson.**
19. **Convey emotion through your voice.**
20. **Ask God to help you have a pleasant, resonant voice.**
21. **Use language appropriately.**
22. **Teach with confidence.**
23. **Practice aloud several times.**
24. **Stand confidently.**
25. **Make good eye contact.**
26. **Dress appropriately.**
27. **Be enthusiastic.**
28. **Develop your own storytelling style.**
29. **Use story telling abilities to God’s glory.**