

7 Classroom Management Tips

1. Understand your class
 - A. Educate yourself on what the typical student in your class can be expected to do and know.
 - B. Introduce Lifeway's Levels of Biblical Learning.
 - C. How might your students' backgrounds/homes affect your classroom
2. Be Prepared!
 - A. Be on time.
 - B. Have your supplies together ahead of time.
 - C. Have a plan – Communicate the plan to the students
 - D. Students should enter and immediately engage in something
3. Build Relationships
 - A. Greet them by name
 - B. Get to know them
 - C. Discover their giftedness
 - I. Talk to their parents
 - II. Ask them what they are excited about
 - III. Look for a good kid gifts survey
 - D. Involve them in the classroom based upon their giftedness
4. Be consistent
 - A. Again, communicate your plan – Both for the session and for misbehavior
 - B. Expect misbehavior and have a plan
 - C. Communicate expectations
 - D. Communicate consequences
 - E. Move from rules to procedures – This is what we do when we are...
 - F. Model procedures for them
 - G. Focus on routine – gives consistency from week to week.
 - H. Enforce stated consequences
5. Use Motivational techniques and tools
 - A. Praise positive behaviors
 - B. Set up a rewards system
 - I. Short term (Prize Box)
 - II. Long term (accumulate points for some later opportunity/prize)

- C. Have a goal the entire class can work toward.
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- 6. Use Verbal and non-verbal cues
 - A. Non-Verbal
 - I. Eye contact
 - II. Gentle touch on the shoulder
 - III. Raising your hand and require a response (silence or they raise their hand)
 - B. Verbal
 - I. Call and Response – (To infinity...and beyond!)
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- 7. Use your Volunteers
 - A. Plan for how you want to use them
 - B. Communicate with them beforehand
 - C. Share ideas for how to help particular students