

Youth Sunday School Teacher: A Job Description

- **Overview of the youth teacher's responsibilities**

1. Lead the class in Bible study.
2. Teach students how to study the Bible for themselves.
3. Guide students to be involved in the Bible study and begin to assume responsibility for the success of their own class.

- **Teach for Transformed Lives**

- The Bible is our text book, not the quarterly. We teach the Bible.
- Have their class members open their Bibles and teach them the passage.
- Have Bible study tools including a Bible dictionary in your room. Show students how to use these tools to study the Bible for themselves.
- Teach the Bible passage(s) in the quarterly. Use the materials like a commentary.
- Use easy-to-understand words.
- Seek to create an atmosphere where all questions are welcome and wanted. Follow up questions with honest answers, including, "I don't know the answer to that question. I'll have to get back with you on that."
- Be joyful and have a sense of humor.
- Help students find Books of the Bible and pronounce difficult words.
- Learn to share your testimony and the plan of salvation in words students can understand.
- Believe in the transforming power of the Word of God. Realize the importance of every time you teach.
- Depend on the Holy Spirit realizing, that no matter how skilled you are, the true power in teaching is the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Be committed to preparing to teach. Prepare your own heart and mind to teach.
- Search for the best approaches to communicate biblical truths to those you teach. Check out the teacher book and materials.
- Be able to apply God's Word out of your personal experiences, where relevant.
- Set a positive example by living as an authentic witness of Christ and being fully involved in the life of the church.
- Teach people, not lessons – loving the students you teach.
- Be alert to the needs and spiritual growth of class members.
- Seek to know, understand, and reach the families of students with the gospel.
- Be available to students immediately after the study or later in the week. Use e-mail to follow up with students.
- Remember teaching Sunday School is not an end in itself – it's about changed lives.

- **Involve students in carrying out the roles of a class.**

To get an idea of the roles in a class of students, consider the organization of an adult class. In addition to the teacher, an Adult Sunday School Class should have the following:

- Secretary – gets everyone counted, asks to enroll new members, & forwards communications.
- Care Group Leader – gets in touch with absentees & ministers to members' needs.
- Fellowship Leader – gets the class together for fun in informal settings.
- Prayer Leader – gets prayer requests out to the members and keeps them praying for each other.
- Outreach Leader – gets up a prospect list and leads the class in reaching out to prospects.

Youth aren't always ready for these responsibilities in an ongoing way, but you can involve them in simple, short-term assignments or projects to fulfill these functions.