



# CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN

Teaching children God's Word is a high calling filled with eternal rewards. Of course, teaching children also involves its share of fun, hard work, creativity, and sometimes chaos. These courses are designed to walk teachers through fundamentals covering a range of scenarios and aspects of discipling kids. A bonus course is included (but not required) for children's ministry directors in local churches.

# **COURSE:** **EXPECTATIONS FOR** **TEACHING KIDS**

## **Workbook**

### ***Fundamentals of Teaching Children - Steve Cannon***

The ministry of teaching children is a significant investment for the future. This session shares fundamental principles and practices for effective classrooms.

### ***The Vision for Teaching Children - Susan Al-Saadi***

Shaping the lives of future disciples is a high calling. This session puts that mission into perspective with helpful principles.

Teaching to Disciple - Aaron Soto

The purpose of teaching is to create disciples. This session presents principles for effective discipleship.

### ***Working with the Structure of the Church - Elizabeth Loyd***

When pastors entrust a teacher with the privilege of presenting God's Word, it comes with responsibilities. This session provides guidelines for teaching within your local church.

### ***Developmentally Aligned Instruction - Susan Al-Saadi***

We know each child is unique, but how do we know what to expect from certain age groups? This session provides a breakdown of the characteristics per age group.

### ***The Calling to Teach - David Norris***

This session explores the biblical reasons behind why we teach and includes how to teach out of our overflow of our relationship with God, His Word, and His people.

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# **COURSE:** **STRATEGIES FOR** **KIDS' SPIRITUAL** **DEVELOPMENT**

## **Workbook**

### ***The Progression of Spiritual Transformation - Patti Roberts***

Our time in class is not an impromptu arrangement; we are moving toward a goal. This session provides guidance in how to engage students with you, with worship, with the Word of God, and with the presence of God.

### ***Cultivating Prayer and Worship - Beth and Caleb Randol***

Learning to pray and growing as a worshiper is a key part of shaping our children. This session provides tips on cultivating prayer and worship with children.

### ***The Formative Nature of a Child - Kami-Ann Giwa-Agbomeirele***

Teachers quickly realize how sensitive children are. This session provides insight into the formative nature of children to create awareness for effective teaching.

### ***Connecting with the Home - Susan Al-Saadi***

Ministering to a child naturally involves ministering to an entire family. This session provides principles and ideas for connecting to the home.

### ***Reaching a Generation - DJ Hill***

Teaching shapes the future. Teachers committed to reaching others make an exponential impact, and this session encourages teachers to embrace an evangelistic outlook.

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# **COURSE:** **STRATEGIES FOR** **BIBLICAL LEARNING**

## **Workbook**

### ***The Value of a Systematic Teaching Plan - Jeanie Bland***

Effective learning requires intentional planning. This session explores reasons a systematic teaching plan is beneficial.

### ***The Role of the Bible - Robin Johnston***

Our teaching is based on the Word of God, the source of all truth. This session affirms how we teach Scripture.

### ***Interpreting God's Word - David K. Bernard***

This session dives deep into the Apostolic principle of biblical interpretation to prepare you for teaching God's Word with accuracy.

### ***The Blueprint for Bible Teaching - Cullen Chrestman***

Our goal in teaching Scripture should be to involve students in interpreting and applying God's Word for our lives today. This session provides techniques to do so.

### ***The Big Story of Scripture - Lee Ann Alexander***

In teaching the Word of God, it is critical we help students grasp the overarching context of the Bible. This session provides techniques for doing so.

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# COURSE: TEACHER PREPARATION

## Workbook

### ***Spiritual Preparation - Scott Graham***

Teaching is a spiritual act. This session explores the need for preparing spiritually to move beyond cognitive instruction and minister as we teach God's Word.

### ***The Character of the Teacher - JoDana Flowers***

We've long understood that our actions speak louder than our words. For teachers, we can ensure our lives and our message are in unison when we follow the model of Jesus Christ.

### ***Navigating Your Teaching Material - Lee Ann Alexander and JoDana Flowers***

Becoming familiar with your teaching material for easy navigation is key to developing a natural flow in your class. This session provides strategies for developing preparation routines for greater effectiveness.

### ***Time Management - JoDana Flowers***

Taking advantage of the time you have with students is an important skill to acquire. This session walks teachers through the process of managing your available teaching time.

### ***Creating an Engaging Atmosphere - Caleb and Beth Randol***

Environment contributes to the overall impact of a class. This session provides ideas for making your teaching space engaging.

### ***Preparing Your Media and Supplemental Material - DJ Hill***

Media elements can enhance a lesson or distract from it. This session provides tips on how to create media supplements for effective classes.

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# **COURSE:** **SPECIALIZED** **TEACHING METHODS**

## **Workbook**

### ***Teacher Collaboration - JoDana Flowers***

Effective teachers learn from others. This session provides insight on how to build a culture of collaboration.

### ***The Necessity of Interaction - Kendall Nelson***

This session provides interactive methods to incorporate for effective teaching.

### ***The Necessity of Discussion - Susan Al-Saadi***

Since discussion is ideal for the greatest level of retention, this session provides guidelines for how to implement questions and discussion in your classroom.

### ***Sensory Learning - Kendal Nelson***

Did you know we have more than five senses? This session provides ideas for how to appeal to them and create an engaging atmosphere.

### ***Creative Teaching Methods - Chris Anderson***

What does it mean to be creative? While the answer may look different class to class, this session provides some fundamental principles to use as a platform for then developing your own unique approaches.

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# **COURSE:** **CLASSROOM** **MANAGEMENT**

## **Workbook**

### ***Keys for Interacting with Children - Kami-Ann Giwa-Agbomeirele***

Our children are precious and are in formative stages. This session provides an interview with a counselor on ways to interact with children for a positive learning environment.

### ***The Realities of Poverty - Chris Anderson***

Many teachers are surprised to realize that poverty can be one of the biggest barriers in connecting with children. This session uncovers the hidden rules that often surround socioeconomic levels and encourages us in the power of being role models.

### ***Class Schedule - JoDana Flowers***

A significant factor in managing our classes involves setting a predetermined schedule. This session walks teachers through that process.

### ***Classroom Guidelines - JoDana Flowers***

Every healthy group requires some level of guidelines, and a children's classroom is no exception. This session offers an example of how to create guidelines with student participation.

### ***Classroom Discipline: My Job - Jeanie Bland***

When it comes to discipline, many often are perplexed by this topic. This session puts discipline in its proper perspective and helps clarify the teacher's role.

### ***Understanding Root Issues - Jeanie Bland***

As classroom management issues arise in a classroom that require the teacher to take action, how do we respond? This session provides a guide.

### ***Parent Etiquette - Susan Al-Saadi***

We do not teach kids in isolation. The way we interact with their parents is a core part of how we minister. This session provides parameters for positive family interaction.

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# **COURSE:** **MINISTERING TO STUDENTS** **WITH DISABILITIES**

## **Workbook**

### ***Inclusivity* - Kami-Ann Giwa-Agbomeirele**

As part of our commitment to live out and teach all of Scripture, this session explores the promise of Acts 2:39 and our pledge to the biblical principle of inclusion.

### ***A Theology of Disability* - Stephanie and Everett Gossard**

The church is committed to ministering to all individuals. This session provides a biblical context for that commitment.

### ***Disability Resources for Teachers* - Stephanie and Everett Gossard**

This session helps create more inclusive classrooms by directing teachers to tools for ministering to children and families affected by disability.

### ***Methods for Inclusion* - Stephanie and Everett Gossard**

As part of a commitment to inclusion, teachers must develop practices to accommodate all children. This session provides a look at various methods.

### ***Responding to a Child in Crisis* - Sarah Zenobia**

When a child experiences a crisis—a moment of heightened emotional outburst—what is our response as the teacher? This session provides a clear path from responding to such moments.

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# **COURSE:** **SAFETY AND** **SPECIAL CARE**

## **Workbook**

### ***Classroom Safety - Elizabeth Loyd***

Our classes must be places of physical and emotional safety. This session offers guidelines teachers can follow for a safe class environment.

### ***Risk Management for Churches - Eric Morley***

Churches should be a place of safety where families can entrust their children. This session provides information about the kinds of factors a church should consider for optimal safety.

### ***Reducing the Risk of Harm - Eric Morley***

As part of a commitment to safety, the church should follow certain protocols. This session walks through those elements.

### ***Child Abuse Reporting - Eric Morley***

As teachers and leaders, we must understand our responsibility to keep children safe. This session explores our role in this regard.

### ***Abuse Awareness - Kami-Ann Giwa-Agbomeirele***

Teachers are in a position of authority and trust. This session explores how we interact with children with sensitivity to abuse (from the perspective of a counselor).

### ***Abuse Prevention - Kami-Ann Giwa-Agbomeirele***

Love is the basis of our desire to prevent harm and protect children. This session provides additional details on creating a safe environment.

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# **BONUS COURSE:** **TRAINING FOR LOCAL** **CHURCH CHILDREN'S** **MINISTRY DIRECTORS**

## **Workbook**

### ***Your Role and Your Priorities - Susan Al-Saadi***

With the many responsibilities a children's minister shoulders, it's sometimes difficult to know which area needs our first priority. This session puts the role and many responsibilities into perspective.

### ***Building a Team - JoDana Flowers***

Recruiting and motivating volunteers is a big part of directing a children's ministry program. This session provides insight on how to bring together a team within the church.

### ***Planning Your Annual Calendar and Budget - JoDana Flowers***

The children's ministry is one of many programs in a local church. This session demonstrates how to create the calendar and budget within the scope of the church.

### ***Building a Safety Plan - Susan Al-Saadi***

Do you have a plan for some of the aspects of safety we hope we never have to face? This session prepares you to create plans for hostile intruder as well as a number of other safety protocols?

### ***Creating a Student-Led Ministry - Justin Hamby***

Involving kids in kids' ministry is vital for health and growth. This interview provides a model of using kids to lead in ministry.

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## **Master Certificate**

(available upon completion of all courses  
[not counting bonus course])