

Joel and Ethan's How to Teach Sunday School

- **Promote Relationship**
 - Introduce yourself to anyone you don't know.
 - Learn names and try to remember hobbies.
 - Share your own answers & be vulnerable.
 - These students look up to you, even when they don't show it.
- **Have a Plan**
 - Opening Questions, Main Discussion & The Big Idea, Reflect, Live it Out & The Big Idea (Again!), Closing Prayer.
 - Don't let any one section of a study dominate your time.
 - Know your dismissal time
- **Don't Rush**
 - Allow multiple answers to your questions, even if someone 'gets it right.'
 - Even if you finish early, don't dismiss them. It disturbs other groups. Use the time to learn about your student's week ahead, hobbies etc.
- **The "Art of Asking Questions"**
 - Ask open-ended questions.
 - After reading a scripture, always ask a really open question.
 - Don't answer the question yourself until after others have answered.
 - Just because you have an answer on your page, doesn't mean it is the only answer!
 - Extend Answers by using follow up questions like
 - Tell me more about that.
 - What did you mean when you said...
 - Encourage More Answers by saying...
 - What else?
 - Someone else what do you think?
 - Two more answers before we move on.
 - Someone who hasn't answered yet, what do you think about...
 - Restate the question.
- **The Soft Skills**
 - Being in front of others is a little uncomfortable, but that is NATURAL. Don't worry about it.
 - Eye contact.
 - Silence is a good thing.
 - It is good to say "I don't know."