

Introduction to Christian Education –

CO. 101



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

Acquainting ministers in all/varied areas of training for their church members, while supplying quality education that uplifts and strengthens as it grows the church body

Objectives:

At the end of this course of study, students will be able to:

1. Help the pastor (or organize personally) the Sunday school structure of a local assembly, following guidelines of the constitution if available
2. Identify age groups and their differing Christian Education needs in a local church
3. Choose stories/Bible lessons to fit needs of varying ages
4. Develop Lesson Aim/Focus and Lesson Closing to meet the specific needs of each age group, and for every individual lesson taught
5. Lead students to use varied methods (from long list of possible choices) of Scripture memorization, based on age and ability
6. Choose/use method of instruction (from action or listening methods studied) that best fits the specific story/lesson and age of students
7. Use classroom discipline method (from those studied) that is age-specific and consistent with varying needs

Topics / Concepts:

1. Defining & organizing Christian Education for all age groups
2. Understanding various methods of instruction, memorization, and discipline as needed for different age groups
3. Developing the AIM/Focus and Closing/Ending of each lesson
4. Acquainting students with basic Bible knowledge to maximize personal study and love of Scripture
5. Implementing Scripture memory by all ages for maximum Bible knowledge
6. Employing creativity in all areas of training, discipline of students, and preserving of lesson ideas

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Christian Education (MDS) Linda
Poitras

Recommended Alternatives:

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook

What is Christian Education?

Passing the faith along to future generations by training all age groups

Can God Trust You with the Future?

Guarding and sharing our rich heritage of truth

The Why of Christian Education

The two-fold purpose of Christian Education – knowing and doing

Reaching Through Teaching

Fulfilling the Great Commission with teaching that is understood by all

Organizing Your Sunday School

For all age groups in any church setting

Move On With Sunday School

Goals, job descriptions, and roles of leaders in the organization of SS

Who Needs What?

Meeting the needs of individual age groups in Sunday School

God's Hidden Word

Making Scripture memory the most valuable treasure in life

Hide & Go Seek

Using the keys to Scripture memorization

AIM for Understanding

Focus lessons on a particular goal to improve understanding and use

From Start to Finish

Begin and end with excellence

God's Word – The Great Connection

Getting the most from Scripture text in each lesson

The How of Christian Education

Choosing a relevant lesson method

The Rest of the Story

Using methods that actively involve students

Learning to Enjoy God’s Ways

“Training” involves discipline for classroom and life

Getting God’s Word Into “Headquarters”

God’s Word controlling thoughts and actions of students

The Same Old Thing a Brand New Way

Using creativity for training students in Godly living

Write for Life

Preserving lessons/stories for training by writing things down

Most important (needed) lessons are marked with an asterisk to assist in choosing lessons for twenty-four proposed study hours (if needed).

Instructor Helps are provided to focus students on the main idea of each lesson, and emphasize application to presented needs.

Languages Available:

French, Spanish, English

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

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