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Help for Sunday School Teachers—Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

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DOING IT *BETTER* !

Last month we began a short series on DOING IT WELL. This is the second in the series.

Secondly, WRITE YOUR OPENING STATEMENT

Now that you know what your message is about. Write the line you hope to open with. Tell them what you are going to tell them.

Here are a few examples:

Today I want to tell you the story about "Seven Ducks in Dirty Water" (Naaman the Syrian)

Today I want you to help me identify the problem that ruined the life of "Samson"

I am going to speak today about how Biblical CONVICTIONS can make a difference. (Daniel & Friends)

Our objective today is to examine the Testimony of One Believer and what it led to! (Little Maid)

This may not end up being the first line in your lesson but to begin the process of constructing your message, you need a strong anchor—and what could be better than your aim and topic?

Third, IDENTIFY a FEW KEY POINTS

Okay, now you know what you are going to talk about. What key points need to be included? If this is your style, get three or four small cards. (A good message does not have dozens of key points, or we will lose our audience—three or four supplementary key points should be plenty to back up the main theme of the message.) Put a key point on each card. Here's an example from the bible story of

ABRAHAM's FAITH TESTED and the FAVOURED MAN FAILS. (from Gen. 12:10– 13:1)

Attention Getter: Did you ever make a choice that turned out wrong? Anyone have an example they want to share?

MAIN THEME: Way seems right

KEY POINT 1. Sad things happen—

(Famine—sorrows occur. God's promises never fail but He tests us.)

KEY POINT 2. When you can't trust God....

The man who obeyed God's Word and trusted His promise for eternal and spiritual blessings couldn't trust God for everyday needs

KEY POINT 3. It comes down to CHOICE

Choice—Abraham made a sad choice. Lots of consequences. Hagar came out of Egypt. Sarah was affected by it. Lot's choice of Sodom may have been because of going down to Egypt here. Isaac seemed to have the same tendency too as God instructed him not to go down to Egypt Gen. 26:2.

KEY POINT 4. Fear and Disobedience Always bring Trouble

See if students can recall and compare other incidents where this was true and choices led to even bigger trouble

Not all points in any story need to be used. Make good use of the ones that serve the Main Theme or Point. Keep them before you lest you go astray yourself.... and those who listen lose interest and miss the message.

**Next Month
we will provide
another article
in the series.
Watch for
DOING IT BEST
in the
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This Message Needs Help

Student: Teacher, why do you close your eyes and bow your head for a moment before you give the lesson?

Teacher: Because, my dear, I'm asking God for help with the sermon.

Student: Then why doesn't He?