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# MANAGING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF GUIDED CLASSROOM TIME

**The teacher has a vital and valuable role to the church and the class he/she teaches.  
The time allotted for Bible instruction should not be taken for granted or viewed  
lightly.**

- The teacher has been called by God to minister to those in the class (Eph. 4:11)
  - The teacher has been entrusted by the church to minister to those in the class (Acts 15:22)
  - The teacher has a responsibility to ensure those in the class understand, value, and engage the teachings of the Bible (James 3:1)
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# 5 WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE A CLASSROOM

**Pray-** nothing of value happens without the working of the Holy Spirit

**Prep-** preparation helps the teacher become an expert on the lesson

**Position-** position the classroom for the most effective learning environment

**Pep Talk-** talk outside of class to members who disrupt the class

**Participation-** provide multiple ways for members to participate in the lesson

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# PRAY



Preparation for teaching begins before the lesson is ever studied

Pray for personal conviction in your own devotion time

Pray for personal encouragement from the lesson

Pray for each class member by name

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work during the class time

Pray for members to grow through the lesson

Pray for thanksgiving for the privilege to teach

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# PREP



Before beginning the lesson ask God speak to you and give you understanding

Study the lesson through at least 3 times

Read through any extra material available

Read the full chapter the lesson is covering

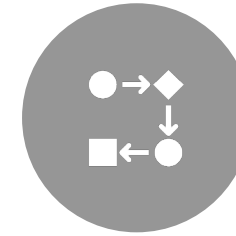
Try to understand as much of the historical/contextual setting as possible

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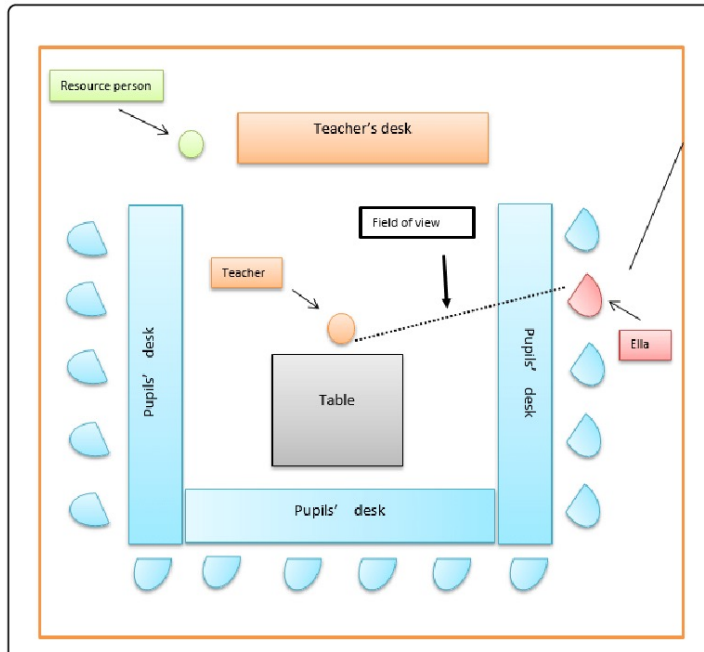
# POSITION



The position of the tables, chairs, members, and teacher is vital to creating a climate of enjoyable learning



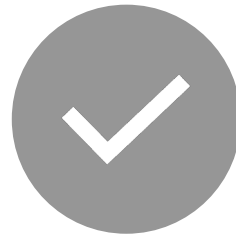
If possible, create a space where everyone can see one another- this allows for easy discussion



Avoid teaching exclusively from a podium or lectern



Utilize smaller tables to create more space in the room



Place lesson specific information on the walls



If applicable, install a whiteboard in the class for members to use during the lesson

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# PEP TALK

- It is best practice to talk directly with a member outside of class concerning in class behavior
- Address negative behavior by highlighting the importance of the study time and the impact of the person's behavior to the group
- Address an overactive talker by thanking them for helping move the discussion along. Encourage them to answer, but to wait on answering so often and in waiting they will help boost class participation



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# PARTICIPATION



Participate in	Creating multiple ways members can participate in the lesson assists the teacher in managing the class
Use	Questions often, to stimulate discussion
Use	Small groups to help uninvolved members participate
Use	A whiteboard to encourage everyone to share thoughts
Use	Brainstorming to allow everyone to be heard
Use	Premade scripture cards to boost Bible intake
<b>SSHHH</b>	As a teacher <b>TALK LESS, LISTEN MORE</b>

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**Being a Sunday School teacher is one of the greatest privileges in  
the world.**

**Thank you for serving and being dedicated to the Lord and his  
church.**

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