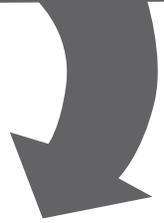


Entertainment Expectations



▼ Training Session

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23).

- Why do you teach?
- How would you define your own ministry style?
- What do students expect of you?

Kids *love* to be entertained.

Everything in their world is fast-paced and readily accessible. Kids are surrounded by televisions, CD players, computers, e-mail, cell phones, text messaging, and MP3 players. Even very young children are fed a diet of fast-paced visual entertainment.

Now think about church. And about teaching biblical concepts like patience, humility, and prayer.

It’s not surprising that when your stimulation-saturated kids hear, “Be still and know that I am God,” you see some confused looks.

As a teacher you probably don’t have the latest technology or a Hollywood budget. But you do have something kids can’t find anywhere else—the Truth...and yourself.

As you’re genuine and vulnerable with your students, you’ll

develop a trusting relationship with them. As you depend on God, he’ll guide your ministry and create opportunities to connect with kids.

If you’re careful to make your ministry creative, engaging, relevant, and fun, kids *will* be engaged—and entertained! And they’ll discover they can be friends of God!





Take this training deeper as you think over these questions:

- What do your students expect of you?
- How realistic are those expectations?
- How can you meet kids' expectations and still supply solid Bible teaching?

▼ Journal

*Lord, please help me remember the real goal of my ministry.
Help me to focus on what you expect by...*

Thank you for teaching. Thank you for stepping up when others decline. Thank you for being the one who tells kids about Jesus.

▼ Application

Write your description of a perfect teacher. What would that teacher accomplish? And how? How does that perfect teacher entertain as well as teach truth? How important is entertaining to you as you connect with kids?