



TEACHING METHODS

Impromptu Bible Skits

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR

IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- BIBLES OR PRINTED BIBLE STORIES
- ASSORTED RECYCLABLES AND AMORPHOUS OBJECTS FOR PROPS
- FABRIC PIECES AND GENERIC CLOTHING ITEMS FOR COSTUMES

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR

VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- ZOOM OR GOOGLE MEET ACCOUNT
- BIBLE STORY OR PARTICIPANT BIBLES
- PRE-SET GROUPS

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- ENGAGES KINESTHETIC, VISUAL, AUDITORY, VERBAL, INTERPERSONAL, & INTRAPERSONAL, ON VARIOUS LEVELS

DESCRIPTION

Drama, skits and plays allow people an avenue to experience and explore scripture and faith in an embodied and personal way.

From informal, improvised skits of biblical narratives to fully produced plays or musicals, drama can enliven the learning process, bringing stories to life.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

During youth group or Sunday school, divide students into two or more groups to act out the same Bible story, with twists that push them to go deeper into understanding the characters and social dynamics of the stories.

Have participants submit ideas for changed settings, time periods, or genres in which to recreate the story. Each group draws a different slip to determine how to stage their version of the story using the neutral props and costume pieces available.

Have students perform their skits, then discuss how their perception of the story changed through performing it and by watching the other group.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

Have youth each on their own device so you may divvy them into breakout rooms to create their skits. The facilitator can gather and draw the ideas for settings, time periods and genres, which may be submitted in the chat or by speaking. Students can use props and costume items from their own homes. Reconvene to a single screen to perform (use speaker view) and discuss (gallery view) changing perceptions of the story.

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Retreats
- Confirmation
- Youth Leader Training and Enrichment