



TEACHING METHODS

Mock News Report

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR

IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- SET/BACKDROP, SOUND EFFECTS, MUSIC, COSTUMES (OPTIONAL)
- BIBLE TEXT
- VIDEO PRESENTATION SYSTEM W/SOUND
- HANDOUT

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR

VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- COMPUTER
- VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM
- WEB CAMERA
- MICROPHONE
- DIGITAL HANDOUT

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- ENGAGES LEARNER'S IMAGINATION
- INSPIRES QUESTIONS
- BRINGS BIBLE TO LIFE
- LEARNERS SEE STORY THROUGH CHARACTER'S EYES
- ENCOURAGES CRITICAL THINKING
- MAY EMPLOY DISCUSSION METHOD
- MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES

DESCRIPTION

Mock News Report (MNR) teaching method presents an opportunity for learners to engage texts thoughtfully while encouraging their participation and imagination.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

- Assign text for reading ahead of class presentation
- Assign roles or get volunteers to be the reporter and any biblical characters you wish
- Prepare reporter to give the fundamentals of news reporting (who, what, when, where, why, and how)
- If an interview is involved, guide reporter in preparing open-ended questions. Optionally, you may prepare them for the reporter
- Ensure reporter and interviewee(s) understand the text and are prepared
- Provide the biblical context for the text--cultural, political, economic, and social
- Create a set or backdrop and include costumes that will add to the effect (optional)
- Prepare discussion topics and questions
- Prepare lesson summary handout

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

- Instructions for in-person teaching also apply to virtual teaching
- Video conferencing platform (e.g. Zoom) will likely be predetermined; ensure familiarity and access
- Choose to pre-record MNR or do it live on screen
- Although sound effects and music may be used in-person or virtually, the virtual format presents greater utility

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- Encourage learners to form questions for the reporter, the interviewee(s), or class discussion
- Consider pre-recorded MNR for in-person learning
- Be imaginative and encourage imagination and critical thinking
- Although MNR may be scripted, well-prepared role players may freelance