



TEACHING METHODS

Story Telling Method

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- Bible
- Children storybooks
- paper
- pencils
- •A group of people to tell the story to (friends, classmates, adults/ parents)

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- Access to a Bible
- Online template with 3 slots

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- Storytelling improves human social interaction.
- It enhances student's language art skills such as listening, speaking, and writing.
- Storytelling enables students to learn more about cultures and values different from their own, thus raising their cultural awareness.

DESCRIPTION

Storytelling is the process of using fact and narrative to communicate something to your audience. Stories should stimulate imagination, passion, and create a sense of community among listeners and tellers alike.

Sharing a great story is like giving your audience a gift, as it will stay with them. We as Christians turn to the stories of scripture to make sense of our lives and to understand who we are and whose we are, and how we are supposed to live.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

Before you begin instructing your students on how to compose a story, make sure they identify who their audience is and their relationship with their audience. This is a key factor in figuring out what story to tell.

- Give your students an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper
- Instruct them to draw 3 lines through it horizontally.
- This indicates spots for beginning, middle, and end.
- In each of the 3 spots, they will write the plot points
- Make sure they have plot points that transition the story and provide a takeaway at the end.
- This method can be used with the telling of personal stories or biblical stories

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

- Provide students with an online template that has 3 horizontal slots on the page & allows them to type
- This indicates spots for beginning, middle, and end.
- In each of the 3 spots, they will type the plot points
- Make sure they have plot points that transition the story and provide a takeaway at the end.
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IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- This method can be used with all ages.
- Before instructing students how to compose their story, consider introducing Storytelling tips to make sure your story is meaningful and relevant.
- Storytelling Tips include things like knowing your story well, connecting it to your audience, blocking it out scene by scene, avoiding tangents, using your voice to communicate emotion, suspense, and emphasis, making eye contact, paying attention to pace and timing, using gestures strategically, and being able to observe and read the room.