TEACHING METHODS
Timelines

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING:
- CHART PAPER (CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH)
- ONE OF MANY MEDIUM CHOICES (PAINTS, OIL PASTELS, CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS, ETC.)
- RULERS

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING:
- CREATLY, VISME, OR OTHER TIMELINE CREATION APP OR WEBSITE
- GRAPHICS OR PHOTOS TO INCLUDE IN TIMELINE (OPTIONAL)

EMPOWERING LEARNING:
- APPROPRIATE FOR LEARNERS WITH SPATIAL, VISUAL, AND KINESTHETIC LEARNING STYLES

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DESCRIPTION

Timelines are useful for students and teachers alike to compile information chronologically. The use of timelines is especially useful in considering growth and changes over time.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

Timeline creation can be as simple or as complex as you care to make it. Students can be given the simple supplies of paper and pencil to create a timeline for a Bible story. You can also give students chart paper, oil pastels, paint, or other art mediums and have them write and illustrate the story chronologically. This is also a great way to talk about your student's individual faith stories.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

In a time where virtual learning is prevalent and necessary, students are able to create dynamic, beautiful timelines using various websites and apps. Check out the resources and websites listed in the materials list for easy to use resources. These websites allow you to use their free versions and the elements are simple to drag and drop, even for those not technologically inclined.

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

Timelines are best used in instances where time, growth and change are being observed. Some good times to use this would be:
- During the telling of student's faith stories
- In retelling Bible stories
- When diving deep in scriptural passages to find themes, repetition and trends