

50 WAYS
TO IMPROVE
YOUR KIDS' MINI
STRY

01. INTRODUCE YOURSELF

TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- 2. Acknowledge volunteers as often as possible
- 3. When talking with kids, use their names
- 4. Ask kids about their favorite snack - and get it
- 5. Look for ways to use technology creatively and well



WRITE

- 6. Write down all of your great ideas
- 7. Keep a journal
- 8. Blog. Just write down what you think
- 9. Write hand-written thank you notes

READ

- 10. Read from a children's Bible on your own
- 11. Read three books on child development, technology, & learning styles
- 12. Pursue regular Bible study personally

GET OUT

- 13. Get out of your office when possible
- 14. Take days off
- 15. Meet outside sometimes
- 16. Spend time alone with God

17. Use music during your meeting time

18. Keep the gospel central to your teaching

19. Invest in good crayons

20. Serve with your kids - and their families

21. Ask for feedback on your teaching



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DON'T
TAKE
YOURSELF
TOO SERIOUSLY

23. SMILE!

24. LEARN TO SHRUG OFF CRITICISM

25. TELL STORIES WHEN YOU SHARE MINISTRY UPDATES WITH OTHER STAFF

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE...

26. PURSUE REGULAR
BIBLE STUDY PERSONALLY

27. ACCEPT COMPLIMENTS
WITH GRATITUDE

28. COMMIT YOUR MINISTRY TO
CHILD SAFETY & SECURITY

NUMBER TWENTY-NINE (29)
USE SOCIAL MEDIA



>>> 30. SHARE FACEBOOK POSTS OR TWEETS THAT INTRIGUE YOU

- 31. Give your pastor specific ways to pray for you
- 32. Watch kids' movies and learn the songs
- 33. Talk with parents about curriculum choices
- 34. Decorate your meeting room
- 35. Have a budget



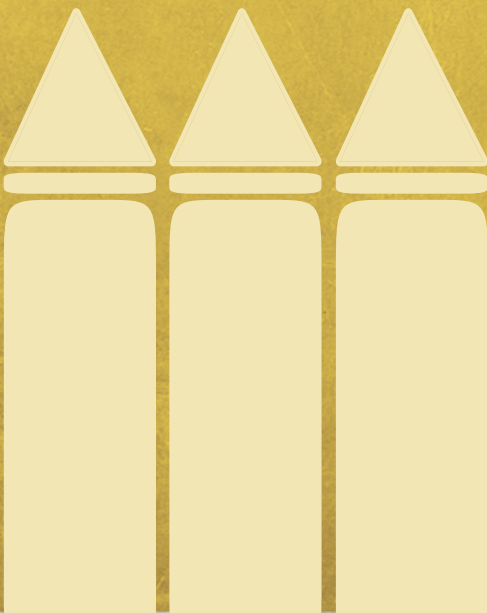
36. Take pictures often



37. HOLD A CONTEST FOR YOUR KIDS

38. ALWAYS LOOK FOR POTENTIAL LEADERS

39. COLOR WITH CRAYONS ON YOUR
OWN TIME ONCE AND A WHILE





41. EVALUATE AT LEAST THREE CURRICULUM CHOICES BEFORE YOU BUY



42. ASK KIDS TO PRAY DURING YOUR MEETING TIME OR DURING WORSHIP



43. GIVE YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME ON SUNDAY MORNING TO GET EXCITED

44. ASK YOUR PASTOR IF YOU CAN SPEAK ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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SHOW UP
AT SCHOOL
EVENTS

45. Thank people
46. Ask your kids questions
47. Tell stories when you teach
48. Pray with other people

49. PRAY FOR YOUR KIDS BY NAME



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