

Ideas for Parent Involvement

1. Consider copying and handing out the Scope and sequence so the Parents can start and/or review the lesson and verse at home.
2. May desire to make a monthly calendar of ministry events to send home with the students. This would be a perfect place to add on the upcoming Scripture passages and memory verses so teaching or reviewing could occur in the home.
3. Encourage parents to make up flash cards with the memory verses and major Bible facts their students are learning. They could review and reinforce them at home. They could also play games with them. Wouldn't it be fun to see who is fastest Dad or Joey, Mom or Brenda, and so forth.
4. Go over and encourage use of the Scripture verse bookmark. Student can begin studying the verse at home.
5. Copy and send home the reproducible activity page from the Small Group Handbook for the next meetings' lesson. Prior to copying may want to add on the Scripture passage and memory verse. Students who come back with the page completed and verse learned are specially recognized.
6. Point parents to the TruthSeekers website for ideas on helping their child learn their Scripture memory verse. www.truthseekers-us.org.
7. Invite parents to attend review times so they can witness first hand what their children are learning. You can call these times Celebration Time or Give God the glory time.
8. Include them in the recognition of their child's achievement on the review nights. Allow them to celebrate the accomplishments with you. Maybe even have a small refreshment time. Opportunity to get better acquainted with the parents.
9. Highlight a parent resource that would help them spiritually nurture their child.
10. Copy the next lesson's visual on cardstock. Cut into puzzle pieces. Mail home a puzzle piece to various students, encouraging them to bring it back when they come. Activity to put it together during Large Group Time.
11. Have a Parent V.I.P. time [Open House] where the parents are encouraged to come and participate along with their child. Make the invitation simple like a flyer to fancy with an invitation card.
12. Communicate with parents through various means such as electronic, mail, bulletin boards, and flyers.
13. Make a two sided placemat complete with calendar of events, Scripture memory verses and passages. Have one month per side.
14. Send home memorization technique ideas to encourage parents to work with their child.
15. Nurture a relationship with parents as they drop off and pick up their child.