

Ministering to Primary Teachers and Leaders

Like the Savior, leaders seek to minister to individuals and families both spiritually and temporally. They **care about each person not just about managing an organization.** 3.2.3

Primary President ... teaches other Primary leaders and teachers their duties using the Handbook. Members of the Primary presidency ... orient newly called teachers and oversee efforts to improve gospel learning and teaching in Primary. 11.2.2

Begin Right

Orientation Meeting 5.5.3

Be There

Provide ongoing support one by one 5.5.3

1. Meet individually - preferably before first class - begin with prayer

2 Acquaint with the class members - give list- encourage to learn names - acquaint with special needs and how to help them

3. Teaching No Greater Call - give own copy with an overview to help them understand how to use it

4. Help to understand how to prepare give approved curriculum materials - discuss what are approved resources - explain how to use these resources - encourage personal spiritual preparation - review "Taking Time to Prepare and Preparing Lessons" p. 97-99 TNGC

5. Share the principles of teaching -5.5.4 -love those you teach -teach by the Spirit - teach the doctrine - invite diligent learning

6. Explain the Primary Schedule - when and where class meets - explain expectations for them during 10 minute break and Sharing Time

7. Express confidence - that with the Spirit, they will be able to touch lives - share how their example will help the children to feel reverent

8. Let them know you will be giving ongoing support.

Additionally, **TIP** [Training In Primary] **sheets** are available for Music, Nursery, Scouting and Activity Days for Girls.

Develop a **supportive and caring relationship** with each teacher - love without judging them.

Meet with individual teachers occasionally to learn of the needs of both teacher and children and review principles of teaching.

Encourage them to set goals to improve their gospel teaching - see p 24-27 TNGC

Provide resources to help them. (see below)

Arrange to **visit their classes.**

Ensure that **teaching is edifying and doctrinally correct** 5.5.3

Resources for Improving Gospel Teaching

Ward Sunday School President and His Counselors serve as resources to strengthen gospel learning and teaching and may be invited to assist leaders in orienting, instructing, and providing ongoing support for teachers. 5.5.5

Printed and Online Resources for Learning and Teaching - publications: *Teaching, No Greater Call* and the *Teaching Guidebook*. - available in print and on LDS.org 5.5.6

Other resources available on LDS.org. Include -

Teaching children with disabilities

Teaching and expecting appropriate behavior

Videos @ lds.org

(watch together and discuss)

Anchoring children in the scriptures

Leadership training library

Love those you teach

Seeking the spirit and being flexible

Many more...

