

# Have a Plan

- **Plan ahead**

Prepare your room with basic supplies, age-appropriate furniture, and interesting things to look at. Do you have classroom Bibles, a CD player, a first-aid kit? Are you prepared and ready for the first student who arrives?

- **Plan for classroom management**

Understand the characteristics of middle elementary students and teach accordingly. Pray for yourself and the children you teach. Set guidelines that kids can understand and follow and that teachers know and keep.

- **Plan to be safe**

Know your church's security guidelines and follow them. Know the location of first-aid supplies. Before serving snacks, be aware of any allergies kids may have. Know where each student's parents or guardians are during the time kids are in class.

- **Plan to include all children**

Be sensitive to each child's family situation. If you have a kid with disabilities, learn about that child's special needs. Plan to include the child in all activities and show him or her the unconditional love of Jesus.

- **Plan to lead children to Jesus**

Remember that all your plans should lead in only one direction—to Jesus. Plan and pray that all you do will help lay the foundation for a child to have a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.