Sheila Stephen's Teachers' Workshop

Using Visual Aids Effectively

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. (1 Timothy 4:15)

Resources: copies of the latest Go Teach Visual Aids book; glue; card; scissors.

Discussion

1) What do you notice about the visual aids that were used by prophets, preachers and teachers in the Bible? For examples read:

Ezekiel 37:16-17; Amos 7:7-8; 8:1-3; Matthew 5:13; 6:28; John 10:7-11.

Find other examples to illustrate your point.

- 2) What categories of visual aids are used in children's television?
- 3) Are such visual aids suitable ways to illustrate Bible truth?

What is the purpose of visual aids?

Discuss and give examples of how they can help to:

- gain children's attention
- help explanations of Bible background
- bring home the reality of the subject being taught
- aid memory
- illustrate truth
- any other ideas?

How can visual aids be used effectively?

Give examples of how visual aids can be:

Varied

Interesting

Simple

Understandable

Adventurous

Legible

Aids

Interactive

Direct

Sensitive.

Experiment

Using the most recent Go Teach *Visual Aids* booklet, work in small groups and experiment with different ways of using the visual aids to give variety and interest.

