

# Intentional Ideas: Doing the Right Things on Purpose

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## USE CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Method	Explanation	Example in Scripture
Lecture	One person verbalizing information to others.	<i>Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:</i> Matthew 5:1-2
Story Telling	Jesus told parables — stories made up to illustrate a truth. Greek: para + bole = “to throw alongside” A parable is a story thrown alongside a truth to illustrate it.	<i>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying:</i> Matthew 13:1-3
Visuals	Visual aids serve as a physical comparison or illustration of a truth. Visual aids help students to picture and remember truths.	<i>I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.</i> John 15:1-2
Q & A	Questions make people think and can help to clarify the truth. Ask questions that can help people discover and clarify the truth (who, what, why, when, where, how). Avoid asking questions that require only a yes or no answer.	<i>Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?”</i> Matthew 21:23-25a
Drama	Drama is a method for acting out the truth. Drama can be difficult to implement. Drama does not have to require a script or costumes.	<i>Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way may God shake out of his house and possessions every man who does not keep this promise. So may such a man be shaken out and emptied!” At this the whole assembly said, “Amen,” and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.</i> Nehemiah 5:12b-13
Discussion	Discussions can help people discover and clarify what they think about a subject.	<i>As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them ... He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ... And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.</i> Luke 24:15,17,27
Projects	Projects provide opportunities for teamwork, self-discovery, opportunities to do what cannot be done in a classroom, and accountability for application.	<i>When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ... So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.</i> Luke 9:1-2,6