

A Framework for Understanding the Middle School Lessons

Dear Middle School Leader:

Thank you for your willingness to impart the truth of God to our middle school aged Whiz Kids! Pre-teen and early teen aged kids are in a place where they are learning to approach more sophisticated concepts, and their lives are filled with challenges, joys, and struggles. **Our goal is that students would discover** Biblical truths through reading the scriptures and discussing them in a safe place and learn to apply that truth to what they experience (at school, online, with their family, in success and with failures).

The lessons include the following elements:

1. The lesson OBJECTIVE
2. Scripture verse
3. Discussion questions
4. Closing statement

It is important that you look over the lesson prior to club time. To prepare:

1. **Read Closing Statement.** This is the final point of **truth**, and **you**, the leader, will **articulate** that point to sum up and finish club time. **During the discussion, kids and tutors might say many things. We can acknowledge an idea without agreeing with it. The goal is to encourage dialogue.**
2. **Read the scripture** to know how the scripture and the final point are connected.
3. **Read over the questions** provided.
 - a. Ponder these questions so you can help guide the conversation toward the final point.
 - b. Identify questions that can be skipped in case time is short.
 - c. Feel free to add other questions or illustrations that will help add to the discussion.
 - d. When possible and appropriate, give kids the opportunity to talk about their lives.
 - e. Your testimony is powerful, and how God uniquely drew you to Himself can be the substance of very powerful and helpful illustrations of some of these concepts.

Lastly, help each other out. Many middle school pods will have a rotation of tutors taking the lead. Encourage one another, pray for each other and your students, and work together to help these discussions happen.

We are praying for you all in this work, and we are grateful that God has called you to it!

Thank you sincerely,

The Whiz Kids Team