

PRAY: For our own hearts, for the children & young people, and for the process of preparing

Prep

- **Read:** re-read, listen to it being read aloud.
- **Content:** Repeated words/phrases, genre, link words, surprises, structure, characters, dialogue, images/word pictures
- **Context:** Chapter, Book, Biblical Theology
- **Questions:** What don't you understand? How does context help? Commentaries/material.

Reflect

- **Personal:** What have you learned about your God? How should you respond to what you've learned?
- **Group:** Who are the young people you are teaching? Where are they spiritually? What is life like for them at the moment?

Big Idea & So What?

- **Big Idea:** What is the big idea of the passage? Is that a main point that a child would understand? Is it language they can handle? Is it ONE main point?
- **So What?** I want the children to understand/believe/learn...How will this impact their life? What does it look like to put this into practice? What does it look like for those already trusting Jesus? What does it look like for those who are not-yet Christians? (Application points)

Plan

- **Structure:** How will you explain your big idea? Do your sections reflect the sweep of the narrative/passage? Keep points simple. How will you point to Christ?
- **Applications:** How does this truth impact the lives of your children? Why does it matter? What does it change?
- **Illustrations:** How can you shed light on the passage and its implications using examples the children will recognise?
- **Memory:** How will you help the children remember? Visual aids/crafts/repeated phrases/discussion questions.

Write

- Flesh out your plan. Remember to use words you would say. Remember repetition helps us listen. Try not to use Christian jargon. Make it age appropriate. Take care in how to explain any big Bible words or concepts carefully.
- Don't forget the 'So What?'
- Keep to time. 100-150 words per minute.

Deliver

- **Prepare.** Gather your props and visuals. Rehearse your talk (multiple times). Consider how you use your voice. Pray for yourself and your hearers.
- Get a good night's rest and arrive in good time.