

MASTER CLUB BEGINNER TRAINING I

I. Introduction

A. Welcome

B. Short background

1. Have worked with Preschoolers for over 50 years
2. Have worked with Master Club Preschoolers for 30 years

C. Importance of beginner children

1. You are laying the foundation of their faith.
2. You are teaching basic biblical principles and truths.
 - a. Preschoolers can be saved but most will not get saved.
 - b. Those who do get saved are from Christian Homes and knowledgeable parents.

D. Know & plan to their physical and mental characteristics (page 13 in Leader Training Guide Book).

II. The Program Plan for Club

A. Pre-club Time as children are arriving is a good time to interact with children and get to know them.

B. The program schedule is divided into five parts.

1. Rally Time 5 to 7 minutes calms and focuses the kids
 - a. Smaller churches may have everyone together but ideally it is good to have them separate
 - b. Things included in Rally Time:
 - (1) Sing one or two action songs that they can relate to.
 - (2) Pledges
 - (3) Prayer
 - (4) Keep it organized and energetic no chaos.
 - c. Larger churches may split them up by age.
 - (1) Our 3 yr old Little Treasures are completely separate in the main church.
 - (2) The 4s and 5s meet separate from the 1st through 6th grade which meet in our gym.
 - (a) The older kids can overpower the younger kids.
 - (b) It is harder for them to participate in songs etc. as the older and they feel left out.
 - (c) The noise can be scary to the younger ones.
2. Book Time-30 to 35 minutes
 - a. Divide into classes ideally by the age.

- (1) God's Little Lambs 4 yrs old not in Kindergarten and have 20 memory verses and 15 awards that can be earned.
 - (2) God's Little Shepherds are 5 yrs old in K5 Kindergarten and have 20 memory verses and 15 awards that can be earned.
- b. Ideally each class should have a teacher and a helper.
- (1) The helpers can be adult church members grandparents or teens.
 - (2) They should be qualified and good role models at church.
- c. What you do in book time.
- (1) The first thing for every clubber is to work on the membership badge.
 - (a) Usually this will take 2 weeks using the membership requirement cards.
 - (b) They will earn the membership badge.
 - (c) Begin in the workbook after membership.
 - (2) Do the projects with the lesson that go with it.
 - (a) Should use the Master Club leaders Guide which gives you short story and the activities needed to complete for the badges and helpful hints.
 - (b) Reviewing and learning verses.
 - (c) Attendance/ award & verse records.
 - (3) In giving the lessons, be aware of the 3 types of clubbers: energetic, average, and slow.
 - (a) Plan book time to the energetic clubbers with balance to keep attention and reduce the need for correction.
 - (b) Keep the clubbers together on the same project.
 - (c) Start new members during the year where the class is currently working.
 - (d) Use helpers to catch the new clubbers up if possible.
 - (4) Smaller Churches may have to put the 2 ages together; be sure to have a helper.
 - (5) For smaller churches that put the ages together, you may do all the clubbers in the Lambs book 1st year and the Shepherds book the 2nd year.
 - (6) Best size for a class is 6 because this age needs a lot of one on one attention.
 - (7) Some lessons do not have a color page or activity so be sure to have a color sheet for each week that goes with the lesson/Theme.
 - (a) Master Ministries has a book with pictures that can be copied and used.
 - (b) You can use other publishers or coloring books also.
 - (8) Listen to children say verses/review new verses if they are ready.
 - (a) Explain and apply the verse simply.
 - (b) Child must say the verse and the ADDRESS.
 - (c) They get 2 helps ins saying the verse.

- (d) Be consistent with the requirements for every child.
- (e) Rotate the order of children when listening to verses.
- (f) Keep GOOD records of the verses that are said correctly for earning badges and show date the badge was earned.
- (g) There is a record in each project book or you can use one that we developed here that our teachers like.
- (h) Send home a copy of the verse sheet every week indicating which verse/s are to be learned.

(9) Teachers may give extra small awards in book time.

(a) Trinkets or small pieces of candy.

(b) Rewards for saying verses or best clubber of the week etc.

(10) A good tip is to send home a lunch bag with the name for each child every week for verse papers, rewards, correspondence for club activities, NT trinkets kids bring.

C. Game or Gym Time 20 Minutes

1. Have activities or games appropriate for the age group.
 - a. Keep in mind their physical & mental characteristics; they are not coordinated.
 - b. The kids are learning how to play in teams with others.
 - c. Keep it simple and appropriate.
2. It is best if game time is away from the regular meeting place for book and story time.
 - a. Change gives for physical activity and helps keep down wiggles and boredom.

D. Bible/Story Time 7 to 10 minutes

1. **ALWAYS** use colorful and appropriate **visuals**.
2. Object lessons are not good for this age group because they can't understand abstract ideas.
3. You can use Bible stories or stories with Bible principles and truths.
 - a. For stories with a Bible principles/truths, always use a scripture verse that goes with the truth you want to teach the children.
 - b. The use of stories that are not directly in the Bible can make it a little different from Sunday School & Jr. Church.
 - c. Don't give an invitation but be sure to give an application to their lives and experience.
 - (1) Preschoolers will raise their hands to please the teacher or because others are doing it.
 - (2) All will want to go to heaven.
 - d. During the middle of the year you may mention being saved but do not press it.
 - (1) They will come to you if they have questions and understand.

(2) Many times parents would like to lead their young child to the Lord.

E. Award Time 5 to 10 minutes

1. All grades choose to meet at the end of club for awards.
2. Some choose to give out the awards in their departments.
3. Try to give the awards the week they earn them if possible not more than a week or two later.
4. Encourage parents and grandparents to see the get their awards.
5. For preschoolers we give them in our department at the end of club and use plastic snack bags and pin them to the vests so they do not get lost.
6. If possible, have a person or two that will sew on the badges for all the clubbers to keep them uniform and sure to get done.
7. **MAKE AWARD TIME A BIG DEAL FOR EACH CHILD BECAUSE IT IS!**

F. Extra Pointers

1. Keep the books and vests at the church so you will be sure to have them every week.
2. Be sure to visit your clubbers in homes and call them even when they come regularly.
3. Involve the parents.
4. Send home a letter at the beginning of the year to explain what you do in club and how they can help.
5. Ask the parents to help by teaching the verses to the children.
6. Ask the to be sure to bring them every week.
7. **AGAIN KEEP GOOD RECORDS.**

III. Conclusion

A. Be faithful and ON TIME!

1. Have the room set up before the children get there.
2. Know what you are going to do for each part of club each night.

B. Be sure to keep in mind their characteristics in all that you do.

C. Be the right example; You can't teach what you don't practice yourself.

D. Be sure to LOVE them and Pray for the.

1. Get to know them.
2. Talk and play with them.
3. **MEET THEIR NEEDS.**