

Multisensory Ideas For Teaching

Auditory:

- Listening to Music - Change the atmosphere by using music to increase alertness or calming
- Making Music- compose a silly song or sing learning material
- Play Instruments- kazoos stimulate the Vagus Nerve, which can regulate the nervous system
- Vocal Changes- Pitch, Volume (whisper piques interest), Funny Accents
- Recite Out Loud as a Group- Responsive Readings, Dramatic Readings
- Clapping- rhythms for attention or emphasis
- Metronome- learning to rhythms
- Dramatic Pauses
- Sound Effects
- Reading Aloud
- Podcasts, Audio Books
- Reader's Theater



Visual:

- Focus Light & Bright Colors - Where do you want the student's attention?
- Where are they Sitting? - Front/Back, Away from Visual Distractions, Facing Learning
- Posters or Projects Displayed to Review Previous Lessons for Long Term Retention
- Interesting Pictures to Illustrate Point—classic art, their own illustrations, collages
- Props to Illustrate Point or Lesson- hats, costumes, masks
- Object Lesson & Science Experiments to Illustrate Lesson
- Graphs/Charts/ Brain Mapping
- Watching Drama/Plays, Videos
- Manipulatives
- Laser Pointers, Novel or Silly Pointers
- Highlighting & Highlighter Sticky Notes



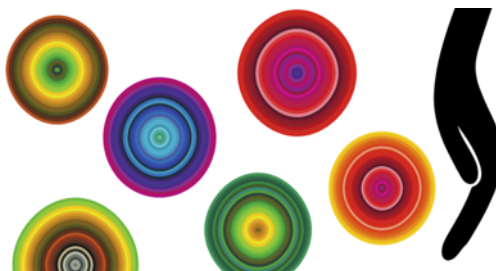
Movement:

- Acting/Drama
- Sensory Path
- Gestures or Signing
- Spinning
- Obstacle Courses
- Hopscotch
- Air Writing - “writing” with various body parts in the air
- Active Learning Games - Twister, Red Light/Green Light
- Jump & Learn - jump to answers scattered on floor (craft foam)
- Swinging - movement & rhythm can be an amazing learning tool
- Dancing - choreograph a lesson or song that pertains to lesson
- Jump Rope Games - chant learning material while jumping
- Ball Games - Catch & Answer, Pass ball over/under line of students



Tactile/Touch:

- “Write” with a finger on the table or on the palm of their hand
- Hide items of learning relevance in sensory bins –
 - Easter symbols in Easter grass, symbols for Creation Story in rice, Fruits of the Spirit
- Incorporate Textures - lambs wool, thorns, nails, water, mud/dirt, cold/hot/warm
- Small Toys, Symbols, Letters or Numbers hidden in bag/pillowcase to find by touch
- Draw with fingers in tray of salt, shaving cream or pudding...
- Make Textured Flashcards or Drawings with glue & sand
- Sculpt with clay or playdough
- Nature
- Crafts
- Real Objects



Taste:

- Bread
- Salt
- Fish
- Grape juice/Wine
- Vinegar
- Wheat
- Fruits
- Edible Bugs??? - available online
- Passover Meal
- Object Lessons with Food
- Crafts Made with Food
- Snacks to Illustrate Lesson



Smell:

- Fragrant Oils in the Bible:

Olive Oil

Frankincense

Myrrh

Cinnamon

Hyssop

Nard/Spikenard

Cassia

Cane/Calamus

- Fresh Baked Bread
- Perfume- 2 Corinthians 2:15
- Vinegar
- Roasted Meat



Sensory Biblical Examples:

- Baptism
- Lord's Supper/ Communion
- Altars/Memorial Stones
- Festivals of Remembrance
- Salt/Light/Bread/Vine
- Parables
- Passover Meal
- Rainbow, Stars
- Temple Design



How Jesus and the Bible Model Teaching:

- Believes Everyone Can Learn & Change (Neuroplasticity & Neurogenesis)
- Engages People - Relevant to the Times & Interests
- Encourages Persistence- Allows Struggle
- Cares for the Emotional, Physical and Spiritual State of People
- Incorporates Sensory Learning- used environment and stories
- Incorporates Movement & Doing into Teaching: Walking, Working, Living, Celebrating

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deut. 6:6-7



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