

Teach Less for More

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THE BIG IDEA: Focusing on just one truth or principle and you enhance the potential of every listener to really “get it.”

➤ **THE LUKE 2:52 MODEL**

Jesus grew up “in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” provides a clear example for spiritual growth.

A new believer’s growth can be divided into a three categories:

1. **Wisdom** – the ability to make wise decisions based on the truth of Scripture.
2. **Faith** – a willingness to put their faith in God through every situation of life.
3. **Friendship** – a desire to demonstrate their love and kindness to the people in their world.

➤ **FOUR STEPS TO TEACH LESS FOR MORE**

1. Decide what you are going to say.
2. Decide to say one thing at a time.
3. Decide how you are going to say it.
4. Say it over and over again

**Is your teaching true? Is it interesting? Is it creative? Is it passionate?
Is it entertaining?**

➤ **IMPROVING YOUR GAME**

1. Identify a handful of must-know, can’t-be-without, age–appropriate principles (irreducible minimums) for each group of students.
2. State you irreducible minimums in a creative way that your leaders and volunteers can remember.
3. Practice crafting in a memorable way the “bottom line” you hope to communicate in an upcoming message or lesson.
4. Brainstorm some new tools or creative elements you can use to enhance your productions or environments.

