

TEN PLANNING STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS

1. Surround this special time in prayer. Enlist prayer support for the emphasis from Sunday School leaders and prayer cells in your church.
2. Several weeks prior to the emphasis, list the Sunday School emphasis as a prayer concern in the worship bulletin, church newsletter, and on other prayer lists.
3. Have Sunday School class members begin to pray for ways to make the emphasis a success.
4. Several weeks prior to the start of the emphasis, meet with Sunday School and local church leaders to explain the emphasis, think through goals, schedule important dates, and clarify roles of teachers, greeters, Sunday School classes, and individuals.
5. Familiarize yourself with each week's theme. Brainstorm with other church leaders about how Sunday School can implement each week's theme.
6. Consider starting a new classes and/or a short-term elective to provide an opportunity to invite new people to Sunday School. Plan to begin this class on the first Sunday of the emphasis.
7. Encourage classes (all ages) to creatively integrate the objectives of this emphasis into the life of their classes.
8. Schedule on the church calendar events/locations related to the emphasis.
9. Several weeks out, order promotional give-aways, gifts, and supplies you will need to implement the emphasis.
10. Work with the Sunday School leadership team to establish a follow-up plan.