

## “The Tweens Introduction”

This is the group right before teens. They are too young to be a full-fledged teenager, but they think they are too old and sometimes way cool to want to be in with the little guys. They want to be mature and act grown-up. At the same time, they still feel a longing for dolls and trucks when no one is looking...

**God has asked you to teach these impressionable souls.  
Some may say that these are the “make it or break it years.”  
What an Awesome responsibility!  
Frankly, you can’t do it!  
You have to have GOD for this exciting task!**

**First**, you need to cry out to Him for help and guidance! Bring their names before the throne daily. Don’t slop a lesson together and feel like you did your Christian duty. Give them the best possible lesson you can deliver to them.

**Next**, get to know your students, visit them at their homes. This group has the potential for the biggest growth, outreach, and fund raising possibilities. However, they need someone to lead them, and that someone is you!

**Lastly**, use this curriculum as a guide, not as a manual! Do not read it word for word. Pray over it, make it yours, and pray until you bring the anointing into your class. We have included some icons to give you a “heads up” to where a portion of the curriculum is leading. Always remember that God can only unlock their minds and hearts!

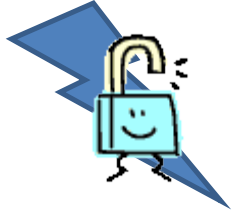


**You are simply turning the key!**



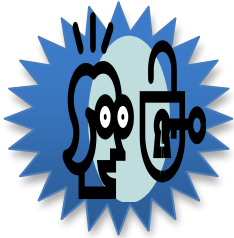
### **Unlock their minds by thinking and feeling!**

When you see this icon aim for unlocking their emotions or making them really contemplate what is being said. It is often the opener, or attention getter, or the activity that sets the stage for the concept you are aiming to unlock in their minds.



### **Unlock their minds by doing!**

Gone are the days when we believe that children can merely “Sit and get.” Research has shown that not just movement, but “actively participating within a concept” is what cements a concept in a child’s mind and unlocks learning.



### **Unlock their minds by seeing!**

This is the way the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ taught! Object lessons unlock the mind by using things which a child can relate to and connect with.



### **Making the connection to the Word**

Connecting God’s Word to a child’s mind is a powerful key. When you see this icon you may be headed for a Bible story or a life application story. With either one, the goal is to turn the key of the concept to unlock their hearts for Jesus Christ.

## **Have you ever not been able to find your keys?**

I think we all have been there at some point. It is frustrating and time consuming! This can also happen with a good teacher, they get off track a bit or misplace their keys.

So, that is why we have included a key information page for each lesson. It will always be located at the beginning of each lesson so you won’t lose it and it covers a “**Key Thought**,” a “**Key Verse**,” any “**Key Materials**” and a “**Key Teaching Point**,” and last but not least, it has lines to write your OWN notes.

Again, we stress this is NOT a teacher’s manual! Do NOT read it word for word. Do NOT even use it the way it is written! Take each part and tweak it, rearrange the order, change it completely if need be, make it your OWN, to open the door of the hearts of your OWN students.

We assure you the lessons you are about to read have been prayed over, fasted about, researched and submitted for you to use. But we are not with your students; only you are. We cannot see their needs; only you can do that. You are literally acting as God’s hands and feet in your class each week, don’t take this call lightly. Jesus said to “Suffer the children to come...” You are obeying the command of God Himself by teaching your class. So, teach with authority, anointing, and with the love of God that he has given you. God bless you abundantly.