

## **Classroom Management in a Christian Classroom**

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Classroom management should be a priority in every classroom, but we often don't think of it as a way to express faith. So, let's take a look at a couple of ways we can integrate the Christian faith into a parochial school classroom.

**Time Management:** Genesis 2:2 states, "By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work." Take a break! Remember that your body, mind, and spirit need rest. Do you schedule rest time into your monthly, weekly, and daily schedules? Different people need different amounts and qualities of rest, so figure out what works for you, and life may not seem quite so stressful. Remember this in your classroom as well. Don't schedule intense classwork every minute of the day. Children have different learning styles and resting needs, so try to allow them some physical and mental rests throughout the day. When you make them aware of Genesis 2:2, they will realize that you are modeling what God also modeled: Rest is good. If they think rest needs to happen all day long, you can quote the first part of that verse: God had finished the work He had been doing (before he rested.)

**Desk Management:** You call it classroom management when you keep everything and everyone together, so let's call it "desk management" when your students keep their acts together. Since God made us each unique creations, we do have differences in our styles, but we aren't necessarily predisposed to be slobs. That certainly wasn't God's intention when He made us. 1 Corinthians 14:40 says we are to do things in a "fitting and orderly way." (NIV) Encourage your students to examine their habits and their desks, lockers, cubbies, etc. Remember to examine yourself. Don't be guilty of the log-in-my-own-eye syndrome (Matthew 7.) We don't have to have everything perfect, but some personal organization can make our stewardship more effective.

Remember that you are a representative of God, so model what God tells us to do in scripture. And, be sure to share the reasons with your class. That is a form of witnessing. Remember to also tell them that although we can't be perfect, Jesus was made perfect for us. He took our place. That doesn't mean we're excused from trying to do our best to follow Him. It means that He has earned our "ticket" to heaven. We are now free to do our best for His glory.

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