

Small Group Time Multisensory Learning Strategies

As a Small Group leader, take time to notice how the clubbers in your group learn. All of us have a preferred way of learning, called a learning style. This learning is based on our strengths as well as our personalities. Watch for clues as you observe them and talk with them.



The Ear

Auditory Learner Ideas **MUST** hear and say to learn:

If they love listening to music, telling stories, talking, humming, and other activities having to do with listening and speaking, chances are they are an auditory learner. Consider using a recordable CD where the verse is recorded and played several times, also put verse to a tune, make up a rhythm, drills, and/or hand claps.

Visual Learner Ideas **MUST** see and watch to learn:

A clubber who likes to read books, highlight words, look at picture books, or work with concepts and descriptions is probably a visual learner. Visual learners gravitate toward anything having to do with visual activity if given the chance. Great to highlight the key words in a verse, break up the phrases by commas, box, or brackets, or make pictures or symbols to stand for the words or meaning of the words. Explain what the verse means. You could even make up flashcards or memory booklets to help them with memorizing the verses.



Kinesthetic Learner Ideas **MUST** touch, hold, be hands-on, learns through sensory input and doing:

Then we have the clubbers who must touch and be actively engaged in doing something to learn. They are our kinesthetic-touch learners who use the sense of touch, body action, drama, crafts, or almost anything that involves being physically active. You may consider having a rocking chair or bean bag chair for them to sit in while studying their verse. They would also like to act out the verse, use hand motions, have a manipulative to hold (such as a squeeze ball), put together a puzzle made from their verse, or use a whiteboard to practice their verse.



Once you discover a child's preferred way of learning, capitalize on it. Create a favorable environment that stresses understanding as well as achievement. Take time to praise and encourage effort, realizing attitude is linked to achievement.

Above all, be patient, see the potential and be in prayer for your clubbers as they learn God's Word. May they come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. See complete chart for more strategies.