

# Teaching Our Youngest Students

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**Subject for Lessons:** SECT. 3. The first lessons of the children should be the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and its Spiritual interpretation by Mary Baker Eddy, Sermon on the Mount. (*Church Manual of The First Church, Scientist, in Boston Massachusetts p. 62*)

## Sunday School Class Time

10 min.      Student Gratitude/Review from past week  
30 min.      Main Lesson Points  
5 min.        Take-a-ways from Lesson

## Student Gratitude/Review from past week (10 - 15 minutes)

- Sharing of healings/talking to God
- Review of the Seven Synonyms
- Review of Ten Commandments
- Review of the Beatitudes
- Take-a-ways from the last week's lesson

## Main Lesson Points (30 minutes)

- Read a short passage (or simple truth) from The Bible and/or Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures
- Concrete representation of simple truth
- Bible story to support simple truth
- Activity to connect the truth to the children's experiences (application of the truth)

## Take-a-ways from Lesson (5 minutes)

- Quick review of what we did in Sunday School
- Assignment for next week
- What will you share with your family about Sunday School today?



## Sunday School Sample Lesson Plan

### Subject: Matter

Today in Sunday School, we...

Sharing of Gratitude/Review of lesson concepts (10 – 15 minutes)

- Shared “good thoughts”
- Reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandments and the seven synonyms for God

Bell Ringer (5 minutes)

- Learned the Bible phrase: “Fear thou not; for I am with thee:” (Isa. 41:10)

Main Lesson (25 minutes)

- Read the story, Joshua and the Walls of Jericho  
(read from the Children’s Bible)
- Acted out the story and talked about how Joshua and the Israelites had to be obedient to God’s instructions, even though they may have seemed silly. (Rainbow cardboard brick blocks – built the wall, practiced marching around the wall pretending to blow horns, 7<sup>th</sup> day – marched 7 times around wall, knocked the wall down!)
- Read Joshua and the Walls of Jericho booklet (each student received a booklet to take home)

Take-a-Ways (5 minutes) – Review what we did in Sunday School “Who can tell me one thing we did today in Sunday School?” “What story did we act out today?” “Which commandments did we talk about today?”

This week review...

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandments
- Bible verse: “Fear thou not; for I am with thee:” (Isa. 41:10)
  - Look for opportunities to practice this truth.