

What makes teaching different age groups so difficult?

### **An Encouragement – Ephesians 1v17-19a**

The content Paul's prayer:

Who Paul is praying to:

So the best piece of advice:

### **3 factors to consider when teaching children of different age groups**

1. Attention
2. Language and concepts
3. Application

There is no substitute for:

### **3 Tips for teaching any/all age groups**

1. Keep their attention (beware of overload)
2. Keep it clear
3. Know and love the truth yourself (and pray it in)

# Delivering the same lesson to different age groups



## 3 different ideas for multi-age groups

1. The Red Arrows Solution
2. The Highest Common Denominator
3. The Child Leader

### Giving it a go - Parable of the Lost Sheep – Luke 15

Use the Mustard Seeds Material to plan a lesson for one of the following Sunday Schools:

**St Brad's:** small parish church, only 6 children in the congregation ages: 4,6,6,7,7,12. Big room out the back of the church, a handful of willing but slightly clueless volunteers. Ministers children are 4, 6 and 12.

**Terranus Hall Evangelical Church:** Modern Evangelical Church in London Suburb, starting new afternoon service 10 children, currently split into two age groups for the whole time. Purpose built building with lots of rooms, good number of very willing volunteers.

**Grace Church Snodgrove-Under-The-Motorway:** Growing church in a commuter town, 35 children (5-11) exactly 5 in each age group, don't all come every week. 1 medium room in the school currently used, no budget to hire anymore, but corridors and entrance foyer an option. Other volunteers are mostly parents who are not very willing to prepare lots in advance.

**How will you teach the bible story?**

**What discussion time will you have? What will you do?**

**Who will be where, in what groups, for which parts of the session?**

**What activities will you do? (craft, games, memory verse etc)**

**Any other considerations/ideas?**

**Pray**