

TEACHER TELEGRAM

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Hands and Feet

Use this idea to help kids visualize the ways they can serve Jesus. Trace kids' hands and shoes onto white paper, and then cut out the shapes. Have kids write or draw on the appropriate cut outs ways they can use their hands or feet to serve Jesus and others. Then hang the hands and feet in a prominent place in your classroom.

Each Sunday have kids add ideas and discuss how they used their hands and feet to serve Jesus during the previous week.

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Cued In

If you feel like you're constantly repeating directions or shouting to get kids' attention, try unspoken cues to help kids focus and gently remind them to pay attention.



• **Silent Signal**—Use a silent signal such as turning the lights on and off or holding a colorful flag in the air.

• **Signal Song**—

When it's time to clean up, play a specific song that cues kids that it's time to pick up toys and sit in a circle for the lesson.

• **Clap Patterns**—Teach kids a clapping pattern that you start and they repeat when you want everyone to focus up front for directions.

Consistent cues will help kids focus quickly, make them feel part of the group, and eliminate a lot of frustration for you.

Commonalities

Easter may bring a wave of new kids to your class. Use this experience to help kids discover all the things they have in common with each other.

Ask all kids to name ways they think they're alike, such as they're all in the same grade or they all attended an Easter service at your church. Then form groups of three and allow time for each group to discover one additional thing all three kids have in common. Allow time for groups to share their discoveries. Then have kids form new groups and repeat the activity. Close with a prayer, thanking God for the many things we have in common.

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KidQuote:

After explaining to toddlers that Jonah was swallowed by a whale because he didn't obey God, 2-year-old Ashton replied, "So he was in timeout?"

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