

## Explorers Tips:

1. Check out the *Weekly Teaching Essential* List to help you in preparation for the quarter. While your *Teaching Guide* lists items needed for each lesson, this list can help you at the front end of the quarter to help you know which *Teaching Essentials* are needed for each lesson.
2. Depression and anxiety are often intertwined. When a child struggles with depression, he or she is more likely to also struggle with an anxiety disorder, which can lead to other disorders. We want to provide biblical examples of people who also experienced similar emotions as a way to offer hope to the students and to encourage them to talk about what they are feeling and seek help, if needed.
3. It is vital that our children recognize and understand the greatness of God's power. Helping them learn the truth that God is in control of every situation, and He can bring good from bad.
4. For many churches, students move to their new classes and so you may have students who are unfamiliar with your class rules. You may also have students who are new to your church and your classroom. Get to know your students. Consider having a "Get to know you" time at the beginning of the class for the next few weeks. Be sure to share about yourself so they can get to know you too. This is also a good time to introduce and review your classroom rules. Be patient and gently remind the students of your rules as they are learning them.
5. The *Teaching Essentials* are available in four different translations. Your students may not have the translation you are using in their homes. Download the different application verses to send with the students the first week of every month to help them be able to work on learning them at home.

1. If you're new to the CLEAR Learning System, page 2 of the Teaching Guide will help explain the different aspects of it. Read through *What's New* on page 2 to learn about special features that have been added to the curriculum.
2. Page 3 tells about the Application Verse and the new Lesson Objectives. It also provides an explanation for the various icons that are featured in each lesson.
3. Read page 4-5 to gain a better understanding of the products used with this age group. Look through your teaching guide, the *Teaching Essentials* packet, and the *Explorer's Guide* together to understand how each part is used.
4. Page 5 gives an introduction to the three different units. It provides an overall description for each unit as well as what we hope the students will gain through the lessons.
5. Page 6 provides general guidelines and principles regarding to talking with children about Spiritual matters including how to lead them to Christ.
6. File folders or two-gallon plastic bags work well to hold each week's Teaching Pictures, reproducibles, and *Field Notes*. Make a list of any supplies you will need for the month on a large sticky note and attach it to the front of the teaching guide before the first Sunday of each month. Be sure you have them all and know where they are so they will be easily accessible when you need them. Make a copy of all reproducibles at the beginning of the month. Place them in the plastic bag or a file folder. Be sure to always have a few extras for visitors.
7. Browse through the teaching guide at the beginning of the quarter, making note of items that may be required for a CONNECT activity. Try to obtain any that are needed for the quarter as soon as possible to avoid the last-minute frustration of not being able to find an item. Also, at the beginning of the quarter, take note of any monologues or dramas that require additional help or assistance. Be sure to give the persons doing the monologues or dramas plenty of advance notice as well as a friendly reminder as the date approaches.

8. Download Home Connection for your parents. It is a one-stop resource for connecting the entire family based on the D6 curriculum. It is free and available at [www.d6home.com](http://www.d6home.com).
9. Choose CONNECT Activities that best fit the needs of your classroom. You know your students best. Feel free to adapt any of these to the personalities of your children.
10. Pray each day for your students and that God will use you to teach His Word.