

Learning Approaches

Children come to us with many God-given preferences. There are at least eight learning approaches that you may see in the children you teach. Many children are strong in more than one approach, but all possess varying abilities in most areas. Therefore, provide a variety of approaches to learning the same Bible truth during a session. In this way, you will be guiding children to learn in the way God created them to “go.”

1. **VERBAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that use language to express ideas and interact with others.
2. **LOGICAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that use reasoning and logic to solve problems.
3. **VISUAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that allow the child to express ideas through drawing and pictures.
4. **PHYSICAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that require physical movement and coordination.
5. **MUSICAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that involve music, rhythm and beat.
6. **RELATIONAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that involve interaction with others.
7. **REFLECTIVE APPROACH.** Prefers activities that require the child to journal ideas and thoughts.
8. **NATURAL APPROACH.** Prefers activities that involve nature.