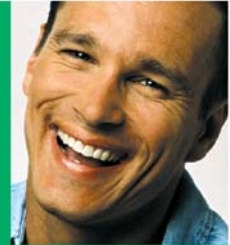




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## 5 to 10 Ways to Teach the Bible to Preschoolers (Ages 2-4)

Kerri Mahla and Craig Ellis

## Session Speakers & Goal

### **Kerri Mahla**

Kerri Mahla currently serves in Promiseland as the age 2 programmer and curriculum writer. Her ministry includes writing new and creative lessons, leading up-front volunteer teaching team, and training small group leaders. In the past, she has served as the age 2/3 curriculum writer and as a programmer in age 4/5. Prior to coming to Willow Creek, Kerri was an elementary school teacher in the public schools for 5 years. She has a strong passion for children to know God and His unbelievable love. Kerri lives in Palatine, Illinois with her husband, Ronson.

### **Craig Ellis**

Craig Ellis serves on staff in Promiseland as the Director of Programming for early childhood, and serves as a member of the main stage drama team. He began his career in entertainment at Walt Disney World, where he shared the stage with international celebrities such as Pluto, Mickey Mouse, the Three Pigs, and Goofy. After earning a Masters in Business Administration, Craig started several successful organizations in the personal development industry. Most recently, he traveled across the country, speaking to high school and college students on the subject of making college count. Craig lives in Carpentersville, Illinois with his lovely and talented wife, Annette, his cute and smart son Ricky, and his non-house-trained dog, T.T.

### **Session Goal**

Learn how to design and implement a creative Bible lesson

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### **I. Why Teach Early Childhood?**

#### **A. Activity**

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **II. Understanding Your Audience**

### **A. Activity**

### **B. Past Practices**

### **C. Present Learnings**

### **D. \_\_\_\_\_**

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### **III. Creative Methods to Teach the Bible**

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **1. Observations**

#### **2. My Ideas**

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Observations

### 2. My Ideas

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**C.** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. My Ideas

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### **IV. Ready-Set-Go**

a. Ready: Brief Review

b. Set: Objectives for the Lesson

c. Go: Creative Process

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### **d. Activity**

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### **V. Action Steps**

## Book & Resource Recommendations

### Music

Hip Hop Happy Day  
Dance Shout and Sing  
Shout to the Lord for Kids

### Books

*Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey* by Catherine Stonehouse  
*Creative Bible Teaching* by Lawrence O. Richards and Gary J. Bredfeldt  
*The Five Love Languages for Kids* by Gary Chapman  
*Teaching to Change Lives* by Howard Hendricks  
*Color Outside the Lines* by Howard Hendricks  
*Opening Your Child's Spiritual Windows* by Cheri Fuller  
*The Beginner's Bible* by Karyn Henley

### Magazines

*Children's Ministry* by Group Publishing  
*Child Magazine*  
*Parent Magazine*