

# Key Words for Teaching/Leading Preschoolers:

## Love

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and love neighbors. God is love.

## Example

Model what Jesus taught. Be an example of the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

## Words

Use calm loving voices. Share words of affirmation. Notice, notice, notice what children are doing and state the obvious, "McKenzie is working a puzzle with her hands." Repeat Bible verses and tell Bible stories. Sing.

## Play

Play is a child's work. Through play children learn sharing, communication, leadership, taking turns, how things work, an awe for God's creation, abstract thinking, everything.

## Creativity

Give children the freedom to use their imaginations and to create—to paint, draw, build, and work with play dough.

## Independence

"I can do it myself," are words every child likes to say. As much as possible allow children to do it themselves. Give them opportunities to make choices.

## God/Jesus/Bible/Church/Prayer

Children learn about God through love, example, words, play, creativity, and independence. Faith is connected to every part of our lives.