

# Directions

Foursquare Christian Education



## Creative Teaching

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Jesus is a creative teacher! We can follow His example. Have you ever thought about teaching with food? How about using toys or current videos to illustrate your Bible lesson? And anyone can use our puppets to help convey God's truth.

The movie *Toy Story* effectively illustrates the biblical account of the first brothers, Cain and Abel, through the jealousy Woody has for Buzz Lightyear. Simply by playing a portion of the video that illustrates the comparison, the lesson becomes very understandable for even the youngest child.

Marshmallows help teach abstract biblical truth with all five senses. The color is usually pure white, which illustrates how Jesus can take sin away and clean us up on the inside. Marshmallows are very quiet food! Hold one up to your ear. Hear anything? Of course not! But if you listen for the voice of the Lord, you will learn to be still and know that He is God. As you touch a marshmallow, you realize how soft it is, just the way Jesus wants our hearts to be. The marshmallow smells sweet. The Lord wants us to have sweet and kind words for others. Finally, eating a marshmallow can taste pretty good. The Bible says, "Taste of the Lord for He is good!" Teaching with objects is considered to be one the most effective methods of helping

## Responding in Service

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No one knows what the church needs better than the leaders who serve in the church! While this is perhaps the understatement of the decade, it has become cutting-edge thinking for any growing, thriving church movement. In Foursquare Christian Education, it is our goal to identify practitioners in the field: those who know what they are doing and have discovered relevant methods of communicating the principles they have learned with others.

Foursquare Christian Education is a grass roots movement shaped and led by local church leaders who best know the needs of churches. The international networking available through [ce.foursquare.org](http://ce.foursquare.org), and the ability to frequently update information, are just two benefits of our Web site.

In keeping with our objective of clear frequent communication, please make a priority to visit our Web site often. You will hear what other church leaders have learned. You'll take advantage of the many networking opportunities and connect with our field team through these important features:

### Specialist teams

- Children's camp programming
- Leadership development/training
- Operation Kid Net (evangelism)
- Christian schools administrator's network
- Foursquare doctrine for all ages
- Adult discipleship ministries

### Upgraded information

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children learn. The second leading teaching tool in the world, but also the most underused, is puppets. A character actor, like a puppet, or a person dressed in costume, makes a lasting impression on children. Teaching is often easier when the leader enlists the help of the children to teach a lesson to the character. Think *Sesame Street* and how often the puppet just couldn't get it right until the group of children repeated the correct answer several times. Children may not realize how much Bible truth they internalize as they help the puppet get the point.

The puppets we create at Amaze Healing Wings are very simple to use. No special talent or training is needed. The common characteristic of our puppets is that they all have a heart-shaped pouch in which children will find objects like a Snicker's candy bar or loose gravel. These objects inspire class discussions about how much it hurts another person when we snicker or laugh at them. The child might find loose gravel and have to help the puppet overcome a "stony heart."

At Amaze Healing Wings, we encourage teachers to help children find God's healing for their hurts. Bible content, integrated with illustrations, object lessons and puppets, moves children toward wholeness in Christ.

*Review the brochure inside and visit our Web site for information about Amaze Healing Wings.*