The Puzzling Attraction of Puzzles



Disorder and exposed edges cause us to be tense and unsettled. We fervently scan for those straight edges to establish a boundary and begin to sort things out. We aren't satisfied until everything is in its proper place and the picture is complete.

> It is no wonder we say we "work" puzzles. The process doesn't seem like "play" at all.

It is work. Yet, even when there is no outside competition involved, we find pleasure in that work. It is a quest for the solution. A desire to find the answer to the problem. Figuring out how the pieces fit together. Consciously or not, all of us are looking for answers. God, in his wisdom has created us curious and hungry to 'know'. It sometimes feels like very hard work and yet we still seek.

As teachers we can walk alongside children and guide them in the important Christian-life-skill of looking for answers and seeking truth. Throughout their lives truth will always be found in God.

> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. Psalm 63:1, NIV

A good lesson plan for Bible Class should include challenging and pleasurable learning activities that motivate children to think.

Challenges don't have to be complicated. One simple activity is an adaptation of jig-saw puzzles. Click here for written instructions and links to good online teaching pictures you can use.

Or watch this 2 minute training video below.

May God bless you as you help children seek answers.

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