

## **TIPS FOR TEACHERS**

Learn to tell rather than read a story. You don't need to be a "professional" to tell a story well; all of us are natural tellers..we share stories everyday. If you wish to learn more about telling, there are a multitude of books that instruct on the art of storytelling; look/ask for these resources at your local library.

**Try to go with the awkwardness that you may feel at first with this approach, especially if you're attempting to share stories for the first time. Just "step in" so to speak. An understanding of what story can do will come with practice.**

**REFRAIN FROM "MORALIZING"...WHICH IS POINTING OUT YOUR OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE STORY...IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO LET THE STORY WORK FOR ITSELF!!!**

**Begin to collect stories in both oral and written form...look for these stories in your world and your students'.**

Remember, if you are using story for teaching, such a use needs to be guided by thought-provoking discussion or written reflection. Work at formulating such guidelines for follow up on story.

**Subscribe to storytelling newsletters which will inform you of workshops and resources.**

Share your personal stories!!!! **SOLICIT STORIES FROM YOUR STUDENTS.**

Tell people of your storytelling venture. They will often share stories with you.

Work at being a "Story Listener"..go to storytellings and discover the effect that story has on you.

**Watch TV and movies, listen to music.... for relevant stories.**

**Use very short stories for prayer.**

**LEAVE A STORY IN A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS MIGHT NOTICE IT AND PICK IT UP. GIVE A COPY OF A STORY TO A STUDENT WHO "NEEDS" IT.**

Put story books on display in your office or classroom.

REMEMBER, .STORY IS NOT "WASTED" TIME"! IMMERSE YOURSELF IN STORY.AND ENJOY!

**REMEMBER THAT STORY CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND HELP THEM TO FEEL THAT SOMEHOW YOU UNDERSTAND. IT CAN ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL SHARING -- STORIES OFTEN "BEGET" STORIES. BEGIN TO "SPEAK" TO YOUR STUDENTS IN STORY...I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR HOW YOU MAKE OUT!!**

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