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**Christian Education Resource Center
&
Women's Studies**

Dear friends and partners in ministry.
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amid political turmoil and news of wars in the Middle East, we praise God and are thankful that He gives us hope and thus we are encouraged to serve him wherever we are.

I would love to share with you about the Sunday School teachers training seminar which was held on September 27, 2014, in the Near East School of Theology. We had 67 participants who eagerly came for the training and it was so encouraging to see their passion to learn more and become better Sunday School teachers. We are continuing with our theme of “**Joy of Sunday School**”, and this was our 7th annual training.



The Near East School of Theology
The Christian Education Resource Center
Present

JOY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL VII

Saturday
September
27, 2014

Session One:
DISCIPLINE OR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT ?
ضبط الصف أم إدارة الصف ؟
The Thin Red Line Between Theory & Practice!
خط أحمر رفيع بين النظرية و التطبيق العملي !

Session Two:
Mini Teachers: Involving Children in Sunday School
معطون صفار
كيف نخرط الأولاد في مدرسة الأحد

From 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Facilitators:
Hala Bitar Khoury & Youeel Tarabay

Place: Near East School of Theology
Parking is Available
Participation fee: 5000 L.L.
Lunch & Coffee Break Included
Register with Shake' Geotcherian at:
shake_g@hotmail.com

OR Call 01-349901
Last Day for Registration is September 25, 2014
In collaboration with

Session One:

The first session was led by Mrs. Hala Bitar Khoury, where she talked about **"Discipline or Classroom Management?" The thin red line between theory and reality/practice.** And she tackled such questions as:

- How to prevent classroom management problems?
- Can I teach in a class with very active students?
- What are some kinds of misbehaviour and how to respond to them ?



Mrs. Hala Bitar Khoury

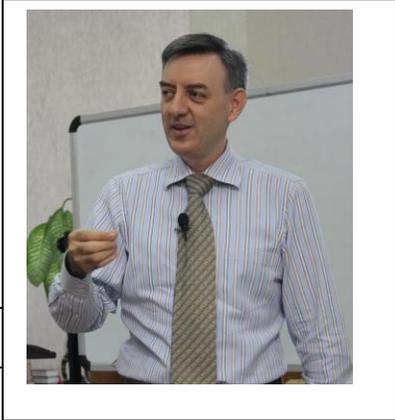


After the first session we had a coffee-break.



Session Two:

The second session was led by Mr. Youeel Tarabay, where he talked about **Mini Teachers: Involving Children in Sunday School.** He focused on the fact that the more we involve children in the educational process the better they learn. He also gave examples to help the Sunday school teachers understand and practice this new approach.



Mr. Youeel Tarabay



After both sessions were over the participants went up to the N.E.S.T. dining hall to have a fellowship lunch where they had more chance to get to know each other and share stories.



Some comments from our participants...

- *I gained valuable tips for classroom management and enjoyed the jigsaw cooperative learning strategy that can be extremely beneficial when applied creatively in a classroom.*
- *I learned how to deal with active children as well as how to handle misbehavior.*
- *Learned practical methods on how to approach different situations and how to deal with them in the right way.*
- *The session on classroom management was very helpful and practical, because it is something we as teachers have to deal with all the time. It was full of examples and gave a lot of insight. The second session also provided a great strategy for teaching/learning. I liked the idea of students cooperating towards a common goal.*
- *This training opened my eyes and my mind on how beautiful teaching is and helped me with my ministry with children.*
- *Great discussion time with useful tips.*
- *I discovered new and creative ways to make the subject more interesting for students.*

I do thank God that these training events are possible and have such a foundational impact on the participating teachers and leaders of children's groups so that they can put what they learned here into practice as they minister to children.

I thank you dear friends and partners for your continual support so that we are enabled to provide such training seminars for the local churches, schools and social centers.

May God bless you and keep you.

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