

Behavior Management Steps

1. Give the “Look”

- this can take place without stopping the class
- at this point, it may be helpful for a co-teacher to position themselves near the child

2. Give a Warning

- stop teaching and give warning for specific behavior
- alternatively, a co-teacher can give a warning for specific behavior while the lead teacher is teaching.

3. Have a Private Conference

- ask child why you have called them aside
- ask the child if they can explain what it is about their behavior that is unacceptable
- tell child what you expect
- ask the child if s/he can correct behavior on their own, or does s/he need your help
- briefly pray with the child/ren involved before returning to the group
- foster reconciliation with others involved
- praise child for changes in behavior you see
- speak to parents at end of class if behavior is a pattern

4. Remove from Activity

- ask child why they have been removed (follow guidelines above)
- give them some “time out” to cool off and consider behavior (5 minutes is an appropriate time out)
- remind the child of expectations before they can continue to participate in the activity
- you may need to ask the hall monitor to step into your class while you remove the child
- speak to parents at pickup time

5. Call for the Parents to remove child from class immediately

- call for the hall monitor to get the child’s parent(s)
- have another teacher or the hall monitor step into your class while you speak to the parents
- tell the parents what behavior you expect, what steps you took to correct it, and what the child’s response has been..
- call Deepak Reju, Jennilee Miller, or a Deacon of Children’s Ministry if you need help

6. Communicating with Parents

- speak to parent about notable issues or concerns (parents need to be know about and/or may have good advice)
- speak to parents at the end of class if pattern behavior is IMPROVING!!!

7. Discuss and pray about any major issues or patterns after class

- Pray for God’s wisdom for both the families and the teachers.
- Speak with a member of the Children’s Ministry team about particularly troubling situations that you have questions about or that seem to not be resolving.