



# RE WORLD

## Who me, lead RE?

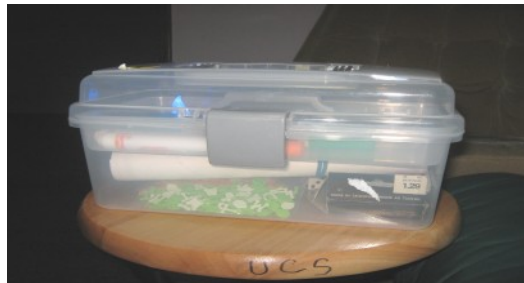
Yes, we think that many members and friends of our congregation would make excellent leaders. Here's some of what it takes, do you fit this profile?

*"The essential qualities of a good church schoolteacher are a love of children, a sense of wonder about life, empathy and the ability to listen, and a willingness more to share who you are than what you know. Above all, teachers are mentors and companions of the children as they undertake their religious journeys in life."* Dr. Barry Andrews MRE

Many of us lead, teach, inspire without even realizing it. There is a kind of "magic" conjured in our Religious Education groups when eager children work with fun-loving adults. It's awe-inspiring.

### Teaching Toolboxes

A fully stocked, colour group ready solution for those who would like to lead but don't know where to start. The toolbox contains, an opening, a simple song, a story and an age-appropriate activity/game. Great to have on hand! Available from the Director of Religious Education anytime.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2010

- Jan 1 - New Years Day
- Jan 3 - Drumming Circle
- Jan 15 - Solar Eclipse
- Jan 30 - Full Moon
  
- Feb 2 - Imbolc
- Feb 14 - Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

### Recipe for RE sessions

#### Ingredients:

- \* Opening
- \* Song
- \* Story
- \* Discussion
- \* Game
- \* Craft and back-up activity (if needed)
- \* Snack
- \* Closing

*Mix together, serve with a rainbow principle theme, and have fun!*

**It's that simple. And yes, you could lead RE... let us know when you can join us!**

How many of us, when preparing a meal, look for a complete pre-planned menu for all the different parts of the meal? It suddenly struck me while getting ready for Sunday school that following a curriculum lesson is like trying to follow a complete menu for a complicated dinner. Most of us just don't work like that. Making a balanced meal isn't that complicated. Find some protein, some carbs, some veggies.

*"The elements for sessions in the Orange Group (5-6 years) are similarly simple. They can occur in different orders. As many elements as possible should contain physical movement.*

*The curricula are often a great source of ideas. But they can be treated like a cookbook full of recipes from which you can choose, rather than a series of complete menu plans. (I have nothing against following the complete menu plan if you can pull it off.)*

*Realizing this took a weight off my shoulders."*

Carl von Baeyer

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