

CED 6421 Learning Theory
Development Problem-Based Learning Presentation
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Problem

Attendance at Sunday School has dropped at your church, so the elders decided to conduct an investigation to determine how Sunday School attendance could be improved. One elder asked an expert in Learning Theories to consider the problem. After listening to a description of the Sunday School program, the Learning Theory expert suggested that perhaps the programs were not meeting the developmental learning needs of attendees. Your church has put together a number of committees to examine developmental learning needs for Sunday School attendees with the goal of improving the Sunday School programs.

Your group is the committee that has been set to investigate developmental learning needs for the _____ level of Sunday School. After your investigation, you should recommend educational practices for the Sunday School teachers at your particular developmental level.

Step 1: Investigate Learning Needs

The first task is to investigate the learning needs of Sunday School attendees at your particular developmental level. This should be done by consulting textbooks, websites, and articles. You should answer the question: *What do we know about the learning needs of individuals at this particular developmental level?*

Based the information that you gather, fill in the chart below:

	Strengths	Weaknesses
Cognitive (Thinking)		
Social/Character/Emotional		
Spiritual		
Physical		

Below, add anything else that Sunday School teachers should know about learners at your developmental level.

Step 2: Recommendations for Sunday School Teachers

Once you have identified learning needs, the next step is to make recommendations for Sunday School teachers. You should answer the question: *What teaching strategies should Sunday School teachers use to maximize learning for individuals at this developmental level?*

You should think about teaching strategies for each of the four domains in the table above (cognitive, social, emotional, and physical).

Step 3: Sample Sunday School Lesson

Based on the recommendations made above, develop and present a 5-minute Sunday School lesson to demonstrate developmentally-appropriate lesson for learners at your developmental