

6 & 7 Year Olds

Age Group Characteristics

Emotional

- Emotions are very near the surface
- Have needs both for security and for new experiences

Mental

- Most are becoming competent readers
- They think in concrete, literal terms
- Very little understanding of spatial differences
- Beginning to distinguish between fact and fantasy
- Attention span is limited to about 20 minutes.
- Developing creative skills
- They love stories

Spiritual

- Developing sense of justice
- Most are ready to accept Jesus as Savior

Physical

- Constant movement
- Becoming more coordinated

Social

- Faith in adults
- Worry about being liked
- Crave the approval of others
- Do not like to compete
- Stand up for their personal rights



Teaching 6 & 7 Year Olds

- Provide integrated experiences of study, worship, expression, and Christian fellowship
- Use experiential activities rather than verbalization.
- Use their love for stories to teach them the Bible.
- Use plenty of visual aides and a variety of methodologies.