

# Strategies for Teacher Improvement



## [Partnerships with Parents](#)

This list of six resources is designed to work with parents in building a child's faith, originally created for the Journey to Excellence website.

## [Developing Excellence in 4 Minutes](#)

This Teach Journal article focuses on the importance of investing in teacher development. According to research the variable that impacts student learning the most is the quality of the teacher.

## [The Missing Piece of the Staff Development Puzzle: Teacher Study Groups](#)

This article from the special JAE issue on staff development discusses teacher study groups as a way of having teachers practice new classroom techniques after the initial training.

## [What to do with a Failing Teacher or Principal](#)

This article suggests exploring the reasons why failing teachers or principals are unsuccessful. They include (1) inadequate training; (2) wrong assignment; (3) lack of peer and administrative support; (4) mismatch between profession and personality, and (4) burnout.

## [Cooling Down the Teaching Stress Soup](#)

Teachers will feel more relaxed, peaceful, energized and confident with this high-impact and fun stress-management seminar. Teachers' lives are busy and many feel overwhelmed at times; stress-management training can save careers and keep teachers healthy.

## [Teacher University: Free Online Education](#)

Update technology skills for teaching through free MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) specifically designed for teachers. A Certificate of Completion is awarded if all course components are done.

## [Lifeline - A Handbook for Small School Success](#)

This valuable NAD small school teacher/principal manual includes checklists, ideas, options, important things to do and remember, problem-solving strategies, teaching strategies, and professional development information.

## [JAE Editorial: What the Best Teachers Do](#)

The editor reflects on the qualities exceptional teachers, and challenges Adventist teachers to awaken a desire to reach God's ideal in each student. Other articles in this issue include:

[A Nine-Point Lesson Plan Format for Christian Education](#)

[Introducing Politics in the Classroom](#)

[Constitution Day: Celebrating With Your Students](#)

[Creating Peaceable Schools: Instructional and Management Strategies](#)

[Light for Living II: Choosing a Healthy Lifestyle](#)

[Enhancing Reading Comprehension: Sabah Schoolchildren Use Puppets and Scripts to Learn English](#)

### **Teacher Empowerment and Teacher Evaluation**

Evaluation can be more effective in helping teachers and supervisors practice evaluation in such a way as to empower teachers for their own professional development and in helping teachers grow professionally.

### **What Students Want - Characteristics of Effective Teachers from the Students' Perspective**

Consider findings on students' perceptions of effective teaching in higher education. Researchers isolated the top nine characteristics for online and for face-to-face students, briefly reported here.

### **Adventist Schools - Communities of Faith**

Adventist schools are viewed as communities of faith in which every aspect contributes to the ultimate goal of Christian education – comprehensive restoration. This thoroughly biblical, Christ-centered model offers an integrated framework for Christian educators to evaluate their work, both individually and corporately, and to address recognized needs systematically.

### **Ways to Use the Visual Valet Model and Biblical Integration Lesson Template**

Consider using the Visual Valet model and biblical integration lesson plan template as practical tools to intentionally teach from a Christian worldview. This NAD presentation connects you to easy-to-understand resources. The handout includes sample Adventist lessons at several levels and in a variety of subjects. Use this [biblically integrated lesson plan template](#) to prompt intentional faith integration in your lessons! [Accompanying handout.](#)

### **Run a School - A Principal's Manual for Pacific Island Schools**

Developed for South Pacific Division Island Adventist school principals, this handbook or manual provides a wealth of information and forms on how to run a Christian school as a community of grace.

### **The Christian School - A Community of Grace**

Dr. Don Roy shares what it takes to develop a faith-oriented learning community and notes that whatever steps taken to help students build deeper connections, meaning, and purpose in their intellectual, emotional, and spiritual lives is truly spiritual.

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