

Spotlight on Using Technology

Using multimedia and technology can help students see that faith is relevant in today's culture, whilst bringing to life the real people and places encountered in the Bible.



Using technology in your lesson.

- **Prepare and Plan Ahead**
Review all technology resources that you will be using in your lesson and make sure everything is downloaded and ready to go. You may not have internet access at school.
- **Arrive Early**
To set up and be ready when the students arrive. Check with the classroom teacher about access to the room and equipment. Many teachers find it easier to bring their own laptop to plug into the screen.
- **Position Yourself Well**
Ideally you want to see both the screen and the students. Avoid turning your back to the students. You don't always have to stand at the 'front' of the class. Experiment with what works well in your context.
- **Remember You Are the Teacher - Not the Technology**
Students will take their cue from you, model the behaviour you want to see. Join in with song and Bible verse actions. Provide opportunities for students to share their ideas before or after a video or during a discussion with PPT.
- **Always Have a Backup Option**
Unforeseen issues do occur, so have a backup activity ready to go.

Top Tips!

- Be aware of school policies about using technology and bringing your own devices.
- Talk with colleagues about how they use technology in their lessons. Start small and develop your skills and confidence.
- If you are using a screen for a class discussion, make sure the text font is clear and large enough to be read at the back of the space.



Other Alternatives

You don't always need to use technology to teach a great GodSpace lesson and some spaces will not have access to the equipment needed. Here are some other options to consider.

PDF Printables



Many lessons have a PDF with printable materials including Bible passages, drama scripts, posters and more that can be shared with your class.

Portable Speakers



GodSpace songs are available as mp3 (audio files) and can be played on a laptop or phone via portable speakers. Check reviews before purchasing as sound quality and price vary.

Photos



It can be useful to take a picture of a whiteboard brainstorm or children's creations to use at a later date or to reflect on learning over time.

DO NOT take photos which include students, school uniforms or school emblems. It is also respectful to ask a student's permission to take a photo of their work.