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3 Make sure your face smiles more than it frowns.

4 Point out things they're good at.

5 Let them talk, too. Don't say "shhhi!" all the time.

6 Welcome their questions...even really hard ones.

7 Let your classroom be a safe place to mess up.

8 Plan fun and memorable things for them to do at church.

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