

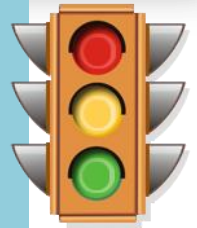
# Keeping...

# In Step with the Master Teacher



Issue 1.1

**Discipline** The myth that some teachers *have the gift of discipline* and some do not is simply not true. Good discipline takes hard work and a lot of prayer, but good discipline is essential if we are to reach our goal of helping our children come to know, love, and obey God.



## Practical Tip

One practical tool to help with discipline in the classroom is to make a cardboard traffic signal with green, yellow, and red lights. Write the name of each child on separate clothes pins. Clip all the pins on the green light when the child comes each week (this could help with keeping attendance). When a child is spoken to the first time about a discipline issue, move their pin to the yellow light. If the child is spoken to a second time, move the pin to the red light and talk with the child after class. If the child needs spoken to a third time, remove the pin and place it in your pocket or with your lesson guide to remind you to talk with the parents before leaving church or phone them during the week.

The key is to follow through and to be consistent and loving. Use conversations with a child or his parents to work together to solve the problem. Most parents would rather hear about things when there is a small problem rather than waiting weeks or months to hear "this has been going on for a long time, but I didn't want to bring it up to you..."



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*To learn more, we recommend the ISMT training session:  
**Developing a Discipline Plan***

*Discipline your children while you still have the chance; indulging them destroys them.  
Proverbs 19:18  
(The Message)*

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