

6 REASONS STUDENTS MISBEHAVE

1. Students can be ignorant of or have forgotten the classroom rules. All teachers have expectations of their students. It is essential teachers repeatedly communicate their expectations to their students. These rules need to be basic, simple and age-appropriate.
2. Many children will have different standards or rules they are to function under in different situations. They may have one set of standards with their parents, another set of expectations with their schoolteacher and yet another set of rules at church. This can lead to some confusion because some child may not transition well from one situation to the next, or sometimes may not want to change.
3. Children can become frustrated about something, which causes them to misbehave. An example would be that they could not find a reference in the Bible so they say or do something that is inappropriate.
4. Teachers can be unprepared or boring. When this is the case, some students do not have the self-control to patiently endure until the end of class and they will do things that are disruptive. Note that children have not learned to mask their boredom or disinterest in socially acceptable ways like most adults.
5. The misbehaving child might have extenuating circumstances at home, which carry over to the class at church. The child's parents maybe going through a divorce or he/she is being picked on by a brother or sister. Inappropriate behavior is usually not limited to the church classroom in these situations.
6. To state it very clearly, students sin. Sinful conduct is not only offensive to God, but it also can disrupt a class. We need to be careful not to consider normal childish accidents as sinful.



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