

## **Learning Strategies Of Sunday School Teachers In Installing The Character Of Discipline**

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### **Abstract**

*Sunday School means traditional church To train children in Biblical truth. However, Sunday Schools, and more broadly, children's ministry programs, are undergoing a change in identity. The aim of this research is to describe Sunday school teachers' strategies in instilling disciplined character in GBI Bassura Sunday School children. The method used in this research is a qualitative descriptive method with a literature review approach, which means through a study of various references. The research results show that Sunday School teachers should develop learning strategies that contain a disciplinary character. Possible strategies include: 1) Developing a learning curriculum based on discipline education, 2) Conducting regular meetings between parents and Sunday School children, 3) Determining punishments and rewards, 4) Carrying out group coaching, 5) Implementing habituation methods. In conclusion, by consistently implementing effective strategies, the Sunday Teachers' School will give birth to a generation of Christians who have disciplined character in accordance with Christian values.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Character discipline is very important character For taught to child school Sunday . According to Hurlock discipline originate from the word "disciple" which is someone who wants to , is directed in a way volunteer follow instructions a leader . Discipline is obedience and compliance to believed values.(Maghfiroh, 2021) Formation process discipline someone need encouragement to have ability For obey something regulation. Character discipline No characters that appear with itself .(Shaftel, Belton-Kocher, Glasnapp, & Poggio, 2006) Character discipline need implanted in self child since early so that children own good and appropriate character with The word of God. Character discipline need owned by the child school week so that the child school Sunday capable behave in accordance with applicable norms and regulations , carry out duties and responsibilities answer life with should .(Rosala & Budiman, 2020)

Application behavior discipline own diverse profit , for one is create regularity in pattern life and interaction with fellow man.(Luthans, Luthans, & Luthans, 2021) Important For apply discipline to child since early , because matter This can form order and create disciplined character along walking time . Planting values discipline will develop with fast If done in conducive environment , where the people around him show consistency in behavior and attitudes .(Jiang & Shen, 2023; Men & Yue, 2019)

Regulation President Number 87 of 2017 contains a number of Necessary character developed in students that is not quite enough responsibility, respect , justice , courage , honesty , citizenship , discipline , care and perseverance.(Fauzan, Ansori, Dannur, Pratama, & Hairit, 2023) Discipline is part from very important character taught to child . School Sunday is non-formal school education services carried out at the Church. As one of the non-formal education services , schools Sunday can made as receptacle in help instilling character education in children .(Glanz, 2014; Lon & Widyawati, 2017)

School Sunday is means traditional church For practice children inside truth Bible. But, school Sunday , and so on more broad , service program children , middle undergo A change identity . School Sunday was first founded by Robert Raikes, a journalists and children owner company concerned newspapers in England with circumstances race young homeless people in the city . Initial goal it was founded School Sunday aim For fulfil need education base For poor and blind children letter . Then experience shift need children with teaching secular media as well as Christianity.(Mukuka, 2020; Williams, 2020)

School Sunday is one of non-formal education for child aged 1 – 15 years who are Christians. School Sunday at GBI Bassura own not enough more than 60 children with prone to ages 3-12 years . Pre results observations made by researchers at GBI Basura , obtained that Still Lots children school less week own character discipline . This matter seen from How children school week that violates school rules week , like throw away rubbish carelessly , reluctantly memorize paragraph memorize every Sunday , come appropriate time , noisy during school worship Sunday ongoing , as well bother Friend moment read the word of God. Another frequent thing happen related with character discipline is there is a number of child school still a week put shoe haphazard when enter to in room School Sunday , no keep tool write after finished used , as well pacing back and forth with reason Go to the toilet when worship has started .

Teach discipline to child should No There is coercion from parents or as a teacher teacher . Discipline need For development child , because with disciplined can steady role social child . The purpose of discipline in children is For help child know and discover himself , as well overcome and prevent emergence problems in discipline . Later children will become generation gold , so required instilling disciplined education since early to child through school worship Sunday. (Hartiwi, Kozlova, & Masitoh, 2020; Tanang, Djajadi, Abu, & Mokhtar, 2014)

Based on the problem above so study This aim for describe several learning strategies for school teachers Sunday in embed character discipline in children school GBI Bassura Sunday.

## RESEARCH METHODS

Method used in research This is method descriptive qualitative with approach studies literature / *literature review* or *library research* which means through studies from various References . Instrument mainly is researcher Alone with do observation , and search literature literature with view and use literature form books and journals. Activity studies literature This done with method collect, process, and conclude the data that has been collected with technique certain To use look for answer on problems in the article This . Researcher do interview with priest , school teacher Sunday , parents , and ask answer the child school Sunday . Interview qualitative happen when researcher ask various question open (open-ended questions) to some parents and take notes every the answer given. Researcher Then transcribe . Furthermore researcher do ask answer direct to school students Week and observations direct to attitude and behavior in demand children school Sunday, good When worshipping , listen word and play .(Creswell, 2014; Merriam & Tisdell, 2015; Tracy, 2019)

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Produce generation that has character discipline is hope parents , church and school teachers Sunday . For that , teachers need implement several possible strategies implemented by School Teachers Sunday . This strategy can done with do habituation positive through learning and practice . Following several possible strategies teachers use in embed character discipline student :

### **Prepare Curriculum Learning Based on discipline education**

Curriculum learning is very important thing in success learning . Curriculum learning No only required in formal schools , but also at school Sunday . GBI Bassura City has curriculum prepared by the central church , namely GBI Gatot Subroto. The application curriculum provided by the center these , modified and adapted with needs that occur in the church local . In preparing curriculum learning based character discipline , school teachers Sunday add related materials with character discipline .

Prepare teaching materials from inside stories The Bible teaches about character discipline , fine through old covenant and agreement new . Then the school teacher Sunday set methods learning to be used with adapt classes at the school Sunday . Next is the school teacher Sunday develop learning materials and media that will be used . Instructional Media used with objective make things easier for teachers convey material and helpful makes it easier children understand every learning received . The last step taken is evaluation . School teachers Sunday need do evaluation every activity ongoing learning . is planting character discipline walk with Good .

Apart from material , in The curriculum also includes learning methods and models that must be used . School teachers Sunday must wise and creative in choose learning methods and models used as well as appropriate learning media in support learning methods and models the . Eventually curriculum must be end with practice truth in life daily .

### **Do Regular meetings between parents and children School Sunday**

Success Planting character discipline No only influenced by school teacher factors Sunday , but also a role parent child at home . Parents and School teachers Sunday must collaborate with good for planting character discipline in children can achieved . School teachers Sunday at GBI Bassura , regularly held meeting with parent child . A meeting was held online via zoom application and also online direct finished the children's worship school Sunday finished . Meeting between parents and children School Sunday own Lots benefit . In meetings discussed what is the process of internal cooperation mentoring matters carried out among school teachers week and parents . Researcher get Lots response positive from the parents child school Sunday with exists meeting This . Lots of things positives discussed with hope can give birth to generation that has character discipline and fear of the Lord Jesus



**Figure 1. Photo of meeting with school teacher parents Sunday .**

At the meeting This , researchers also proposed a number of question to parents . As for some question submitted that is :

1. According to you, is it important? for children For present appropriate time at school Sunday ?
2. How your opinion, sir/ madam, regarding assignments given by school teachers Sunday to child ?
3. In your opinion , what do you think? important teach children Work The same with friends at school Sunday ?
4. Do you agree , sir/ madam? that follow the rules that exist at school Sunday help form character discipline children ?
5. In your opinion , what do you think? important For give example guard cleanliness and tidiness in the environment school Sunday to children ?
6. How your opinion , sir/ madam importance honor time that has been set For School activity Sunday ?
7. In your opinion , what do you think? important For push children For still focused and persistent in finish assignments at school Sunday ?

A number of questions asked this , get Lots response positive from parents . In meetings this , researcher reminded that parent need do control to discipline child in matter watching TV, playing games, doing homework, studying , praying , memorizing paragraph memorizing the Bible and so on . If there is deviant behavior from child school week , then parents can tell to school teachers week to get it searching for the solution .

#### **Determination of Punishment and Rewards**

Reward is efforts made in frame grow recognition and feelings in the environment form appreciation from side material or saying on achievements you have . Meanwhile, Punishment , namely business minimize that error will happen , exist more punishment heavy when the same mistake done , punishment given with exists explanation , punishment quick given after proven exists deviation . School teachers Sunday can use Rewards as tools that educate and provide child School Sunday did something right , good when succeed reach stage development or even targets. While Punishment is something good For becomes an alarm when the child school Sunday violate agreement that has been made determined together .

Determining Punishment and Reward aims For give direction and appreciation to child school Sunday . In determining Punishment and Rewards, school teachers Sunday give chance to children For participate . There is communication between children and school teachers Sunday . Punishment No aim For embarrass and injure child school week , however aim For give motivation to children in the future more obey rules and more responsible answer .

Bible take notes that give punishment it's not wrong thing . Proverbs 19:18 “ Be chastened your child during There is hope , but Don't you want his death ”. Possible punishment given form giving penalty to child student school week that When When worshiping school teacher Sunday do communication with children school Sunday . If there is kids who don't follow singing and disturbing Friend so will get penalty stand in front and deliver example of Movement for every song sung .

Give award to obedient children to rule will stimulate Spirit child For do constructive and progressive action . This will too give encouragement positive for other children who have get confession from teacher, okay on behavior , attitude polite , enthusiastic , and motivational For do more Good . With do determining Punishment and Rewards for children school Sunday feel more responsible answer , because in it There is agreement together . So inside live it , son school miggu No burdened but enjoy it. School children breaking week that decision Already not even determined object with punishment applied . School teachers Sunday is also necessary give description to child about What impact from behavior No discipline in life daily will give complete picture , so child motivated For follow existing rules set together . A number of rules set at school GBI Bassura Sunday is :

- 1) Come to Church appropriate time
- 2) Give regards to school teachers Sunday
- 3) Don't throw away rubbish haphazard
- 4) Do not eat snacks when worship begins
- 5) Save Back tool write and play after used
- 6) Ca n't disturbing friend when worshiping or word
- 7) Ca n't wish words dirty and not polite
- 8) Ca n't hit friends
- 9) Ca n't memorize sentence memorization in church
- 10) Ca n't scribble walls and carpets in the church
- 11) Go to the toilet before worship begins .

As for the rules above is rules that have been agreed together among school teachers Sunday , parents and children school Sunday . In its application Still there is a number of children school a week of forgetfulness and violation rule the . When p the happens , the older sister mentor of each child will try remind child , so child the follow rule the.

### **Do Distribution Group Coaching**

School children Sunday need figure or figure For studied . So son school Sunday need an inner spiritual mentor group coaching For help child in build character discipline . So , through the mentoring provided child school Sunday will used to in operate discipline spiritual . At stage here , kids school Sunday will shared a number of group based on class and age . Then each group child , will get One Older brother school Sunday as a spiritual mentor . The role of the teacher as a mentor is : 1) Becoming example for child school mentored week , 2) Becoming mentor for every child school Sunday in accordance with group already shared , 3) Becoming coach in finish every Assigned job .

Paul D. Stanley and J. Robert Clinton stated that a mentor disciples , teaches and imparts ability to the person being guided with basics life in Christ . So , form values , attitudes , motives and behavior that can be build a number of habit or discipline spiritual in believer 's life . Through

spiritual mentoring activities expected child school Sunday can understand importance discipline spiritual for life in the present and future .

The mentoring process carried out by teachers school Sunday will supervised by the chairman of the DPA. School teachers Sunday must give report How development of each child in group being built . The purpose of distribution group This is make things easier for school teachers Sunday in coordinating and monitoring development of each child in matter character discipline.

No	Balita			Pratama			Pra Jc
	Iren	Nita	Icha	Agung	Lenny	Jesica	Romika
1	Claire	Aden	Georgia	Emeli	Azarel	Geo	Samuel
2	Chloe	Benaya	Ashel	Elena	Eben	Vero	Daniel
3	Sean	Gevariel	Glori Abigael	Kezia	Abo	Tania	Zefanya
4	Briela	Abel	Valea	Shera	Andri	Shannon	Gloria
5	Gretha	Jolene	Aiko	Shalom	Clayrine	Rey	Chresen
6	Ben	Jeje	Viardo	Clay	Hizkia	Aska	Matthew
7	Karel	Jesinda	El	Zefanya	Vania	Semyone	Queen
8	Kevin	Vinly	Angel	Aprilora	Zefania	Marvin	Billy
9	Olivia	Cavero	Valery	Vania	Grace	Abednego	Leonny
10	Vania	Nyongel	Nosha	Hanna	Helen	Reva	Kirana
11	Kumi	Daren	Emely	Samuel	Agnes	Glori	
12	Yabes	Naira	Gavi	Brandon	Belva	Muel	
13	Onel		Lili	Bryan	Vero	Moses	

Figure 2. Distribution Advisory Group

**Do the habituation method**

Man it's not creature born with habit , however humans are the ones who shape it habit . Habit it is behavior carried out routinely without need planned Again . For example pray , rub teeth in the morning day , shower, or other routine activities . Almost 50% activity man done with pattern habit and practice in a way automatic . Bible take notes story that has discipline outer spiritual normal . Daniel is normal kneel , pray as well as praise Allah. In another translation it reads : "Daniel remains pray and say I'm grateful to his God three times a day , as his habits. Habituation method this is also done to children School Sunday . Starting from pray , give greetings , reading paragraph Bible as memorization , moment shady and so on. Required discipline children school Sunday in do it . When at school week , what kids school Sunday Already normal do it at home , will depicted when attending school worship Sunday . Children school Sunday will happy when assigned lead prayer and also will memorize paragraph Bible already memorized assigned .

Character discipline is very important thing owned by the child school Sunday . As generation successor , church through school teachers Sunday need prepare children in order of character discipline so that become style life . In preparing learning , school teacher Sunday need develop a learning strategy that contains values discipline through stories Bible

School teachers Sunday is figures that children see and emulate School Sunday , for that's a school teacher Sunday need give example about discipline in school teachers themselves Sunday . Example simple as can be carried out by School Teachers Sunday is come to church and space School Sunday more early and prepare all form equipment to be used when teaching child School Sunday . School teachers Sunday is a must too capable guide child School Sunday in start character discipline . Because it's deep start self For do discipline child school Sunday what we can be certain of is need support from school teachers Sunday Good form motivation and reminder . So that later character discipline the become fun things For done . No Because rule But Because favorite from pattern life child school Sunday .

Another thing you can do carried out by school teachers Sunday in embed character discipline is implement and monitor forming rules discipline in self child school Sunday . However in make rule that , the teacher must do approach to child , so child school agreed last week with rules made . Because of its nature No make child school Sunday feel stressed . But rules the become A guidance and reminders for children school behave and act .

Additionally , implementation 5S culture Smile , Greet, Greet, Polite and Polite is method possible habit carried out in the environment school Sunday . Habituation 5S culture will form children to have ability in build good relationship with others , creating warm and more atmosphere easy get along , appreciate diversity , understanding importance adapt self with various situation social , increasing trust self .

## CONCLUSION

Based on results research , can concluded that the strategies used by school teachers Sunday in embed character discipline child school Sunday that is 1) Prepare Curriculum Learning Based on discipline education , 2) Doing Regular meetings between parents and children School Sunday , 3) Determination of Punishment and Rewards, 4) Carrying out Distribution Group Coaching , 5) Carrying out the habituation method . With implement it in a way consistent and planned , school teacher Sunday can help children develop character strong discipline , that will help child school Sunday become responsible individual answer and succeed in life.

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