

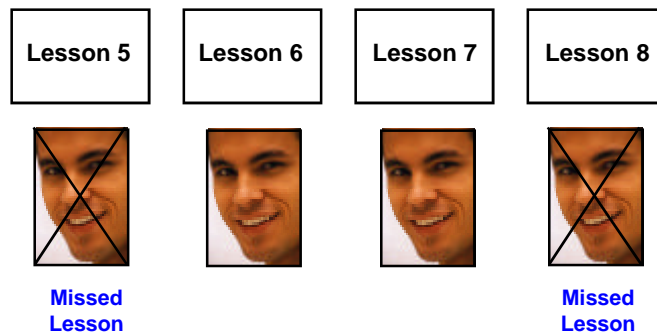
CLOSING INFORMATION GAPS

Many years ago, Sunday Schools awarded perfect attendance pins. Over the years I have met more than one individual who proudly told me about their years of perfect Sunday School attendance. Things are a bit different today. People are busier and are assaulted by numerous attractions, distractions, and work-related obligations that keep them from attending Sunday School every week. In some churches, a person who attends Sunday School once or twice a month is considered a regular attender. However, members who only attend once or twice a month miss biblical lessons and information that keep them from staying in step with the rest of the class.

Month One



Month Two



Information Gaps — Result from missing Bible study lessons. Bible study leaders face the challenge of closing information gaps.

Here are a few suggestions on how you can close information gaps.

REASSURE

Write a brief note to absentees to reassure them that you missed them and that you look forward to seeing them soon.

REMIND

When you write a note to absentees, remind them to read the passage(s) you studied the week they were absent. For example, "Hi Bob. I missed you on Sunday. Be sure to read Nehemiah 2 this week so that you can stay current with our study of Nehemiah. See you next week."

REFLECT

As you prepare your lesson, take a moment to reflect on information an absentee will need to know in order to understand the next lesson.

REVIEW

Set aside a few moments at the start of your lesson to review key points and ideas from the previous lesson.