

# Participating in the Christian Science Sunday School Conversations Google Group

Welcome to the Christian Science Sunday School Conversations Google Group! We're so glad to have you as a part of this community. We hope this space will provide Sunday School teachers and superintendents an opportunity to trade tips, share ideas and resources, and metaphysically support one another's Sunday School experience. Here's a few tips for how to use the group.

## To access the group:

1) Enter

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/christian-science-sunday-school-connections> in the URL bar of your browser.

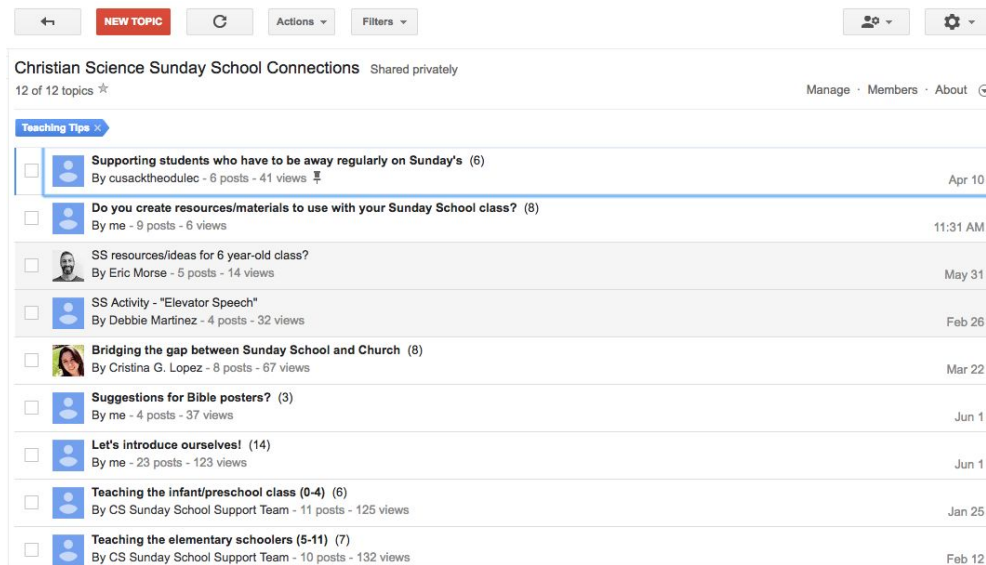
2) If you are not already logged into your google/gmail account, click on the blue "sign in to view this group link." (If you have not already joined the group, click on the link to request to join. You will need to have a google account to join the group.)

**\*\*If you receive email notifications when something new is posted, you can also access the group by clicking on the title of the topic in the body of the email\*\***

Once you are in the Google group, you'll see a screen that looks like this:

The screenshot shows the Google Groups interface for the "Christian Science Sunday School Connections" group. The page is titled "Christian Science Sunday School Connections" and is marked as "Shared privately". The main content area contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the Christian Science Sunday School Conversations discussion group! This is a space for those who love the Christian Science Sunday School—whether they are teachers, superintendents, students, or members—to share ideas, support one another and learn from each other. Let's celebrate our successes, pray together about the challenges, and cherish the potential and progress for Christian Science Sunday Schools around the world! Have fun exploring the group! We look forward to hearing your ideas!" Below this, there is a link to a webinar: "If this is your first time using a Google group, you might find a webinar produced by the Reading Room team helpful. While it's about the All Things Reading Room Google group, it offers a helpful, general overview of how to access and use a Google group that applies to this group as well. Click [here](#) to view the webinar!" A "Please note" section follows: "Please note that when you join the group you will be notified of other people's posts. Currently, you are enrolled to receive a daily summary of these posts. If you would like to explore the different types of email updates available or opt out all together please follow these [directions](#). Do keep in mind that an email update will allow you to stay better connected to the group and make for a more dynamic user experience." There are links for "Edit welcome message" and "Clear welcome message". Below this, there are "Discussion categories": "Metaphysical Sharing and Fruitage" (A place to pray together about challenges, and share inspiration that is fueling your prayers for Sunday School. Don't forget to also share evidences of progress and fruitage that result from those prayers! "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28).), "Teaching Tips" (A place to share tips that have helped improve your teaching, creative ideas for teaching core concepts, and inspired lesson plans for a particular week! Having challenges with your Sunday School class? Not sure how to teach a particular age group? This is the place for those questions, too. "Oh God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works" (Ps 71:17).), and "Connecting Sunday School with the Community" (Whether your Sunday School is active or earnestly praying about growth, let's pray together about how our branch churches can embrace their communities, and share this Science more freely with all who are searching for the answers to life's questions. What are the inspired steps your branch is taking? "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;" (Isa 54:2).)

To read the discussions already going on, click on any of the three categories in blue (Metaphysical Sharing and Fruitage, Teaching Tips, or Connecting Sunday School with the community). Each category will look similar to this:



The screenshot shows the interface of a Google Group. At the top, there are navigation buttons: a back arrow, a red 'NEW TOPIC' button, a refresh icon, 'Actions', and 'Filters'. On the right, there are icons for user profile and settings. Below the navigation bar, the group name 'Christian Science Sunday School Connections' is displayed, along with 'Shared privately' and '12 of 12 topics'. A 'Teaching Tips' category is selected and highlighted in blue. A list of topics follows, each with a checkbox, a blue profile icon, a title, author information, post/view counts, and a date. The first topic, 'Supporting students who have to be away regularly on Sunday's', is highlighted with a blue border.

Topic Title	Author	Posts	Views	Date
Supporting students who have to be away regularly on Sunday's (6)	By cusacktheodulec	6 posts	41 views	Apr 10
Do you create resources/materials to use with your Sunday School class? (8)	By me	9 posts	6 views	11:31 AM
SS resources/ideas for 6 year-old class?	By Eric Morse	5 posts	14 views	May 31
SS Activity - "Elevator Speech"	By Debbie Martinez	4 posts	32 views	Feb 26
Bridging the gap between Sunday School and Church (8)	By Cristina G. Lopez	8 posts	67 views	Mar 22
Suggestions for Bible posters? (3)	By me	4 posts	37 views	Jun 1
Let's introduce ourselves! (14)	By me	23 posts	123 views	Jun 1
Teaching the infant/preschool class (0-4) (6)	By CS Sunday School Support Team	11 posts	125 views	Jan 25
Teaching the elementary schoolers (5-11) (7)	By CS Sunday School Support Team	10 posts	132 views	Feb 12

### To post a new topic:

- 1) Click on the red NEW TOPIC button at the top of the Google group homepage or at the top of each category.
- 2) Give your post a title
- 3) Choose what category to post it in from the Categories drop down menu
- 4) Type your question/insights into the body of the post, just like you would an email.
- 5) When you are done, click the red POST button at the top of the page.

### To reply to an existing topic:

- 1) Click on the red POST REPLY button at the top of the page.
- 2) Type your response in the body of the reply box.
- 3) Click the green POST button

### To edit your post:

- 1) Find your original post
- 2) Look for the gray button with two arrows and a drop down menu arrow in the upper right hand corner of your post- click on this.
- 3) Click on Edit (or delete if you would like to remove your post all together)

4) Update your post as you would like to. Click on the blue SAVE button.

**To update your group settings (frequency of email notifications, display name, etc.):**

- 1) Click on the gray icon with a silhouette of a person and a gear in the upper right hand corner of any page in the group.
- 2) Choose membership and group settings.

If you have any further questions that are not covered in this document, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Inge Schmidt at [schmidt@csps.com](mailto:schmidt@csps.com)!