

Learning Objective 4 Reflection

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I am very thankful that I was able to intern with a Christian based organization. It was very inspirational to be able to talk to the students about God whether it was a student's relationship with God, my relationship with God, or my supervisor's relationship with God. I hoped that I would be able to show Christ to the students through my actions, but it was also a rewarding experience to see the students showing Christ to each other, including me.

We begin our time together every day with prayer requests and a student generally volunteers to pray for us. When we ask for prayer requests and a difficult topic comes up, my supervisor and I take the time to talk about the issue. For example, a middle school student found out that her 13 year old friend is pregnant. When she mentioned this, we talked about the difficulties that come with teenage pregnancy. We mentioned that it is a lot of responsibility for the parents as well, not just the teens. We do not know if the girl was thinking about abortion, however we did bring up another student in the program who was raped at 15 and kept her son. She is now in her senior year of high school and he son is 2 ½ years old. We talked about how she had to change her social activities and get a better job in order to care for her son. Luckily she has been able to stay in school and is hoping to attend a community college next year.

My supervisor shared the resources she already had with me to help prepare Bible study lessons. I have included several examples of what we have used for Bible study lessons in the "Work Samples" section. We decided to use a Bible lesson series called "Journey with Jesus" for the elementary school students. Each lesson includes a map, coloring page with a saying about Jesus, and the story follows his ministry. We used the "Connect" Bible study series to minister to the middle school and high school students. These lessons include several passages from the Bible and activities related to the themes. I have included a few lessons from each series under the "Work Samples" section.

I shared some of my faith journey with the students. I told them that I grew up in a Christian home but did not always go to church. After graduating from high school, I have realized how important it is to have God in my life. I shared aspects of my faith that have helped me through challenging times such as a break up with a boyfriend, death in the family, troubles with friends, and dealing with sadness. I think I could have done a better

job of sharing my story with the students. However, I was difficult to address each students concerns or doubts while in a large group. I wish I had more individual time with each student to be able to delve deeper into any questions the students have about a relationship with God.