Use Scouting’s EDGE Method to make your instruction powerful and effective.

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”
- Benjamin Franklin

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| EXPLAIN  | ✓ Talk about what you will be doing  
           | ✓ Talk about why it’s important  
           | ✓ Use visual aids help understanding |
| DEMONSTRATE | ✓ Show them what it looks like when done correctly  
            | ✓ Talk through the process as you go  
            | ✓ Help them to understand what “right” looks like |
| GUIDE    | ✓ Give them the tools and let them try  
           | ✓ Talk them through step by step  
           | ✓ Be patient, it may take several repetitions |
| ENABLE   | ✓ Have them do it on their own  
           | ✓ Let them demonstrate the ability to do the skill |

EXPLAIN
- Tie the skill to the larger purpose: “Why is it important to learn this?”
- Share examples of someone who benefited from the skill; short stories are powerful
- Use visual aids like pictures, diagrams, videos; test your tools ahead of time

DEMONSTRATE
- Show at full speed the first time so they can see what they are shooting for
- It’s easier if you have someone else demonstrate, while you talk it through; rehearse!
- Break the process into simple, easy to understand steps

GUIDE
- Have enough materials for everyone to get their hands on it; buddy up if necessary
- For larger groups, have assistants walk around and help out
- Diagrams or pictures of each step can be very helpful

ENABLE
- Have them explain what they are doing and why
- Have one student show another how to do it
- For mastery, change the conditions – do it faster, with fewer tools, more complicated