

DISCIPLINE vs GROUP MANAGEMENT

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is what you do to correct a situation where a child has inappropriate behavior (disobeys or breaks the rules)

Goal for discipline is to help children learn to discipline themselves
(It is a learning experience!)

Discipline is what you do after Johnney messes up so he won't do it again

After the fact

Individual

GROUP MANAGEMENT

Group management is what you do to AVOID inappropriate behaviors

The goal of group management practices is to create a child friendly environment so the children almost can't help but behave

Group management is what you do so Johnney WON'T mess up

Prior to EVERY activity

Groups of children

Leaders with good group management practices don't have to discipline children as often because the entire program is set up with the child's success in mind.