



Children's Ministry Program Goals

Purpose: To welcome children into the life of the church and to foster their spiritual formation as they learn to know, follow and share Jesus together.

The key areas below guide what activities, curriculum and ministry strategies are used in the kids program. All programming and events are aimed at fostering growth in at least one of these areas.

Knowledge

1. Stories from the Bible, from church history, and about other faithful followers
2. Doctrine and catechism
3. Memorization of Scripture, creed, The Lord's Prayer, etc
4. Knowledge of the worldwide Church

Practice

1. Personal practices: Prayer, gratitude, Scripture reading, etc
2. Corporate practices: Weekly worship, liturgy, corporate confession, communion, etc
3. Seasonal practices: Celebrating the church calendar

Relationships (Cultivating loving, healthy relationships with adults who live their faith)

1. Caring, consistent and trained volunteers
2. Encouraging adults to pray consistently for our children
3. Creating a culture in our congregation of welcoming children into the life of the church and supporting them as they learn
4. Inviting adults to participate in events inspired by children (ie family farm day) and incorporating/welcoming children into appropriate church-wide events (ie hanging of the greens, Ash Wed service)

Delight

1. Using play, the senses and story to engage and teach
2. Modeling delight in God, the Word, the church, creation and each other
3. Creating opportunities to simply have fun and enjoy God's good gifts

Partnering with parents

1. Sharing easy-to-use resources for discipleship during the week
2. Supporting families individually through fellowship, prayer and practical help
3. Providing events and resources for parents to learn and be encouraged (ie seminars, etc)
4. Providing opportunities for families/spouses to fellowship together (ie park playdates or parents' night out)
5. Creating a welcoming, smooth and informative experience for visiting families