

We Need Children's Ministry Because Children Matter to God

Jesus made it quite clear that children—*all children*—matter to God. He values them not only for what they will become in the future but for who they are today. Jesus even recommended to His grown-up, self-important disciples that to understand God's Kingdom, they needed to observe, learn from, and imitate young children. - Mark 10:13-16.

We Need Children's Ministry Because Children Need to Learn God Matters

We all agree that children need to learn about God. That's the stated purpose of all ministry! However, for children to learn about God effectively, they may not necessarily need more strategies or newer programs.

The most effective way for any child to learn about God is through example. The attitudes and actions of a person who is willing to live as an example for him or her is important. For every child—from an infant to the oldest child in our family—relationship matters. A person of God living and teaching the Word of God.

A relationship with a living, breathing Christian who cares about him or her and cares that they know the things Christ has taught us, is the cornerstone of learning about God. This is a reason Spiritual maturity in those who serve is important.

Consider these words from Psalm 78:4: "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done"

The very foundation for our ministry to children is girded with declarations such as these from God's Word. Psalm 78 goes on to describe the amazing results we can expect from teaching children about the Lord. "Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep His commands" (Psalm 78:7).

When we give our utmost attention and best effort to children's ministry, we are fulfilling this vision set forth in the Bible for teaching the faith.